



# **2024/2025 MEDIA PLANNER**

30,000 Counselors reached in print and digital formats

Bi-weekly e-newsletter to 19,000+ Counselors Linkforcounselors.com website had 52,931 visitors in 1 year and 310,000 page views (2/16/23 - 2/15/24)

Custom e-blasts sent to High School Counselors



# Letter from the Publisher





Dear College Marketer,

High School and Transfer Counselors play a crucial role as your primary link to prospective students. LINK for Counselors magazine offers you a more cost-effective means of reaching them than any other medium. In many instances, Counselors wield the most significant influence on a student's choice of college. Keeping them informed about your programs, campus, and the distinctive attributes that set your College/University apart can significantly contribute to attracting students to your campus.

Our magazine is distributed twice a year in both print and digital formats, reaching over 30,000 Counselors. The Fall issue extends its reach to an additional 1,500 Transfer Coordinators and includes a dedicated Transfer section tailored for this hard-to-reach audience. Recognizing that most Colleges/Universities face budget constraints that limit their outreach to only a handful of key schools, we offer a cost-effective solution to help you broadcast your message to Counselors nationwide.

Our award-winning magazine serves as a powerful tool for disseminating your messages to key Counselors who influence students' decisions. Explore targeted opportunities to engage Counselors on our website (www.linkforcounselors.com). Additionally, our bi-weekly e-newsletter, distributed to more than 19,000 Counselors from September to May, serves as a cost-effective communication tool. LINK for Counselors was recently recognized by Feedspot as one of the top 25 websites and blogs for Counselors, ranking at #3. In the past 12 months (2/23 – 2/24), linkforcounselors.com has welcomed more than 52,000 visitors to our website and delivered over 310,000 page views. We can also deliver your targeted messaging to Counselors throughout the country via targeted e-blasts.

Affordable, targeted, and effective – what are you waiting for? Take a moment to review our media kit and let us know how we can assist you in increasing awareness among Counselors and driving students to your institution.

Sincerely,

Jason Bullock, CBC

Publisher



# 2024/2025 Media Planner

## **Print Magazine Rates**

2024/2025 Four-Color Rates

|        | 1x      | 2x      |
|--------|---------|---------|
| 1 Page | \$4,975 | \$4,650 |
| ½ Page | \$3,375 | \$2,975 |

#### Advertisers receive

#### ONE-TIME:

- Inclusion in the accompanying digital edition. The digital edition will be e-mailed to more than 19,000+ Counselors.
- 50 to 75 word profile with school logo and campus photo

#### TWO-TIME:

- · Receive above +
- 50 to 75 word profile with school logo and campus photo at linkforcounselors.com
- Inclusion in 2 research studies conducted on both the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 issues. All advertisers receive a custom report with ad ranking and verbatim comments from Counselors about their advertisement

# **Magazine Production Specifications**

Advertisers Close Date: Fall 2024 – 9/17/24 Spring 2025 – 1/28/25 Street Date: Fall 2024 - 10/18/24 Spring 2025 - 2/21/25

The procedure outlined below is designed to ensure the quick, accurate and simple delivery and production of your advertisements. Please provide your ad in one of the following accepted formats:

- A press-ready PDF
- An Illustrator EPS with outlined fonts

Trim Size

Overall trim size is 7 in. x 10 in.

#### Ad Page Dimensions:

| UNIT              | WIDTH    | DEPTH     |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Page Standard   | 6 in.    | 9 in.     |
| 1 Page Bleed      | 7.25 in. | 10.25 in. |
| ½ Page Horizontal | 6 in.    | 4.25 in.  |
| 1/2 Page Vertical | 2.15 in. | 9 in.     |

Bleed: .125" All Sides

All images and copy should be within .3125" on all sides.

For your Profile in LINK for Counselors, please supply the following information in a Word document.

- · Institution name
- Location
- Website
- Year founded
- Type of Institution
- Student-Faculty Ratio
- Institutional Designation
- Tuition Costs
- Room & Board
- Description (75 words)
- Telephone
- Email

- Average Student Aid Package
- Average Percentage of Financial Need Met
- Average Scholarship/Grant Aid Awarded
- Average Work-Study Aid Awarded
- Campus Photo and Company/ College Logo (vector. eps, jpeg, psd, or .ai)

# Advertise on linkforcounselors.com

The definitive site to keep Counselors informed about the latest college and career preparatory information for their students. The website includes college profiles, college night handouts for counselors, archives of past issues and a regularly updated list of articles that are of interest to Counselors.

## **Website Rates**

728 x 90......\$700 per month or \$7,500 per year 300 x 250...........\$550 per month or \$5,000 per year

## **Banner Specifications:**

Leaderboard (728x90) Medium Rectangle (300x250) File Formats: GIF or JPG

File Size: The file size must be 50k or less

## **eNewsletter Rates**

E-newsletter sent bi-weekly (September-May) to more than 19,000+ Counselors. The e-newsletter will include content to inform Counselors about the latest articles and trends to help them do their jobs better. Exclusive sponsorships are available at a cost of \$1,275 per e-newsletter. Exclusive sponsorship includes: Designation as that issue's sponsor with your College Profile and a 728x90 Leaderboard banner. Distribution is 19,000+ per issue.

# **eNewsletter Specifications**

Leaderboard (728x90) and your logo

File Formats: GIF or JPG

File Size: The file size must be 50k or less

# **Sponsorship of College Night Handouts**

Sponsor one of our College Night Handouts for \$750 for 1 Year (September 2024-August 2025). Exclusive sponsorship includes logo and recognition as the sponsor on the PDF of the handout, recognition as the exclusive sponsor on our College Night Handout page at www. linkforcounselors.com, and the handout will be included in one of our two 2024/2025 issues in the College Night Handout section showing your school/company as the sponsor:

Apply to College College Essay College Fair

Consider a two-year college Consider the military

Decide on your college or university Paying for college Find a career Focus on yourself

Consider a gap year

Gear up for college

Get involved Plan for graduate school Involve your parents

Consider an online college
Prepare for college
Play sports
Get scholarships
Study abroad
Take a college tour
Prepare for the SAT/ACT
Looking to transfer?

Create and sponsor your own College Night Handout topic

# **Targeted E-blast**

Counselor names are available for rental.

| 1,501 to 2,500   | = \$575 per thousand |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 2,501 to 5,000   | = \$525 per thousand |
| 5,001 to 10,000  | = \$475 per thousand |
| 10,001 to 25,000 | = \$450 per thousand |
| 25,001+          | = \$400 per thousand |

Minimum purchase \$575

Available for purchase by individual states.

Open and Click stats will be provided after E-blast is sent Receive contact information from all Counselors that clicked on one of your links

# **Sending Your Ad Material**

When your ad is complete, please send by email to: Jason@linkforcounselors.com

## LINK for Counselors – Reader Profile

## Study conducted by Paramount Research

#### Breakdown of LINK for Counselors Reader by Type:

Public High School - 63%

Private High School - 25%

Independent Counselor – 7%

Other (College/University/Other Counselor) - 5%

## How many students does each Counselor work with?

248 students per Counselor average

#### Are you a member of NACAC?

62% of LINK for Counselors readers are not members of NACAC which means you can't reach the majority of our members at NACAC fairs/conferences.

### How much time do you spend reading each issue of LINK for Counselors?

44 minutes per Counselor is the average

### Do you pass along your copy of LINK for Counselors to other Counselors in your department?

43% of our readers say they do pass on their copy to other Counselors. We average 2.1 readers per copy.

#### Do you read the print, online or both versions of LINK for Counselors?

46% read the print only or print/digital versions both and 54% read the digital version only

### Which actions have Counselors taken as a result of reading advertisements or articles they have seen in LINK for Counselors?

Discussed an advertiser or article with another Counselor - 43%

Visited an advertiser/school's website - 52%

Recommended an advertiser/school to a student-20% Requested additional information from an advertiser/ school - 11%

Other - 10%

No actions - 6%

94% of Counselors have taken some sort of action!

#### Do you receive LINK for Counselors e-newsletter?

84% of LINK for Counselors magazine subscribers receive LINK for Counselors bi-weekly e-newsletter.

#### Have you visited linkforcounselors.com in the past 3 months?

41% of LINK for Counselors readers have visited linkforcounselors.com in the past 3 months

# **Examples of actions taken from Comments by the Counselors who** took the survey:

- "Visited College's website"
- "Included articles in monthly newsletter"
- "Looked up schools online"
- "Shared an article with students, parents, admin, or teachers"
- " Shared information with parents "
- " Shared link with other staff at my school "
- "Tore out article and posted on my bulletin board."

# Counselor comments about LINK for **Counselors in the study**

- " I look forward to the publication and it is one of the few I actually look at regularly."
- "I really appreciate all that you do and find the information in LINK for Counselors very helpful."
- "I really enjoy reading through this publication, it has very valuable information for myself and my students!!"
- "I am a Career Development Coordinator and enjoy various articles, but especially those related to career decisions."
- "The Spring issue was very helpful, particularly the information about counselor professional development."
- "The topics have been varied which I appreciate. Thanks for doing such a great job!"
- "This is a very informative publication and honestly one of the only ones I take the time to read. Thank you!"
- "Loved the article and self-assessment on anxiety!"
- "Love your brief articles informative, adaptable to my school/students, helpful."



#### Eastern U.S.

## Western U.S.