



Smart College Announces Innovative School-Wide Partnership with St. Augustine School to Expand Access to College Advising in the Twin Cities

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Smart College today announced a new partnership with St. Augustine School, an independent classical school in the Catholic tradition located in Mendota Heights. This collaboration represents the first school-wide integration of comprehensive post-high school advising services of its kind in the Twin Cities region, making personalized guidance available to all enrolled students and their families.

The partnership provides St. Augustine School students in grades six through twelve with direct access to Smart College's full range of services. These include individualized college planning, ACT test preparation, academic tutoring, and resources designed to support students across all academic profiles ? from those pursuing vocations, trades, military, and colleges to those requiring additional support for high school completion and postsecondary transitions. By embedding these services directly into the school environment, the program allows for ongoing, year-round support rather than one-time consultations.

Matt Briel, Head of School at St. Augustine, stated, "St. Augustine School is excited to collaborate with Smart College to build solutions to the post-high school planning needs of today's students and families, and Smart

College is a perfect partner to innovate such solutions."

St. Augustine School delivers a classical education rooted in the Catholic tradition, emphasizing intellectual formation, character development, and holistic growth. The school's educational philosophy, which currently serves students in grades six through ten with plans for further expansion, aligns closely with Smart College's approach of creating individualized pathways matched to each student's strengths, interests, and long-term goals. This shared commitment to well-rounded student development creates a strong foundation for the partnership.

Smart College offers flexible service packages and payment plans structured to ensure affordability for families across income levels. Services are delivered both on-site at the school and through the company's broader network, including partnerships with co-working spaces at The Reserve in Edina, Woodbury, and Roseville. These locations provide bright, safe, and quiet environments ideal for focused tutoring and advising sessions, giving families convenient options throughout the metro area.

In addition, Smart College supports students with free full-length proctored practice ACT tests administered in realistic simulated testing conditions. This allows participants to gain valuable experience with the exam format, pacing, and environment. All tutors and advisors are experienced, credentialed teachers and content-area specialists who bring substantial classroom teaching experience to their roles, maintaining high professional standards.

"This partnership embeds professional support for students pursuing college, trades, military, and vocations into the school environment from middle school onward, enabling earlier and more strategic planning," stated Kristin Edwards, CEO of Smart College. "Students will benefit from consistent guidance that evolves with their needs over multiple years. We are excited to work with St. Augustine School to help their students and families navigate the planning process with greater confidence, reduced stress, and improved outcomes."

The initiative reflects Smart College's broader commitment to serving the full range of students in the Twin Cities. The company's structured process guides families through key stages, including college selection, application preparation, financial aid exploration, and successful transitions to postsecondary education. This addresses a longstanding gap in which many students and families have navigated the complex college journey without dedicated professional support.

Early results from Smart College's individualized advising programs have demonstrated positive trends, including higher rates of completed college applications and increased access to scholarship opportunities among participating students. School administrators anticipate that the integrated, long-term nature of the St. Augustine School partnership will further strengthen these outcomes by allowing for proactive planning and continuous academic support throughout a student's secondary education.

The program also includes regular progress check-ins and customized resource allocation to meet the diverse needs of the student body. By making these services available school-wide, St. Augustine School reinforces its dedication to preparing every student for success beyond graduation, regardless of their intended college pathway.

Families seeking additional details about the partnership may contact St. Augustine School directly. General information about Smart College services is available through the company.

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