

RCA IN THE NEWS

RCA Juniors Explore Different Types of College Campuses

Riverside Christian Academy's junior class took a field trip on February 27 to Middle Tennessee State University and Lipscomb University. The purpose of the trip was to learn about and experience firsthand the differences in a large public university campus and a small private university campus.

"Hopefully the trip will help our juniors make more informed decisions about the colleges they want to apply to over the summer and early next fall. MTSU and Lipscomb were both gracious hosts, and the tour guides and admissions staff did a great job explaining the pros of each type of campus," said Whitney Creasy, RCA's College & Career Advisor.

At MTSU, the RCA students watched a video about the majors MTSU has to offer and the application/admission process. The students were then given a tour of the campus that focused on all of the opportunities a large public university like MTSU has available for students.

After the MTSU tour, the students went to Lipscomb University in Nashville, where they ate lunch in the university cafeteria with several students who serve on the university admissions team. Next, the students toured Lipscomb's campus and learned about the pros of a small private university campus including a family-type atmosphere, small class sizes, and the availability of professors for extra help and tutoring. The RCA group was also treated to tickets and concessions at the Lipscomb men's basketball game versus Florida Gulf Coast University before returning home.

"We will also be taking the junior class to Motlow State Community College in April for Post Grad 101 Day, an event that MSCC organizes for our local juniors to help them understand the college admissions process, financial aid, and other general information pertaining to life after high school. The Motlow staff does a great job organizing this event and also explaining to the students how community college is another great option for higher education," said Creasy. "The whole goal of activities like these is help our students plan for their future. At RCA, we want to help students and their families make decisions about their future that they can feel confident about."