Region 3 Travel Report

Fall 200809

**Albany**

Albany HS: does a fair-crazy this year.

Watervliet HS: a lot of the students go to HVCC at first, most stay around home. A few students go away, mostly going to SUNY’s rather than private schools. Most parents have not gone to college. Students and parents have just stayed in Watervliet. They are nervous about leaving Watervliet. They need a lot of push/motivation. 2 new counselors, 1 counselor came from the Heatly School. Met with 2 students, they were called down from inquiry list. Also saw 1 of the students at “the Egg” college day.

Shaker HS: has a mini college fair-continue to do.

CBA: if can fit it in go, the guys usually come to the fairs in the area.

Colonie HS: does a fair. Sometime good sometimes poor, continue to do.

Berne-Knox-Westerlo HS-it’s a drive from Albany. I met with one student this year that had already visited and got to meet with a guidance counselor briefly (fire drill). Try to keep going to it to reach the students; they don’t tend to come to fairs in the area.

Guilderland HS: has a fair, continue to do.

Bethlehem HS: We always get a lot of apps from them. They come to fair and I usually have a good showing of students when I go. Haven’t met with a counselor.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk HS: Sometimes I feel it’s an inconvenience to be there. They never have a place to meet with the students. This year I did have 5 students I met with which was great! I always ask to meet with a counselor and she gives me a few minutes of her time. She said that the students generally stay close to home. 30-35% of the students attend community college. 35% attend 4 year colleges: SUNY Albany mostly. They also tend to stay in state.

Clayton A Bouton HS: I think this year was an off year. I usually have a lot of students that I meet with, this year I only had one. Tim was in a meeting or class so I met with the new counselor; she had just started and didn’t have a lot of insight about the student body.

**Columbia**

Hudson HS: I have only met with one student in the 4 times I’ve gone there, however they have a counselor there now, Vernon “Rocky” Payne, who went to SLU and he loves the area. He also worked at SUNY Canton. Mostly students are going to 2 year schools-CGCC, not a lot of students going north. We had a great conversation about what Potsdam could offer his students and he is really energetic. I met a couple of his students at “the Egg” fair.

Chatham HS: hit or miss. I had a good group of students this year and last. I never meet with a counselor except this year, but is important to continue to go because they don’t really come to Albany for fairs. Students tend to stay closer to home, SUNY’s very popular.

Germantown HS: I do when I’m in Dutchess, it fits in better. It’s hit or miss. The Counselor is never around and this year I had 3 students but have gone before and had none.

Taconic Hills HS: This year I met with a large group of students, some were genuinely interested some not. Some of them stopped by with their parents at SUNY Night at Albany. Did not meet with a counselor this year.

Catholic Central HS: much better this year.

New Lebanon HS: new counselor there this year. She is really encouraging SUNYs and also looking outside of their comfort zone. Most students went to 2 year schools last year. She said they were never encouraged to expand their options.

Ichabod Crane: Fair

**Dutchess**

Beacon HS: no go. No students, sometimes counselor.

Webutuck HS: has a new counselor. Talk to a senior class and students that also want to come from other classes can. Some genuinely interested some not.

Millbrook HS: they do a fair. Can continue to go. The guidance counselor really tries to have interested students. The earlier fairs are better.

Spackenkill HS: the fair is awful. Maybe see 1-2 students. Last 2 years a guidance counselor has come and talked with reps-really not a good use of time. Since 9/11/02 most kids are going south to the city-Mr. Hammond (GC) is unsure why. Most kids are staying in NYS. He says kids are afraid to go north, not a lot of skiers. Used to have a handful go to Vermont each year but none last year.

Rhinebeck HS: Always a good visit, talk in 1-2 classes and get to meet with students individually.

FD Roosevelt HS: the fair was awful, stick to individual visit.

Arlington HS: the fair is awful. Never see any. We get a lot of apps without talking to students at their HS. Might try a private visit next year if anything.

Our Lady of Lourdes HS: getting bigger each year.

Red Hook HS: usually get to meet with a counselor, have only met with 1 student in 4 visits.

Roy C Ketchum HS: usually a good visit, this year not. Do see a lot of these kids at the fairs in the area like Marist.

Stissing Mountain HS: no visit, fair awful. Did not go this year.

Pawling HS: huge this year.

Hit or miss: Trinity Pawling, John Jay

Did not visit Beacon, Poughkeepsie HS

**Orange**

Did not visit Minisink Valley (fair conflicted with Kingston), NFA, James I O’neill.

O’Neill is awful, just sit at a lunch table and see no students or no guidance person.

Goshen HS: is hit or miss. Always meet with a guidance person, very rarely a student. Most students are going to SUNY and there is a good mix going away and staying close to home. They like to be in a 3 hour radius: Binghamton, Oneonta, Oswego, New Paltz, Cortland and some PA schools. They have a very strong academic class this year.

SS Seward: 54 seniors, 80 juniors. They are getting a lot of people moving in to the area from southern NY. It’s pre-dominantly white with some diversity. They are big on sports, \*soccer\* is huge for them, really good team. Over 90% of the students are college bound. Majority of the students this year will be attending 2 year schools, to stay closer to home. Will stay in a couple of hours radius, DIII schools.

**Putnam**

Easy to visit all schools.

At Haldane the Dir. Of Guidance said that this year SUNYs are huge and students are trying to get in early. He meets with juniors in the spring and during the 3rd week of senior year. They’re going on average 3.5-4 hours away. Very rarely see a student, set up a table.

**Rensselaer**

Troy HS: never meet with a guidance counselor. This year I only met with one student but last year met with 4-5. The students I have met with at the school usually know about us and more than likely have come to visit. A lot of music students from here.

Tamarac HS: usually good, this year students on a field trip.

Columbia HS: we get apps no matter what. I usually get a few students each year but no counselor.

Maple Hill: Students (2) and counselor.

Averill Park: Students, no counselor

Lansingburgh: meet with students in library, no counselor. Saw some students at “the Egg” as well.

Berlin HS: the students here are interesting. A lot of them are interested in Plattsburgh. Some genuinely interested in us, some not. Usually counselor, this year one at an all day meeting the other sick.

Hoosick Valley HS: students and counselor

Hoosick Falls HS: students and counselor

Renssselaer HS: new high school, students (2) and 2 counselors.

**Rockland**

Don’t visit Nyack HS, they do a fair and it is awful

Pearl River is a crap shoot, usually no counselor, 1-2 students maybe. The students I met with this year had already been to campus. They do a fair apparently, we’ve not been invited and it is awful-that’s the word on the street.

Nanuet HS: this year no students, have met with 1-2 previously. Met with an intern this year-not effective or helpful. Students from this school we’ll see at RCC night, would not visit anymore.

Did not get to Spring Valley or Ramapo. These schools have a lot of diversity. See these students at RCC night.

**Sullivan**

Did not make it to Fallsburg, they never called back after several messages-not usually a good visit anyways. All others fine

**Ulster**

Kingston HS: the fair was awful, not doing that again. Would rather do a private visit if anything.

Highland HS: they sat me at a table during lunch. If fit it in continue to go, would not work hard to make sure to hit it.

Marlboro HS: hit or miss, sometimes see students and counselors, sometimes not.

New Paltz: New Counselor there: Stephanie Shoemaker-Potsdam alum, formerly at Webutuck.

Rondout Valley: met with juniors only but very interested group.

**Westchester**

New Rochelle HS: distance is a big thing for students, a few go to Buffalo. 24% of the students are Hispanic, 28% of the students are African American. 68% of the students attend 4 year schools, most stay in SUNY. 760 seniors this year, 54 countries are represented in the high school (parents working in embassies).

Sleepy Hollow HS: Mike Kelly (GC), 60-65% of the students are Hispanic and 1st generation college students. We’re far “at the end of the world” feeling. The kids we’re getting know us for some reason or another, ie: music, archaeology.

Byram Hills HS: 190 seniors. Mostly go away to school, few stay close to home. SUNY is becoming more attractive to them. They think we’re the tundra like buffalo & Rochester.

Westlake HS: drivable SUNYs are appealing. 97% go to college. Parents are hard workers and rewarded because of their hard work.

Ardsley HS: students tend to go away 300-400 miles, stay in the North East. Lots of students looking at both SUNY & Private. 3-4 students this year met with.

Scarsdale HS: not applying to smaller SUNYs in general, if any, maybe the University Centers.

Hastings HS: students go away. Maine is popular. More students than not are applying to Privates because they have the money to do so. 140 Seniors, 35 went to Binghamton, New Paltz & Geneseo.

Briarcliff HS: students are staying the North East. They go away to Albany, Geneseo, UB and privates. Price tag not scaring them yet.

Valhalla HS: want to go away to school. SUNY is very popular this year. 4-5 hours away, not too many going south past DC.

Salesian HS: a lot of the students apply locally. A lot of the students are from the Bronx and want to go away but is difficult due to money. 70% of the students are from northern Bronx, then New Rochelle, Mt. Vernon and Mamaroneck. Scholarships & aid is big for them.