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Re: Article to post on the Website

It has been an eventful year in the NHP Academic Counseling Office. We achieved our goal of setting up a College Counseling Library last fall for students to use to research colleges as well as work on their applications and resumes for their colleges. In addition, we were able to bring in Sonya Barron in the late fall to be our third Academic Counselor for the Upper School. Sonya has been a significant addition to our staff.

Our seniors have had a very successful year. Almost every one of our 87 seniors has been accepted to at least **one** college. Even the three seniors who have chosen the military have been accepted into colleges. The seniors listened to us when we told them it was imperative that they submit their college applications as early in the fall as possible. It paid off in a big way for 42 of our 87. **42** of our graduating seniors received over **\$5.4 M** in both merit and need-based **scholarships** this year from the colleges that offered those letters of acceptance! We are very proud of these students! Most all of our seniors have received acceptances from more than one of their top choices. We have students accepted to out of state colleges such as Cornell, Middlebury, Emory, Carnegie Mellon, University of Southern California, New York University, Fordham, Washington University, University of Michigan, Tulane, University of Miami, Syracuse, Rhodes College, and Brandeis. We also have many of our students accepted to the top schools in Texas, including Rice, Southwestern, Austin College, TCU, SMU, Baylor, UT, UT Dallas, Texas A&M, UD, UNT, Texas State, and Texas Tech. Our students who were given such great choices were able to select their undergraduate choices, not only on the location of the schools and the majors they are interested in, but more importantly, on the **amount of money offered by the schools**. Many of the highly selective schools like Cornell, USC, Middlebury, Emory and Carnegie Mellon are charging upwards of \$50,000. + to attend per year! We also have students who received full scholarships from UT-Dallas, UT-Austin and Texas A&M.

We are so proud to have been a part of our seniors' success. They have worked hard and diligently to achieve their successes at NHP. We all need to congratulate them when we see them. We want to remind the underclassmen at NHP that this is what happens when you organize and prioritize your college planning process. Getting your applications submitted in the early part of the fall semester of your senior year will help you get the most money available from the schools you apply. We are looking forward to helping the students in the class of 2010 achieve their dreams for the future!

Catherine, Marcia and Sonya