During the spring semester of 2021, the college adviser organized, facilitated, and collaborated on a variety of events to provide Geniuses with academic, personal, and professional development opportunities.

To best inform the adviser on the types of events and services to provide, a survey was distributed at the beginning of the year to gauge individual interests, goals, and college knowledge. Some of the topics highlighted include Preparing for Senior Year, Financial Aid Overview, Community College and Career Fair, and a Professional Development Workshop.

Closing out the year, the adviser is hosting a Decision Day and Summer Opportunities Webinar to highlight the accomplishments of the class of 2021 and provide Geniuses with opportunities to best equip themselves for the next chapter in their academic journeys.

Senior Year Panel Workshop and a Community College Fair; Two virtual events coordinated to motivate both upper and underclassmen to start thinking about their post-graduation plans and gain insight from peers and college representatives.
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1:1 SERVICES BY GRADE LEVEL

- CAF interacted with **120 Cohort Geniuses** providing over **647 interactions**.

- Advising sessions included but were not limited to **Academic Advising, College Application Support, Professional Development, Financial Aid Assistance, and more**. Advising sessions successfully strengthened relationships with both Geniuses and families to best support each Genius with deeper intentionality.

- Some of the most successful strategies and tools used to increase engagement and participation were **Kahoot, Mmhm Video App, Canva, and Student Led Discussions**.

### EVENTS BY TOPIC

- **The pre-college assessment survey** given during Genius onboarding and orientation played a huge role in successfully coordinating events that met Geniuses where they were at.

- Among 12th and 11th graders, **College Applications** and **Professional Development workshops** were the most attended events. Among 9th and 10th graders, **College Knowledge** and **Professional Development** were the most attended.

- From finding the most success through family engagement and outreach, CAF hosted family nights and meetings most consistently around **College Planning and Understanding Financial Aid Options**.

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For Spring 2021, **College Adviser Fellow** was able to provide 47 events through Zoom and social media. Students and families engaged with CAF through **Group Presentations, Cohort Meetings, and Regional Community Workshops**.
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COLLEGE APP SUBMISSIONS & ADMISSION DECISIONS:

- CAF ensured eligible Geniuses utilized college application fee waivers resulting in an increase in college options for 17 Geniuses who submitted 5+ apps.

- 90% of seniors successfully submitted 1+ application while 84% of Geniuses submitted over 143 Adviser Assisted applications.

- CAF lead a community college initiative resulting in increasing student interest in community college options. Geniuses signed up to take dual enrollment courses as well as look at summer options prior to going to college.

29 seniors collectively submitted 158 applications in total for The Hidden Genius Project. As of May 31, 2021, there were 135 acceptances to over 31 colleges/universities.

FINANCIAL AID SUBMISSIONS & ASSISTANCE:

- CAF provided Financial Aid Webinars and weekly office hours resulting in assisting 81% of seniors submit their Financial Aid application.

- CAF increased the number of scholarship opportunities and workshops provided by community partners:
  - 53 Scholarship Opportunities (+71%)
  - 12 Community Workshops (+100%)

81% of Financial Aid Applications assisted by College Adviser Fellow

27 Financial Aid Apps Submitted
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FAMILY INTERACTIONS

Being the first CAF at a community-based organization (CBO), Arnold was tasked with establishing a College-going Culture that supplemented the innovative and dynamic cadence of The Hidden Genius Project.

Due to not being located within a school site and within a program that serves a large geographical region, the CAF had to be innovative in his approach to outreaching and establishing relationships with Geniuses.

Being integrated into the open house and orientation was key to beginning the conversation about college access & opportunity with the Genius and their family early on. This resulted in improved family communication and established a rapport that strengthened throughout the year.

POSTSECONDARY PLANS

90% of Seniors communicated and worked closely with CAF to overcome barriers of the pandemic and successfully submit their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

San Francisco State University, CSU East Bay, and UC Berkeley received the most applications.

The University of San Francisco and San Francisco State University are the top 2 universities with the most SIR's.

Additional highlighted schools where Geniuses SIR’d include Howard, LMU, UCLA, UC Davis, Arizona State, and St. Mary's College.
Arnold has been an instrumental part of our son's positive HGP experience. He has been committed to cultivating our child's college preparatory plans, related with our son in a holistic way, and consistently provided excellent guidance throughout. Arnold knew of our child's interest in the digital arts and encouraged him to apply for an internship in that field. As a result, our son successfully completed that internship with a well-known tech company. Today he remains inspired to pursue more professional opportunities related to his career interests in digital animation and has charted enrollment in specialized high school courses for the coming year. We are grateful for Arnold and feel confident that his stewardship will have a long-lasting impact on our son's life.

I learned a lot about myself as an individual, educator, coworker, and leader during my two-year fellowship. The skills, experiences, memories, and relationships that I'll be taking with me into my next chapter are immeasurable. I was encouraged, allowed, and felt safe exploring personally and professionally within myself, something I may have never been able to do in other spaces. Because of this, I was able to be my genuine self and grow as authentically as possible. I believe this was the pivotal factor that led to my success as the Founding Advisor at The Hidden Genius Project. It has been my honor and pleasure to learn and work alongside the amazing faculty and staff at both organizations.