

# College Planning

## Senior Year Class of 2020

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# Counseling Department Goal: *To ensure that students are prepared academically and socially, so that each student with the desire to go to college has the chance and choice.*



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**Dual Enrollment**

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## Senior Interviews

Scheduled for early fall to ensure students have initiated a post-secondary plan. Parents are welcome to attend!

## Official Documents

Send transcripts, school profile, and counselor statements in the admissions process. Review transcripts for accuracy before sending.

## Graduation Requirements

Review senior schedules to make sure all graduation requirements are being met.

## Support & Guidance

Monitor academic progress & meet with students who are struggling academically or personally. Offer assistance with essays or understanding test scores.

## Information Resource

Provide information about scholarship, aid, and opportunities regarding college.

# Student Responsibilities

## Finalize College List & Apply

- Complete applications
- Write Essays
- Send test scores
- Request Letters of Recommendation

## Campus Visits

- Attend Open Houses
- Meet with admissions reps
- Visit campuses you are applying to

## Transcripts

- Review your transcript & graduation requirements
- Request all official transcripts via Naviance

## Clearing-house

- Complete Clearinghouse Registrations for Division 1 & 2 athletes

## RDS

- Complete Residency Determination Process at [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org)

# Senior Year Timeline (Fall)



# Naviance

## family connection

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### resources

- [PrepMe](#)

### links

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### what's new

- ✓ You received an e-mail: [Additional Scholarship Opportunities](#) from Tim Rhodes.
- ✓ You received an e-mail: [Upcoming Visits- Reminder for Senior Night](#) from Tim Rhodes.
- ✓ You received an e-mail: [Scholarship Nominations](#) from Tim Rhodes.

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### PLP Welcome

Welcome to Pine Lake Preparatory's College Planning Resources from Naviance.

The goal of the college planning program at Pine Lake Preparatory is to help students identify their interests and goals in order to find the right college fit. All Upper School students utilize the Naviance system to track their activities, interests, and college plans and to interact with their grade level college planner.

Grades 9 and 10 are focused on creating college awareness, emphasizing the importance of earning good grades, and getting involved in activities that reflect the student's interests. It is important for students to understand that the work they do throughout high school will be part of the transcript sent to the colleges they choose. It is also important for underclassmen to find a balance between academics and extracurricular activities of merit.

Grades 11 and 12 are focused on narrowing the college search and exploring schools that match the individual student's interests, goals, and family considerations. Students have the opportunity to work one-on-one with their college planner to discuss testing, college visitations, and college applications.

#### Pine Lake College Planners:

- Freshmen - Mrs. Bulfin ([anna.bulfin@pinelakeprep.org](mailto:anna.bulfin@pinelakeprep.org))
- Sophomores - Mrs. Reuter ([lori.reuter@pinelakeprep.org](mailto:lori.reuter@pinelakeprep.org))
- Juniors - Mr. Walker ([jeff.walker@pinelakeprep.org](mailto:jeff.walker@pinelakeprep.org))
- Seniors - Mr. Rhodes ([tim.rhodes@pinelakeprep.org](mailto:tim.rhodes@pinelakeprep.org))

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Naviance Student



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**App Store**

- ✓ You have **13 new messages**
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### updates

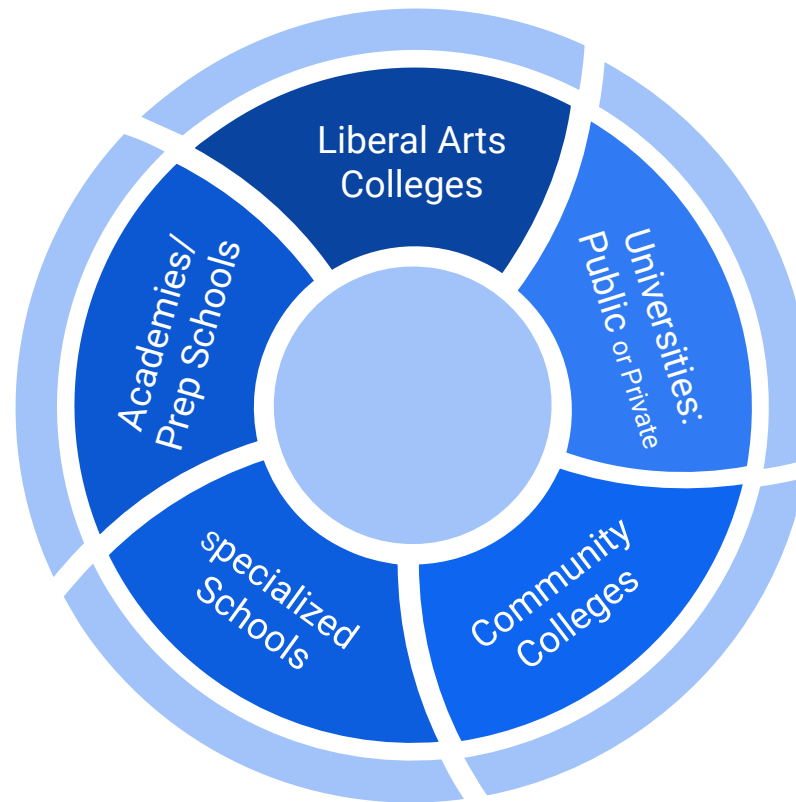
- [Senior Planning Presentation](#)

# Key Fall Dates to Remember

- SAT/ SAT Subject Tests (8/24, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7)
- ACT (9/14, 10/26, 10/14)
- Financial Aid Night (TBD) @ Davidson College
- FAFSA Available (available 10/1)
- PLP College Fair (10/9)
- College Bus Trip (11/5 - 11/6) - SC Schools
- CFNC Countdown to College Week (10/21-10/25)

***\*\*College Rep Visits Will Be Scheduled for Sept. - December and Noted in Naviance***

# Types of Higher Education Institutions





# In Search of the Ideal Fit



# Application Platforms

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION



COALITION for ACCESS,  
AFFORDABILITY, and SUCCESS



# Where to Apply

**Reach:** Admission is “iffy” or have admit rates between 7-20% (dream school)

**Possible:** Closely meet school profile expectations; competition for space could be tight

**Probably:** Chances for admissions are strong

**Financial Safety:** School you can afford if your aid package is not strong at other schools

# Application Types

## Early Decision

Students Apply to only one (1st choice) institution

If admitted, you enroll- Binding!

- Deadlines & Notifications Occur Early
- Early Decision II

## Early Action

Students Apply & Receive Notifications Early

No limit to the number of institution you can apply to

- Changes to UNC's Early Application Policy
- Non-binding

## Rolling

Application is processed and reviewed as it is complete

No limit to number of applications

- Decisions may come within a matter of days or weeks

## Restrictive Early Action

Apply to preferred institution early and may be prohibited from applying ED or EA elsewhere

- Decisions are non-binding

## Regular Decision

Submit application by a specific deadline and receive notification by published date

- No early notifications for applying before deadline

# Admission Reviews

		Academic Review	Holistic Review	
1	Transcript	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers colleges the most insight into the student's academic performance throughout high school</li> </ul>
2	Standardized Test Scores	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The level of importance in the review process will vary</li> <li>Test Optional</li> </ul>
3	Essays, Statements & Resumes	✗	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selective Institutions typically weigh the essay with great importance</li> </ul>
4	Recommendations & Counselor Statements	✗	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 2 recommendations are usually the max accepted.</li> </ul>

# Application Tips



## Tip 1

- Allow for up to two weeks for materials to arrive & be processed
- Check your newly created student portal regularly



## Tip 2

- You must make transcript requests in Naviance for every application
- Periodically stop into the Counseling Center to alert us of any new applications



## Tip 3

- You are responsible for sending all of your test scores to the schools directly
- Send everything and let the colleges determine your best performance



## Tip 4

- Essays can be the thing that make or break an applications
- Essays allow strangers to understand you, your choices and values. Take time to make it shine!



## Tip 5

- Many schools require supplements (aka additional essays) so give yourself time to write.
- When given an “optional” essay, always take the option.

# Application Tips



## Tip 6

- Personal Statements are written introductions of yourself
- Use this to highlight something not otherwise known in another part of the application.



## Tip 7

- Demonstrated Interest
- If you have visited campus be sure to let them know, or if it is your 1st choice school.



## Tip 8

- Make Your Formal Teacher Recommendations in Naviance
- You should 1st ask your teachers in person and provide a copy of an activities sheet.



## Tip 9


- Give teachers significant notice to prepare your letters
- Non-PLP teachers can't send your letters through Naviance (email or snail mail only)



## Tip 10


- Counselors need time to process everything!
- Stay ahead of deadlines and keep us in the loop for your plans.

# Misconceptions/Myths




Full rides are common or aid packaging to full need is the norm

If you receive marketing materials they must really want you.



There is an admissions formula for instate schools or limits per school or county

If you don't know the college's name, it is no good.





# Financial Aid

- Davidson College Financial Aid Night:
  - DATE- TBD
- FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - Required by all colleges
  - Calculates EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) for Federal Aid
  - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - Application will be available October 1, 2019

# Scholarships

- [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com), [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)
- [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org)
- [Raise.me](http://Raise.me)
- Local Scholarships

# CSS Profile

- CSS PROFILE: Some colleges require this form in addition to the FAFSA (UNC-CH, Davidson, Duke, Elon, High Point, Wake Forest)
  - Used to distribute institutional aid
  - Costs money to file (\$25 for 1st school; \$16 for each additional school)
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - Early Decision/Early Action should file between November and February

# Things to Consider

- All colleges accept students on **a conditional basis** & senior grades will be a final aspect of evaluation.
- Admissions can be rescinded
- Q1 & Q2 grades are important for admissions
- Midyear grades only sent by school request
- Schedule specific times to work on applications
- Don't panic if you get a mass reminder/email from a college
- Manage your stress and work on one thing at a time.
- Attention to detail matters in this process. Establish a system to stay organized.