

The Waring School
College Counseling Student Questionnaire
2022- 2023

The Counselor Statement is a key document that serves to support and advocate for you with the colleges that you are applying to. In order to do that, I need to get to know you as well as possible. I will be speaking with your teachers, coaches, and advisors and using quotes from them in my letter of recommendation to make it very powerful. However, the best person to give me detailed background information is you! To that end, I have prepared the following questionnaire. Please complete it as thoroughly and as honestly as possible before you return to school in September, and email it back to me at susan.carlson@waringschool.org. (No one will see it but me, and I will hold your answers in full confidence). Thank you!

1. How would the people who know you best describe you: your best qualities and your shortcomings? Who are you at your core?
2. How would you describe your family? How did they influence you?
3. How do you feel Newman has shaped you both academically and personally?
4. What are your academic interests? Which courses have you enjoyed the most? Which have been most challenging for you and why? How have you addressed your challenges?
5. What are your extracurricular activities? Clubs, sports, music, after school activities, church related activities, research, part-time jobs all count as extracurricular interests.
6. What intellectual experience has been most stimulating or satisfying – inside or outside of school?
7. Complete the sentence: I learn best when I.....

8. Do you have any academic experiences outside of Newman that a college should know about?
9. What extracurricular activities are most satisfying to you and why?
10. What did you do this past summer and the summer prior?
11. What do you most enjoy doing during your spare time (if you have any!)?
12. Is there a particular career you're interested in? How do you think this choice plays to your strengths?
13. Name two or three priorities you have when considering where you might go to college.
14. What's your definition of success and happiness?
15. What are you most excited about when you think about going to college? What are you most anxious about?