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Dear Rising Seniors and Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well and your son/daughter is refreshed and ready for an exhilarating **new semester**. It's a busy time of year for the College Office and I wanted to bring you up to speed on things I will be working on with your child. My name is Alvin Carter and I am excited to be the new Director of College Counseling at East West High School of International Studies. I am here to help you and your child navigate through the sometimes challenging college application process. Over the next few months I will be meeting with each student to get to know them better and to assist you in developing post-secondary plans. Here are a few things we will accomplish for the remainder of this school year:

- Registering and practicing for the SAT/ACT exams
- Attend college fairs and tour college campuses
- Meet with college admissions representatives during advisories
- Finding potential majors and careers that match your abilities and interests
- Creating a list of appropriate colleges to apply to
- Work together to ensure a successful transition to college

As your College Counselor, I am ready to guide you and your child through the college admissions process and I am ready to talk with you about choices and your concerns as we work together in the months ahead. My office is here to support your family as you proceed with your child's college search and application adventure. I am looking forward to working with you this year, and will make every effort to try to see that you receive as much personal assistance as you need throughout the college application process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with your questions. You can call the main office at 718-353-0009 or e-mail is another excellent way of communication (acarter@ewsis.org). We are off to a great start this year and enjoy helping each student reach his/her potential and prepare for life after high school. Best wishes to you as you watch and guide your rising senior.

Please mark your calendars for *Junior Parent Night* on *Thursday, May 3rd* (time will be announced). *Every junior is expected to be at this meeting along with parents/guardians.

Sincerely,

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