

COLLEGE COUNSELING – PARENTAL LETTER FOR SENIORS

As we begin to think about the busy fall ahead, the college counselors would like to make a request of you. A parental letter of recommendation will be an invaluable addendum to each senior's file as we begin to write the Pingry profile (the counselor's letter of recommendation) for each of our counselees. Since parents have a unique perspective about each student, please include answers to questions such as:

- What do you consider your senior's outstanding accomplishments over the past three or four years, and why do you consider them most important?
- In what areas has your senior shown the most development and growth in the last three or four years?
- What do you consider to be your senior's outstanding traits and talents?
- What five adjectives are most descriptive of your senior?
- Are there any unusual or personal circumstances that have affected your senior's academic and personal development?
- Is there anything else you consider pertinent and of value for us to know?

Some parents make the letter a joint effort; others write separate sections. Either way, we know that this exercise in reflection will make you even more proud and will give you a direct role in the college process. Unlike other assignments of this kind, there is no word requirement, no special format; choose a style that is most helpful to you.

Please email your letter to your child's college counselor or mail it to the College Counseling Office at The Pingry School, PO Box 366, Martinsville, NJ 08836.