



## **Press Release**

## AEF COOL (College Offers Opportunities for Life) PROGRAM TO OFFER VIRTUAL COLLEGE ADVISING TO AISD STUDENTS

The Abilene Education Foundation's COOL (College Offers Opportunities for Life) Program will offer virtual college advising to all AISD students during the COVID-19 shutdown. This includes (but is not limited to):

- -SAT/ACT test registration assistance (including access to fee waivers for those who qualify)
- -FAFSA assistance
- -College application assistance
- -Remote college advising

Please follow the Abilene Education Foundation on Facebook (@AbileneEducationFoundation) for regular updates regarding the college admissions process. As we hear updates from colleges/universities and organizations offering scholarships we will post those updates on Facebook.

"While we are not permitted to meet in person, we are available via email, phone, and Zoom video conferencing. Parents, students (especially seniors and juniors) please contact your COOL Counselor (contacts below) to get started, or pick up where you left off in the process. We are also actively reaching out to our first-generation students and their parents who are already working with a COOL College Advisor." – LaQuiera Gantt

"The goal of the COOL Program has always been to get students to, and through, college. While our college advising will look a little different for the foreseeable future, we are committed to our goal and will do our best to advocate for our students in this challenging time." - Amanda Wiskow

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