



College & Career Readiness Program

About the Program

We recognize that education is a journey and that our rising juniors and seniors need support as they explore what's next.

The College & Career Readiness Program empowers our students to unlock their full potential. When our students' talents and skills are fully realized, our community grows stronger and more vibrant, socially and economically. This program is unique to the Memphis community. We saw a need to expand upon the established work we do within elementary, middle and high school settings.

Our CIS of Memphis students are often the first to explore college or new careers in their families. We provide hands-on expertise and guidance needed as they navigate these new pathways.

90%

of CIS of Memphis
supported alumni completed
their post-secondary plan



Our Suggested CIS of Memphis Pathways:

Post-Secondary Education

A post-secondary education can mean attending a university, a community college or trade school. For students exploring these options, our College and Career Specialists make the process easier.

How We Help:

- Work with students to ease the college application process
- Prep students for ACT entrance exams
- Assist with financial aid and scholarship applications
- Tour college campuses
- Conduct mock student interviews
- Obtain necessary paperwork for students including birth certificates, driver's licenses/state IDs and other identification.

Workforce

Some students may opt to enter the workforce immediately after graduation. For students exploring these options, our College and Career Specialists provide guidance to steer students toward joyful and meaningful employment.

How We Help:

- Assist in finding paid internship opportunities
- Provide career counseling so students can navigate their interest areas
- Open doors to employment opportunities, including placement assistance
- Provide students with skill sets needed to thrive, including leadership development, communications development and interview skills
- Ensure students have appropriate interview attire

Military

Some students may enter the armed forces, which provides career opportunities, job placement after basic training, advanced individual training and post high-school education via college or trade school scholarships. The military can be a full career opportunity, offering benefits, retirement and travel opportunities for overseas assignments. For students exploring this option, Our College & Career Specialists provide guidance throughout the recruitment process.

How We Help:

- Assist in researching branches of the military and identifying potential careers paths within the military
- Provide support in preparing for the physical exam and physical assessment
- Connect students with respective recruiters
- Ensure students have completed all required documents for enlistment

We are confident that our work in this area will yield students who are well-equipped and prepared for the next phases of their lives. That might be attending the University of Memphis on scholarship, joining the workforce at a Memphis-based company like FedEx, AutoZone or International Paper or learning a lucrative trade which supports our humming economy. Our students will be empowered and will grow to shape our future community.



“CIS of Memphis has been a tremendous help to me. Mrs. Jackie (College Success Specialist) has not only helped me navigate various school and life experiences such as lack of family support, lack of transportation, and food insecurity, but she also motivated me to stay focused through those obstacles by providing me with that support, checking in on me daily, provided me with resources for discounted bus passes, and even helped coordinate visits to a local food pantry. As an aspiring entrepreneur in the mechanical engineering field and artist, I feel more willing to face obstacles ahead of me because of Ms. Jackie’s efforts.”

— Jamisha G, Southwest TN Community College, Class of 2021