

Counselor's Corner – High School Portfolio – February 13, 2017

Greetings high schoolers and advisors,

Student-led conferences and high school portfolios are upon us! Here are some key reasons why you **NEED** to create a concise, organized, and well put together High School Portfolio:

- **Tell your story:** Your portfolio should tell a story of your personal strengths and how you have grown academically, artistically, athletically, etc. over the course of high school. Don't forget, you have taken some challenging courses that have tackled some deep material. Describe these courses and your academic and intellectual development!
- **Bring your story to life:** What better way to highlight your best high school self than with pictures and video in addition to items uploaded straight from Google Docs.
- **Keep track of your achievements:** Sometime in your senior year, you will be filling out college applications, and you will be asked about all that you have accomplished over the four years of high school. You will thank yourself later if you already have a beautiful collection of your best essays, test scores, projects, art pieces, awards, grades, performances, competitions, athletics, etc!

See below for some instructions to help you get started on your online portfolio if you haven't already!

Online Portfolio

Please create your online portfolio using the **brand new** Google Sites:

NEW Google Sites: <https://sites.google.com/new/>

You are free to use a different template or website if you wish, but this one is geared towards creating a very simple and easy-to-navigate online portfolio.

NOTE WELL: You should use a personal gmail account because eventually your MCA account will be deleted, and you will lose access to your site. If you do not have one, please create one that is simple, professional, and includes your initials or last name such as jsmith@gmail.com
