Creative Counseling Events on a Budget



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Our School Contexts

School of Nations



- Majority of students in HS are Brazilian, many hold dual passports
- Many students look for summer programs and exchanges
- Budget for events is a big concern.
- Parents main concern is with careers. CIANE ENGLE

- Located in Brasilia, Brazil
- English taught curriculum
- IB program
- Difficulty in external speakers and visits





American School of Brasilia

- 96% of students (2024) study outside of Brazil
- Highly resourced, but college counseling budget isn't understood
- 59% foreign faculty/ 41% Brazilian
- American Embassy school SCHOOL means many embassy
- families.



"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"



Faculty College Fair- Thursday, November 7th during FLEX: 9:05-9:30am

Your participation in this college fair will be a great way for you to share your experiences in college or university with our students. Please fill out the table according to what you'd like to talk about!

If you studied at multiple universities, choose one that you would like to "represent" during this fair. We will have another opportunity for you to showcase your alumni status.

Name	College or University	What did you study?	Ask me about
Michaella Beatty	Indiana University (IN, USA)	Psychology	Sorority life, Dance Marathon, or Little 500
Ana Cazetta	Universidade de Brasília (UnB, Brazil)	Biology Ecology (masters)	Biology and Bats!
Roberto Miyamoto		Social Sciences Anthropology	Comparative studies in Latin America Development / Sustainable Development
Priya Branson	San Francisco State University	History & Political Science	Pros & Cons Living off Campus/ Internship &
Tom Schulz	MA	Center for Experimental &n	Volunteer Opportunities
		Interdisciplinary Arts	San Francisco as a E place to live today.



Who:











Staff were invited to wear their college t-shirts, and some of them even decorate their tables!







Who x2:

Invited both HS and MS students







When/Where:

During Advisory (25 minutes), in our community area Recommendation: Begining of the year- gives seniors time to practice before a "real" fair











Bonus!





1.1 have an incredible secretary! 2. Staff signed up on Google Form a. + email reminders 3. Maintenance set up tables and chairs 4. Canteen prepared cookies (\$) and coffee 5. Counselor printed out Bingo Cards and

provided prizes in the form of swag

How:



Bonus x2!



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Bonus **Event:** Sophomore Interview Day

Step 1

Present Interview Skills to Grade 10 English Class. Include "how to dress" for an interview

Step 3

Organize a time table of 7-10 minute interviews during class, depending on how many volunteers you have



Step 2

Access parent/ faculty volunteers for specific time slots

Step 4

Provide volunteers with example questions, and an evaluation sheet for each student. (+ "Kudos" award)

Bonus **Event:** Sophomore Interview 6 Day





Who:

Career Talks

Career Talks

A day for us to explore careers with experts within our own school community. You will need to choose your top two choices for each session to attend on Friday, November 29.

The first one is from 1:50-2:30 and the second one from 2:30-3:10. Register first to secure your top choice as we cap the presentations to the max of 20 students in each room! Everyone will participate.

Choose your career talk for the first session (1:50-2:30) *

Michelle Ray - Pathways to Medical Education: Brazil, the US, and Europe

João Diniz - Studying Psychology Around the World: Brazil, the US, and Europe

Marco Borges & Thiago Silva - Pathways in STEM: Exploring Mathematics and Engineering

Diego Honda - Pursuing a Bachelor's in Chemistry and Career Paths in Academia

Danyel Dalmaschio - Navigating Business and Administration Studies: Pathways to Success

Keith Ray & Gustavo Alexandria - Linguistics, International Relations, and Specialized Translation: A Global Career Path

Lucas Costa - Careers in Communications: Educational Pathways and Industry Insights

Raquel Lenzi - Veterinary Studies at the University of Brasília (UnB)

Nathan Perry - Studying Law in the United States: Requirements and Career Outlook



Why use staff?

We wanted students to see that careers are flexible. We had a career day with parents the previous semester, but parents felt unprepared to interact with students. By using staff, we were able to control the presentations more.







More on the why?

Parents and students are asking more about career guidance verses university guidance. Students focus a lot on traditional careers and we want to open their minds to new ideas.





















We are excited to invite you to a special Career Talk Day on November 29th from 1:50-3:10 pm in the high school classrooms. This event is an excellent opportunity for our students to explore different career paths, share insights, and discuss the skills needed in today's evolving job market.

Last April, we successfully brought back our Career Fair with the help of our wonderful community. This November, we want to continue that momentum by highlighting the diverse career journeys of our staff members through this special Career Talk Day.

We encourage you to join us and share your experiences with students, focusing on topics such as:

- What did you study in college and how did it shape your career
- The different career paths you've explored throughout your life
- How your major has led to varied career opportunities
- If you hire candidates, what do you value most on a résumé?
- Your experiences working or studying in different countries
- If you've pursued education beyond a bachelor's degree, how has it advanced your career?

The topics are endless, and your insights could inspire and guide our students as they prepare for their future careers.





When/Where:

We used the last block (80 minutes) of a Friday to host the event. Students choose two 40 minute talks to participate in.











- 1.1 worked with our social emotional counselor, Joao Pedro to form a plan.
- 2. Staff signed up on Google Form
 - a. + email reminders
- 3. Students signed up for sessions via Google Form.
- 4. Staff prepared their presentations.
- 5. Communications took photos.

Tip: Use universities and alum to help you promote careers!



















Now, we want to learn from YOU!

Does anyone want to share an event they host at their school?

Or-any questions for us?





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