



## Former Kingwood counselor offers private counseling

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Former Kingwood High School counselor Cheri Ustinoff is dedicating her experience to her new business, Colleges to Careers. Ustinoff founded the company - designed to assist lifelong learners plan for high school, college and the world of work in 2008.



As a licensed professional counselor who has been working in public schools for 35 years, Ustinoff has extensive experience in student guidance. Her approach to private counseling allows her to give personal attention to her clients that most students in the school district are not able to receive.

"High school counselors with ratios of 450-to-1 do not get much individual time with students. They do a great job, but they are unable to provide one-on-one assistance to students and their parents in college and career advisement," said Ustinoff.

She was a career and technology counselor in Galena Park for 11 years in addition to teaching English and advising students at Lone Star College-Kingwood. She has also served as a high school assistant principal. Ustinoff's experience allows her to assist students with formal academic planning on the high school and college level, but her passion is helping young people achieve the education and training they need to be happy in life.

"There is no correlation in life to how happy you are based on how much education you have. If everyone majors in international business, where will our graphic designers and mechanics come from?" said Ustinoff.

She offers private consultation in her clients' homes. With these services, she reviews academic records and provides testing as well as personality and interest assessments.

"I can assist with the college application process from start to finish, as well as help students decide on a major and college that will be best suited for their unique skills and abilities," said Ustinoff.

Ustinoff graduated from Lamar University with a masters degree in counseling and is a certified mid- management administrator, vocational counselor and licensed professional counselor. She is a member of the Texas Counseling Association.

"Every interest assessment I take indicates I should be in the career guidance area. I am thrilled with my new job and look forward to helping young people become successful," said Ustinoff.

For more information, go to [www.collegestocareers.com](http://www.collegestocareers.com).

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The Texas Counseling Association [TCA] proudly recognizes the work and achievements of former Kingwood school counselor and current LPC, Cheri Ustinoff.

Congratulations, Ms. Ustinoff, on your work in helping students prepare for college and post-secondary careers by providing individual personal, school and career guidance and counseling.

Ms. Cheri Ustinoff is a Texas Counseling Association member as well as a member of the Texas Career Development Association and Texas College Counselors Association [both are divisions of TCA].

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