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COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE For Seniors

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Looking Back.....

A checklist of major activities that should have been completed last Spring/Summer include:

- ☐ A. Develop a list of schools of 4-6 schools that meet your personal criteria

- ☐ B. Take the ACT and/or SAT

- ☐ C. Plan college campus visits

- ☐ D. Check with the Athletic Director
if you intend to pursue athletics at the collegiate level

- ☐ E. Develop a plan to finance your education

Looking Forward.....

A. Watch for Student Services Updates

- Every senior should have joined the Schoology College Group for updates, links and reminders
- Scholarships are posted and updated on Naviance and Schoology
- Attend seminar information sessions as offered
- Listen to the morning announcements for specific reminders of college and scholarship information
- College Admission Representative Visits
 - College admission representative visits are posted on the Schoology Group and Naviance
 - College rep visits are scheduled during lunch periods, P-Block, and Flex periods
 - Meeting with a college representative at your school may increase your chances of being accepted to the college or university
- College Open Houses
 - Many colleges offer open houses for juniors and seniors. Open houses provide students with an opportunity to tour the campus, view college life, and see if this college is the right fit for you. Please visit college websites for more info.

B. Watch Resurrection's Virtual College Night

- College Night is an annual program sponsored by Student Services. This event is an opportunity for parents and students to ask specific questions and gather information.
- A live Q & A will be offered

C. Identify Schools and Narrow Choices

- connection.naviance.com/resurrection
 - To search schools by specific criteria go to “Colleges” → “Supermatch College Search”
 - To get more information on a specific school search under “Colleges” tab
 - Students will request letters of recommendation through “Colleges I’m Applying to” section
- collegescorecard.ed.gov
 - Provides the public with information on retention rates, average costs, average salaries after attending and typical debt ranges for specific colleges
- collegeboard.org
 - To search schools by specific criteria go to top drop down menu and press “College Search”
- You should have a list of 4-6 schools that you are interested in (although this number depends on each individual student). 1-2 reach schools, 2-3 match schools and 1-2 likely schools.

D. Obtain Financial Aid and Scholarship Info

Financial Aid Info Night for Senior Parents October 8th - Time TBD

- Financial aid is primarily obtained from the following four sources:
 - Federal Government (FAFSA)
 - State Government (FAFSA)
 - Directly from colleges and universities
 - Private organizations
- Resurrection does not administer financial aid for college.
- Scholarship information and applications sent directly to Resurrection are primarily private aid programs, such as independent community, religious, ethnic, or fraternal organizations.
- Check professional associations, parent/guardian places of employment, unions, and websites for possible sources of financial aid. Scholarship applications generally have very specific requirements and the deadlines to apply vary greatly.

- Scholarship opportunities are listed in Naviance and Schoology. Additional scholarship opportunities can be found at the websites below.

Check out these scholarship websites!

<http://connection.naviance.com/resurrection>

- Click on Scholarship Match and Scholarship List under the “colleges” tab
- www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- www.fastweb.com scholarship search, financial advice
- www.collegezone.com Illinois Student Assistance Commission
- www.gocollege.com planning, finance, terminology, advice
- www.finaid.com financial aid service, scholarship search

Apply for FAFSA starting October 1st

E. Applying

- Seniors will apply via Common Application, Coalition Application, or directly on a college’s website-Depending on what the specific school accepts
- Students must sign the FERPA authorization in Common App for documents to be sent
- Students must match their Common App to Naviance under “Colleges I’m Applying To”
- Once they have applied, schools need to be added to Naviance under “Colleges I’m Applying To”
- They can request letters of recommendation via Naviance under “Colleges I’m Applying To”, once the application is complete

F. Test Scores

- Seniors should be aware of the school’s requirement regarding test scores.

- Some schools may superscore (take the highest score in every subject on any test), or some may be test-optional (not requiring any score to be reported). Familiarize yourself with what that school is requiring.
- Test scores can only be sent through the testing website (ex: act.org).
- Resurrection does not send scores or print them on transcripts.

G. Request High School Transcript

- Most colleges require “official transcripts.” To request these be sent, you will need to submit the “Transcript Request Form/Checklist” to Ms. Masura at least 10 working days ahead of the application due date to assure they will be received by the college on time.

H. Request Letters of Recommendation

- Many schools and scholarship committees require one or more letters of recommendation to provide further insight into who you are beyond the application. Letters of recommendation require a great deal of effort.
- Allow at least 10 working days for your letter to be written.
- To formally request a letter of recommendation from teachers, you must complete the letter of recommendation form, give it to your teacher and ask if they are willing to write your letter
- Request your teachers and counselor to write your letter via Naviance
- Teachers and counselors submit your letters via Naviance

I. Complete Admission Applications

- Essays matter. All Common Application essay prompts are available on their website. If it is optional, it is recommended to write one.
- Deadlines for applications depend entirely on the college and can be found on Naviance and the college's website.
- Allow 10 working days for counselors to process your application materials and transcript requests.
- After applying, you must add the college or university to Naviance under "Colleges I'm Applying to"
- Mid-year and final transcripts are sent to requested colleges