ATTENTION ALL SOPHOMORES STUDENTS!
WANT TO GET ENROLLED AT YOUR NEXT COLLEGE?
WE WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION, HELP MAKE ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS
AND GET YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT SCHOOL

**REQUIREMENTS: MUST HAVE APPLIED, SENT OFFICAL
TRANSCRIPTS & BE ACCEPTED TO THE SCHOOL
BEFORE ATTENDING THE VISIT

Transfer Visits for Spring 2017 Semester
Sign-up in the IMPACT office located in the Underground
(Basement of Nelson Student Center)

Pittsburg State University
Pittsburg, KS

Tuesday, April 4th
Leave at 7:15am
Return at 6:30pm
Sign up by March 17th

Wichita State University
Wichita, KS

Tuesday, April 11th
Leave at 8:00am
Return at 5:00pm
Sign up by March 1st

Emporia State University
Emporia, KS

Thursday, April 13th
Leave at 6:45am
Return at 7:00pm
Sign up by March 28th

Fort Hays State University
Hays, KS

Thursday, April 20th
Leave at 8:30am
Return at 8:00pm
Sign up by March 28th

University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS

Date To Be Announced on
Feb. 1st
Leave at 5:00am
Return at 8:00pm
Sign up by March 28th

Transfer Visits are available to ALL Sophomore Cowley Students.
Students must have at least a "C" grade in all courses. Contact Mike Rosales, IMPACT Advisor at 620-441-5272 or MIKE.ROSALES@cowley.edu
Get off the Fence...make a decision!

Choosing a four-year school should be fun. You are going to spend two or more years there, depending on your chosen major. It is time to take all that research you have been doing and choose the school that fits you! Below is a few criteria suggestions to assist you in making that final decision.

- **Academics.** Does the school have the program of study you want? How many credits will transfer from Cowley. How important are the student/teacher ratios? How is the learning/classroom environment generally characterized—by small classes or lecture hall classes?
  - What is the graduation rate?
  - What is the employment rate for graduates?
  - Do they have a TRIO program?

- **Size of School.** Little fish in a big pond, big fish in a little pond, or a medium sized fish in a medium sized pond. Which are you looking to become?
  - A large college or university (more than 10,000 students) generally offers a wide range of academic courses and extracurricular activities.
  - A small college (less than 2,500) offers the advantage of more personal attention.
  - A medium sized school (between 2,500 and 10,000 students) may hold greater appeal because you could have the best of both worlds.

- **Location.** Across the country or close to home? In a big city or small town? Do you want to study in a city where you might like to settle down after school or do you want to go far away for a complete change of scenery and opportunity?

- **Extracurricular activities.** Do you plan to be active on campus?
  - If so, then check into the types of activities offered: sports (collegiate or intramural), clubs, fraternities/sororities, music, theatre, etc.

- **Cost.** Can you get an affordable student aid package (scholarships, loans, grants, work-study, etc.) for the school you are considering?
  - Are you willing to take on financial debt to get into your dream school?

Now that you have a short list, it is time to begin the application process. Many schools have a **deadline of February 1.** Mike Rosales, IMPACT advisor can help you with deadlines and might even be able to have your application fee waived. Remember, the IMPACT/TRIO staff is here to help.

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**College Application Mistakes to Avoid**

There is no wiggle room for stupid mistakes when completing college applications. Here are some common mistakes made by applicants.

- **Cutting and pasting carelessly.** When applying to multiple schools, students may be using the same essay. Make sure you have the correct name of the institution you are applying for.

- **Omitting information.** Colleges have to wonder how interested students really are if they do not proofread their application and/or essay carefully.

- **Silly or immature e-mail addresses.** Sexycheerleader@myemail.com. NO!

- **Taking responsibility.** It does not show a students interest if mom calls fifteen times. Family involvement is a good thing but the student should take the lead.

- **Submitting a lengthy resume.**
  - Prospective college students should not have a three page resume.
  - Resumes without a balance, that includes activities, is not productive.

- **Repetition.** The time someone reads your application essay and the paper space used is valuable. Do not repeat yourself. Each part should focus on a different attribute about yourself.

- **Having the wrong recommendation.**
  - Corporate Executives will not carry as much weight in the admissions process as a club advisor, coach, or academic advisor.
  - It is not who you know, it is how well the recommender knows you.

If you need assistance with your application, come to the IMPACT office. We would be glad to help.

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Because you are a member of TRIO, some Universities will waive your application fee.

Come by and see Mike Rosales for more information.
Did you earn supplemental grant aid from IMPACT in the fall? If not, you have another chance! Remember, you have to qualify for a Pell Grant to be eligible. We will have some funds available for the spring semester. The same rules apply, but it is a fresh start. Even if you earned money in the fall, you can earn more. Check in the IMPACT office for details and start earning points now.

*All Pell eligible students were sent a letter telling them if they earned SGA money.

Why Go to College?
(How about ….to get a good job!)

Can’t I get a good job now?
Yes, maybe you could, but a college degree will make your chances even better. Check out the earnings and unemployment rates below for people 25 years and older with different levels of education.

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<th>Unemployment Rate in 2014</th>
<th>Level of education completed</th>
<th>Mean (average) Earnings in 2014</th>
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<tr>
<td>9.0 %</td>
<td>Less than a high school diploma</td>
<td>$30,108</td>
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<td>6.0 %</td>
<td>High school graduate, no college</td>
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<td>6.0 %</td>
<td>Some college, no degree</td>
<td>$48,984</td>
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<td>4.3 %</td>
<td>Occupational program (career school)</td>
<td>$48,152</td>
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<td>4.6 %</td>
<td>Associate degree (academic program)</td>
<td>$52,364</td>
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<td>3.5%</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree</td>
<td>$74,308</td>
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<td>2.8 %</td>
<td>Master’s degree</td>
<td>$88,036</td>
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<td>2.1%</td>
<td>Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D.)</td>
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<td>1.9%</td>
<td>Professional degree (e.g., M.D., J.D.)</td>
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Sometimes it is hard to stay in school if you think you need to be working to earn money. But if you get an education beyond high school, you will have a wider variety of jobs to choose from, and you will earn more—especially in the log run.
Stay Connected to Cowley College Security with our new Safety App, LiveSafe

Cowley College is providing all students, faculty, and staff with the LiveSafe app - a safety tool that provides a quick, convenient, and discreet way to communicate with Cowley College Security.

Download Now! Please download LiveSafe for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play to enhance your overall safety and allow Cowley College Security to better protect you.

Use LiveSafe:

• **Share info:** Easily share safety information and concerns directly to Cowley College Security using text, picture, and video.
• **Stay up-to-date:** Receive important alerts and notifications from Cowley College Security, and access important phone numbers and safety resources.
• **Request an escort:** Request an in-person escort from Cowley College Security to safely get you where you need to go.
• **Share your location:** Share your location with safety officials in an emergency, or use location tracking with friends, family, and colleagues for everyday safety.

Get LiveSafe:


• Be sure to enable location services and push notifications when prompted!
• **Sign up** using your mobile phone number.
• **Create a password** and fill in your name.
• **Add your email address** to your profile (Left Menu > Settings > Profile).

**How do I know if class is canceled?**

Blackboard emergency and outreach alerts are available for those who have signed up. If you are not signed up, go to [https://cowley.bbcportal.com](https://cowley.bbcportal.com) and click on the **Sign Me Up** button located just to the right of the login button. If you have previously signed up, you will be able to login. Once logged in you can view and edit your ability to receive notifications.

A decision to cancel classes will be made by 6 a.m. the day of classes with a message confirming that decision on the main switchboard and the College’s home page on the web site.

A message will also be posted on the News Peek page at [www.cowley.edu](http://www.cowley.edu) web site.

Cowley has multiple locations. Each campus will have individual closing options.
Contact IMPACT Underground

The IMPACT office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We also have extended hours Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. On these evenings we have a tutor who specializes in math and science. Remember, tutoring is always free! Late nights will begin January 24, 2017.

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