

CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING



GOALS FOR 11TH GRADE

- Research colleges and develop a preliminary list
- Research majors and career options
- Prepare/Take standardized tests
- Visit colleges—virtually or in-person
- Learn about the various college applications
- Speak with teachers about letters of recommendation
- Complete student/parent brag sheets



Celebrity College Game

GUESS WHERE THESE CELEBRITIES WENT TO
COLLEGE





Megan Thee Stallion



Texas Southern University



Tom Holland



Wimbledon College



Meghan Markle



Northwestern University



John Legend



University of Pennsylvania



Luke Bryan



Georgia Southern University



Guy Fieri



American River College & University of Nevada

Post-Secondary Options



4-year college

2-year college

Military

Trade/Technical School

Employment

Gap Year



How is an Admission Decision Made?

- Holistic Review
- Rigor of the transcript—Have you taken accelerated, AP classes?
- Grades in classes
- Qualitative parts of the application (sections the students writes)
- Essays
- Activities
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Counselor
 - Teachers
- Supplementals
- Demonstrated Interest
- Interviews

Knowledge Check #1

WHAT ARE TWO NON-COLLEGE OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

WHAT ARE TWO COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING GOALS?

NAME ONE THING A COLLEGE CONSIDERS BESIDES ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE?

BUILDING YOUR COLLEGE LIST

- Search for Colleges
 - SCOIR (Coming Soon)
- Niche: <https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/your-best-fit-colleges/>
- College Board Big Future: <https://collegesearch.collegeboard.org/home>
- Probable, Target, Reach
 - Probable: GPA & test scores are above the average admitted students; likely acceptance
 - Target: GPA & test scores are a close match to the average admitted student; 50/50 chance of acceptance
 - Reach: GPA & test scores are below the average admitted students
- Apply to an average of 8-10 colleges; 2-3 in probable, 3-4 in target, 2-3 in reach

FINDING YOUR BEST FIT

- Academic Fit
 - Determined by the college
 - Do your scores and grades fit the college's academic profile?
 - Does the college offer your major? Are there enough choices if you are undecided?
- Social Fit
 - Determined by the student
 - Does the college offer extracurricular experiences that interest you?
 - Does the social culture at the school fit your lifestyle?
- Financial Fit
 - Determined by the family
 - Is the college affordable, even without loans, grants or scholarships?
 - Is the college a good value? Is the Return on Investment (ROI) worth it?



WHAT WILL I STUDY?



- Naviance-->Self-Discovery □ Career Cluster Finder/Career Interest Profiler
- OneStop: <https://www.careeronestop.org/>
- College Board Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>
- Some majors may have specific course requirements
 - Medicine
 - PT, OT
 - Nursing
- Specialized Programs
 - Architecture
 - Art
 - Music
 - Theater
- What if I'm undecided?

Knowledge Check #2

A HEALTHY COLLEGE LIST HAS AN EQUAL REPRESENTATION OF WHAT 3 CATEGORIES?

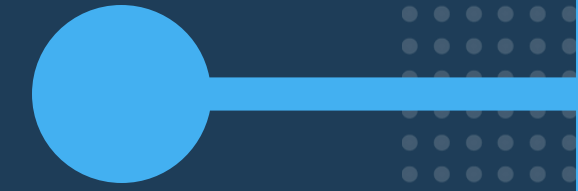
ASIDE FROM A GOOD ACADEMIC FIT AND FINANCIAL FIT, WHAT OTHER TYPES OF FIT SHOULD YOU CONSIDER? EXPLAIN THIS FIT AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT.

NAME ONE THING A COLLEGE CONSIDERS BESIDES ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE?

● STANDARDIZED TESTING

- Review your PSAT scores
- Khan Academy offers individualized practices for free
- Register for the SAT or ACT
 - www.collegeboard.org (SAT)
 - www.act.org (ACT)
- AP Testing (May 2023)
- Test Optional Colleges
- www.fairtest.org

COLLEGE VISITS



- 3 excused days, must bring a note/email from college with proof of the visit to the attendance office
- Think about visiting colleges during breaks, or school holidays
- Register for on-campus events through the visits page on the admissions website
- Fall College visits on Naviance
- College Fair (Spring 2023—TBD)



THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

3 platforms to apply to college on:

- Common Application:
<https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Coalition Application:
<https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- On the respective website of the college itself

● ESSAYS

- Common Application Essay
- 6 prompts, 1 that is an essay topic of choice
- Supplemental Essays
- Varies by individual colleges, Ivy League colleges tend to have the most
- Advice on Essays
 - Answer the question/prompt that is being asked
 - Tell your story
 - May take multiple drafts before final produce
 - Share essays with a trusted adult (English teacher) for feedback



Knowledge Check #3

VISITING A CAMPUS IN PERSON IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN ABOUT A COLLEGE. WHAT ARE TWO OTHER WAYS YOU CAN CONNECT WITH A COLLEGE?

WHERE DO YOU GO TO REGISTER FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS?

EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY

EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EARLY ACTION & EARLY DECISION

BRAG SHEETS

- Counselor Brag sheets
 - Parent
 - Student
- Teacher Brag Sheet
 - Different than counselor Brag sheet
- Recommendation Waiver
- Senior Waiver hard copy to be turned into the school counseling office

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Plan to request TWO teacher letters of recommendation
- Who should you ask?
- Check with colleges for specific requirements:
- Does the teacher have to be from a specific discipline?
- You must make a verbal request first, starting in the spring time (March-April 2023)
- Ask the teacher what they might need from you in order to write your letter of recommendation
- Counselor's letter of recommendation is automatic

SENIOR YEAR SCHEDULING

- Scheduling will commence in February/March 2023
- Your counselor will meet with you after you enter your schedule.
- Senior year schedule is an important factor in admissions
- Consider rigor in senior year to show preparation for college course load

Knowledge Check #4

HOW MANY TEACHER LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION SHOULD YOU REQUEST? WHEN DO YOU REQUEST THEM?

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR COUNSELOR TO WRITE YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION?

WHAT SHOULD YOU CONSIDER WHEN BUILDING YOUR 12TH GRADE SCHEDULE?

SHOWCASING YOUR TALENTS

- Athletes

- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center
- Work with your Coach
- Fill out prospective athlete questionnaires
- College Bound Athlete Guide can be found at this website:



- Artists

- Check portfolio requirements
- Work with art teachers



- Musicians

- Check portfolio/audition requirements
- Work with band/orchestra teachers



- Thespians

- Check portfolio/audition requirements



Final Knowledge Check

EXPLAIN WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT ALL OF YOUR ACTIVITIES WHEN APPLYING TO COLLEGE

WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING TOPIC YOU LEARNED ABOUT TODAY?

AFTER TODAY, WHICH TOPICS DO YOU WANT TO DISCUSS MORE?

CHECK YOUR EMAIL!

- We are switching from Naviance to Scoir!
- You will see an email explaining how to log in to your account.
- It is important to get in the habit of checking email as we will be sending important college updates and programming information.

SCOIR

QUESTIONS?



Scan the QR code to post your questions on Padlet

THANK YOU!