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*Principal Kayla Burton,
Carey School*

College Visits and Fun with Friends

If you are senior at [Carey School](#), it's most likely you've visited a range of Idaho colleges to get a sense of what they offer and whether it might be a good fit for life after high school.

Teachers take each secondary class to local college campuses throughout their career at Carey: freshmen to the [College of Southern Idaho](#) (CSI), sophomores to [Idaho State University](#) (ISU), juniors to [Boise State University](#) (BSU), and seniors visit CSI one last time.

"We want to give students an opportunity to be on campuses that they are close to so that they can compare and contrast experiences," said Kayla Burton, Carey School principal.



Here's what a few students had to say:

"They have helped me choose where I want to go!" Paige Black

"These visits have been very helpful in deciding my future." Luke Acquistapace

"Every time we went on a visit we always had a blast as a class, which grew our friendships. We always learned valuable things, and they gave us opportunities to talk to college students occasionally and get their advice." Preston Wood

"They have given me a sense of the things I need and the things I don't." A.J. Black

"It's made me realize that I want to go to college even more, and it's helped me get an idea of my future life and what career I want to go into." Heidi Rojas

Each visit also includes a fun team-building activity such as a ropes course, rock climbing, or Topgolf. Back at school, students get additional guidance from College and Career Advisor Liz Clark. Plus, teachers bring their own experiences into the classroom. In April, all teachers prepared a 10-minute presentation about how they selected their college, what was memorable, and lessons learned.

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