



# NEWS

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### 2016 S.C. COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH OPENS:

#### EVENTS TO BE HELD FROM AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education is pleased to announce the start of the College Application Month (CAM) events in South Carolina. During the months of August - November, high schools across the state will host college application events to assist students with the college application process. The goal of College Application Month is to provide a forum for all South Carolina seniors to complete and file college applications while receiving assistance and resources they need to successfully access higher education. College admission personnel from our colleges and universities will assist in these local school events. This program has the opportunity to provide one-on-one college application assistance to over 48,000 high school seniors statewide with the potential to complete over 65,000 college applications.

Irmo High School International School for the Arts (Columbia, SC) will hold one of the earliest 2016 college application events on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mr. David Riegel, Principal of Irmo High School, recognizes the value of College Application Month to the school and surrounding communities, stating that "I am grateful that Irmo High School International School for the Arts can participate in College Application Month. It will allow us an opportunity to put a spotlight on the value of the college application process for our students and provide assistance to families as they negotiate this process."

Marissa Norman, Site Coordinator and School Counselor at South Aiken High School (Aiken, SC), views the program as a partnership that benefits all involved, stating that "College Application Month has been a beneficial event not only for our students here at South Aiken High School but also for the college representatives that attend and even us as Counselors! CAM gives our students the opportunity to meet with college representative and begin steps in furthering their education."

For more information and a schedule of events to be held across South Carolina, please visit

[www.sccango.org](http://www.sccango.org).

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*The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) serves as the state's coordinating board for higher education. Its mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. Information about current activities of CHE and higher education in South Carolina can be found on the agency's website: [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov)*