College Night Presentation

for Juniors/Seniors and their Parents
Agenda

• Words of Wisdom
• Preparing for a College Search
• Scholarships
• Parent Tips
• Next Steps for Juniors
• Next Steps for Seniors
Words of Wisdom

Relax...
You will get in.

70% of colleges accept an average of 70% of their applicants.

You don’t need to go far away to receive a great education.

88% of high school students go to college in their home state.
Preparing for a College Search
Know Yourself

• Values
• Ambitions
• Achievements
• Academic Strengths
• Interests
• Your Standout Talents
Choosing Your College Priorities

What is important to you?

• Location
• Academics
• Size
• Campus Appeal
• Social Life
• Total Cost – Including aid
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<td>Four year</td>
<td><strong>Degrees offered:</strong> Bachelors and beyond&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Provides:</strong> A well-rounded college experience that includes an academic area of study.</td>
<td><strong>State:</strong> Typically under $15,000/year&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Private:</strong> Typically more than $30,000/year</td>
<td>• SAT or ACT&lt;br&gt;• GPA&lt;br&gt;• Class rank&lt;br&gt;• Essay&lt;br&gt;• Extracurricular activities&lt;br&gt;• Letters of recommendation&lt;br&gt;• Transcripts</td>
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<td>Two year</td>
<td><strong>Degrees offered:</strong> Associates</td>
<td>Typically around $4,000/year</td>
<td>Open-door admission policy</td>
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<td><strong>Provides:</strong> A way to ease into college / take general college classes for credit. Typically have agreements with four year colleges to transfer credits.</td>
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About College Admission Tests

• **ACT (American College Test)**
  - Consists of four tests: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing
  - Writing component is optional
  - Wrong answers do not count against you
  - Starting next September students will be allowed to retake portions of ACT
  - Top composite score is 36
  - Average is 21
  - Sign up at www.ACTstudent.org

• **SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)**
  - Consists of three subjects: Verbal, Writing, Math
  - Each area is scored on a scale of 200-800 (EBRW and MATH)
  - Maximum Score of 1600
  - Average around 1070
  - Sign up at www.collegeboard.com
Upcoming Test Dates and Registration

• ACT
  – **Test Date** Dec 14, Registration Deadline Nov 8
  – **Test Date** Feb 8, Registration Deadline Jan 10
  – **Test Date** April 4, Registration Deadline Feb 28
  – **Test Date** June 13, Registration Deadline May 8
  – **Test Date** July 18, Registration Deadline June 19

** Register at ACTstudent.org
** Practice with ACT academy on ACTstudent.org.
Upcoming Test Dates and Registration

- **SAT**
  - **Test Date** Dec 7, Registration Deadline Nov 8
  - **Test Date** March 14, Registration Deadline Feb 14
  - **Test Date** May 2, Registration Deadline April 3
  - **Test Date** June 6, Registration Deadline May 8

**Registration at collegeboard.org**
**Practice with Khan Academy at satpractice.org**
What information do college admission officers review?

• Grades / Overall GPA
• Strength of high school course selections
• Admission Test Score
• Community Service
• Essay
• Teacher and counselor recommendations
• Class rank
• Student’s demonstrated interest
• Personal accomplishments
• Personality characteristics
• Courses in progress Junior and Senior year
Collecting College Information – Where to go

• **cappex.com** - College search made simple. Your first stop to kick-start your college and scholarship search

• **nacacnet.org** - National Association for College Admission Counseling. Offers national college fair information and articles about the college process

• **collegeboard.com** - College and SAT information

• **act.org** - Information about the ACT test
# Definitions of Admission Options in Higher Education

## Students: Which College Admission Process Best Suits You?

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<td>Regular Decision</td>
<td>Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.</td>
<td>Non-Binding</td>
<td>Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.</td>
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<td>Rolling Admission</td>
<td>Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.</td>
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<td>Early Action (EA)</td>
<td>Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution’s regular response date.</td>
<td>Non-Binding</td>
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<td>Early Decision (ED)</td>
<td>Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.</td>
<td>Binding</td>
<td>Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.</td>
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<td>Restrictive Early Action (REA)</td>
<td>Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.</td>
<td>Non-Binding</td>
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For a copy of this flyer, please visit [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)
Scholarships/FAFSA
Two Types of Scholarships

• Merit based – academic performance or extracurricular performance – sports, artistic ability, theatre, etc.

• Need based – determined solely on a family's financial status.
Where to look for scholarships?

- Parents' Place of Employment
- Community Organizations
- Religious Organizations
- Corporations
- ROTC Scholarships
- Merit Scholarships
- University Scholarships
- Athletic Scholarships
- College & Career Center Newsletter
- Online Scholarship Resources
Scholarship Resources

- **Fastweb.com** - Private scholarships
- **fafsa.ed.gov** - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- **Studentaid.ed.gov** - The federal government’s website about paying for college
- **MeritAid.com** - $11 billion in merit scholarships
- **Cappex.com** - Scholarship matching
- **finaid.org** - Free student resource for learning about all types of financial aid
What are Scholarship Donors Looking For?

• GPA
• Course Selection
• Community Service
• School Activities
• Leadership
• Test Scores
• Essay/Personal Statements
• Unique Challenges and Experiences
• Affiliation
Merit Scholarship Tips

Merit scholarships are where the money is.

• There is more than $11 billion in merit scholarships available to students from colleges
• Not just for “A” students
• Many awards emphasize leadership or school involvement
• Nearly all colleges offer merit aid scholarships
• The average merit scholarship is $5,000
• Many awards can be renewed year after year
FAFSA

- Opened October 1st.
- Parent and Student must have separate FSA ID.
- Must be filled out every year for all types of Financial Aid (need, merit, and loans).
- Note deadlines (Federal and State).
- Make sure you choose appropriate school year (2020-2021).
- Males must register with Selective Service (SSS.gov) before they turn 18 in order to receive any federal financial aid.
Are You a Helicopter Parent?
10 Tips for would-be Helicopter Parents

1. Help your student understand the college search process
2. Be realistic and non-judgmental
3. Be in the "back seat" - and not the driver - of the college search process
4. Be open to dialogue and responsive to questions
5. Be aware of deadlines and fees due
6. Know that things have changed since your college days
7. Don’t overemphasize your own alma maters
8. Don’t compare your student with others
9. Don’t dwell on disappointments, like a rejection letter
10. Celebrate successes!
Next Steps
Next Steps for Juniors

In School
✓ Stay focused on academics
✓ Do not lighten your academic load for senior year
✓ Meet with your school counselor
✓ Get and stay involved in school activities
✓ Volunteer
✓ Meet with your Athletic Coach and Mr. Lush to register with NCAA
✓ Review the College & Career Newsletter

Standardized Testing
✓ Prepare for and register for ACT / SAT tests
✓ Register for AP tests as appropriate

College Exploration
✓ Explore colleges on the Web
✓ Visit colleges if you can
✓ Meet with college representatives
✓ Attend college fairs
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<td>- Plan senior course selections with Counselor</td>
<td>- Begin service academy and ROTC Applications</td>
<td>- Take SAT I and/or ACT</td>
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<td>- Register for spring SAT and/or ACT</td>
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<td>- Attend college fairs</td>
<td>- Begin/continue scholarship search</td>
<td>- Explore career pathways</td>
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<td>- Take a peek at Common App Essays</td>
<td>- Visit college campuses during spring break</td>
<td>- Take AP Exams</td>
<td>- Begin NCAA Clearinghouse process</td>
<td>- Consider volunteering, summer college program, internship, and/or work</td>
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<td>- Ask for letters of Recommendation</td>
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- Meet with college reps in CCC
- Attend the College Fair/College Night Programs
- Attend a Financial Aid Workshop
- Take the PSAT
- Register/Pay for AP Exams
- Volunteer
- Start a study plan for SAT / ACT
- Register for spring SAT and/or ACT
- Research
This chart is intended for students entering high school in fall 2014 and beyond. Students who entered high school prior to fall 2013 should see their high school counselor for the correct chart.

### Graduation Requirements for Juniors

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<th>English – 4 credits</th>
<th>English I</th>
<th>Choose ONE of the following options</th>
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<td>2 credits of World</td>
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<td>English IV</td>
<td>Language and electives</td>
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<td>Social Studies – 3 credits</td>
<td>LSN Government</td>
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<td>Math – 3 credits</td>
<td>Algebra I</td>
<td>2 credits of Advanced</td>
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<td>Algebra (2)</td>
<td>Technology and electives</td>
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<td>Geometry</td>
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<td>Science – 3 credits</td>
<td>Earth Science</td>
<td>OR</td>
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<td>Biology</td>
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<td>Lab sciences (2)</td>
<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>Career and Technology</td>
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<td>P. E. – ½ credit</td>
<td>Fit for Life</td>
<td>Education Completer</td>
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<td>Health – ½ credit</td>
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<td>Program and electives</td>
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<td>Fine Art – 1 credit</td>
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<td>Technology – 1 credit</td>
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<td>Financial Literacy - 1 credit</td>
<td>Electives</td>
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<td>Maryland State Assessments</td>
<td>Algebra I PARCC (725)</td>
<td>ALL students must earn a minimum of 23 credits</td>
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<td>MISA (Participate Only)</td>
<td>to earn a diploma. The number of electives needed will vary based upon the option chosen above.</td>
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<td>Gov’t HSA (394)</td>
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<td>Student Service (SSL)</td>
<td>Total of 75 hours</td>
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Note: All students must take a math course their 12th grade year even if they have 3 credits of math.
Next Steps for Seniors

In School
✓ Stay focused on academics
✓ Review the College & Career Newsletter

Standardized Testing
✓ Register for AP tests as appropriate

College Exploration
ü Explore colleges on the Web
ü Visit colleges if you can
ü Meet with college representatives

College Applications
✓ Note Deadlines
✓ Polish Essays
✓ Complete GPS packets as necessary
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| **September**  | - Finalize list of colleges  
- Check online for college applications  
- Register for Fall: SAT or ACT  
- Submit requests for recommendations from teachers/counselors  
- Complete ROTC and service academy applications  
- Attend College Fair and College Night programs |
| **October**  | - Note application deadlines  
- Search for scholarships  
- Submit early decision applications  
- Begin working on regular admissions applications  
- Submit requests for recommendations and transcripts  
- Finalize teacher recommendations  
- Attend College Fair and College Night programs  
- Take the SAT, ACT |
| **November**  | - Continue with college applications  
- Submit transcript and recommendation requests  
- Take SAT/ACT  
- Register/pay for AP exams  
- Schedule interviews or auditions if necessary  
- Create FAFSA ID  
- Complete FAFSA |
| **December**  | - Take the SAT or ACT  
- ***Dec 11th Final date for requesting transcripts with January 1 deadlines.  
- As acceptance letters come in please provide Ms. Jones with a copy. |
| **January**  | - Keep grades up as mid-year transcripts will be updated |
| **February**  | - Semester grades mailed to all colleges where applications were sent  
- Avoid senior slump – FINAL GRADES MATTER!! |
| **March**  | - Be aware of scholarship deadlines  
- As acceptance letters/scholarship offers come in please provide Ms. Jones with a copy. |
| **April**  | - Respond to college acceptances and submit required fees  
- Follow up applications  
- Attend spring college fairs and apply to additional colleges, if necessary |
| **May**  | - Take Advanced Placement exams  
- Notify colleges by May 1 of your decisions and notify your counselor, and C.C.A.  
- GRADUATION!!!!!! |
COLLEGE PLANNING NOTES

• Meet with college representatives in the College & Career Center.
• Visit/Revisit college campuses: Do I see myself here?
• Prepare for SAT/ACT
• Participate in career experiences/volunteer to further explore interests, abilities, and course of study.
• Read the College & Career Newsletter Monthly.
• Complete applications accurately and on time.
• Complete FAFSA.
• Start early!
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