



College Counseling September 2021

Senior Parent Night

The program for Senior Parent Night (9/1) was taped. To watch the video, [click here](#), or go to Marian's website - www.marianchs.com, click on Academics, then College Counseling, then Resources & Newsletters. The handout for the program was the same handout that the seniors received when the college counselors met with them in English class. It is available in Schoology or may be emailed to you. The slides from the presentation are available by [clicking here](#) ([seniorparentorientation21.pptx.pdf](#)). The slides are also in Schoology. In Schoology, students and parents will also find videos that assist in completing the Common App and forms that they will need - Transcript Request Form (TRF) and Teacher Letter of Recommendation Request Form

Parents received an access code for Schoology in August - if you do not have your access code, please email Mr. O'Brien.

College Applications

The two application websites that most seniors will use to apply to college are Common App and Black College Common App.

The Common App (www.commonapp.org) is used by more than 900 colleges and universities. This year, all 12 public universities in Illinois will be using the Common App. In addition, all Big 10 and Ivy League universities use the Common App. Here are some of the other colleges and universities that use the Common App - DePaul, Hampton, Howard, Illinois Wesleyan, Lewis, Loyola, Morehouse, Saint Xavier, Spellman, St. Mary's (IN), U of Chicago, and U of Notre Dame.

The Black College Common App (www.commonblackcollegeapp.com) is accepted by 65 of the HBCUs, including Clark-Atlanta, Fisk, Grambling State, Morgan State, and Tuskegee. Students may apply to all 65 for an application fee of \$20.

College Programs

While many colleges and universities have resumed in person programs, either on campus or off campus programs in the Chicago area, some college fairs and programs are still virtual.

[NACAC Virtual College Fairs](#) - 9/12, 9/28, 10/3, 10/14, 10/24, 11/2 and 11/14.

[Coast to Coast](#) - Dartmouth, Northwestern, Princeton, UC-Berkeley, and Vanderbilt

[Engaging Distinctive Universities](#) - Emory, Rice, U of Michigan, and U of Washington

[Exploring College Options](#) - Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, and Stanford

[Exploring Educational Excellence](#) - Brown, Columbia (NY), Cornell, Rice, and U of Chicago

Scholarships

For the first semester of senior year, the primary source for scholarships will be to submit applications by the university's deadline. The importance of knowing and meeting the deadline was stressed to the seniors when the college counselors met with them in the first week of school.

Most outside / private scholarships will have deadlines in second semester. Three websites that may be used to complete an online scholarships search for the scholarships are: [Fastweb](#), [Sallie Mae](#), [College Covered](#). In addition to having a scholarship search, all three websites have lots of additional information, covering topics such as college planning, financial aid, student loans, and student life in college.

Upcoming dates / events

Friday, September 17 - Registration deadline for ACT on October 23 (Marian IS NOT a test center)

Wednesday, September 29 - Financial Aid for College - 7:00 PM in the Leadership Center

Friday, October 1 - Transcript requests for Early Decision, Early Action, and Priority Deadlines turned in to counselors

Monday, October 4 - College Fair at Marian - 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Gym

Questions about these items or anything else - please contact one of the college counselors:

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