



Harrington High School

Post-Secondary and College Planning for Juniors

Harrington School Counseling Team

November 11, 2020



Overview and Agenda

- Post Secondary Options/Types of Colleges
- Timeline for juniors applying to college next year(all types)
- Building a college list and looking for a good “fit” using Naviance
- Types of admission & deadlines
- Components of an application
- Financial aid
- Breakout sessions

Post-Secondary Options



Career/Technical Schools

Culinary, Cosmetology, Digital Media, Plumbing, Electrician, Auto Body & Mechanics, Agriculture, Healthcare, Visual & Performing Arts



Military Service

Enlistment, National Guard Service, ROTC, Military College, Service Academies



Employment

Resume, references, *Linked In*, *Monster*, *Indeed*, *Seek Apprenticeships*



College/University

2 year, 4 year, Accelerated Programs.



Gap Year

Develop plan, consider working with agency or counselor, travel, community service

Timeline for Juniors



Fall/WINTER:



- ▶ Think about WHO you are, WHAT is a good match and what you want to learn, and WHY you want to go.
- ▶ Use Naviance to build your “Colleges I’m Thinking about” list and use “compare me” or scattergrams to see likelihood of academic match – build “comfort” list as your foundation
- ▶ Review the Naviance Careers tab – do a career assessment, check out *Roadtrip Nation*.
- ▶ Think about how you learn best and what environment matches your learning style
- ▶ Make a plan to take standardized tests
- ▶ Set academic goals and work towards realizing them – this is your last full academic year a college will use to evaluate your admissibility

Nov. 13/20 – Advisory/Counselor Mtgs

Nov. 30 – Admission Select-A-Session

December 11 – Mini-College Fair

January - invite for Individual post high school planning meeting

SPRING:



- Research colleges; schedule campus tours, go to college fairs, take virtual college tours, speak with professors who teach and students who attend.
- Plan how and when you will visit colleges over the next 12 months. Set up interviews for colleges that offer them – this can be continued in the fall of senior year
- Meet with your counselor and if interested, the college counselor (On Jan. 3rd, a letter to schedule a post-high school planning meeting was emailed to parents/guardians.)
- Ask teachers who know you best for letters of recommendation
- Take standardized tests; March, April, May, June



Focus on “fit”

Research shows that finding a “good fit” college and career where you can be engaged is more important for student learning, job satisfaction, and well-being than going to a highly ranked school

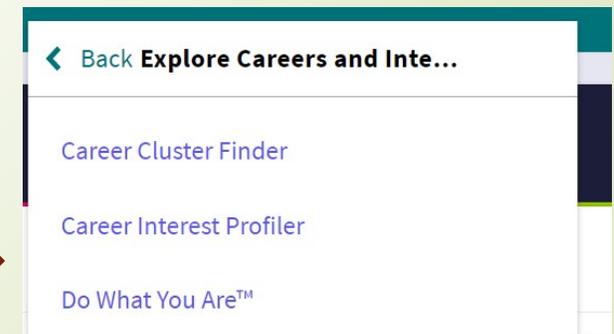
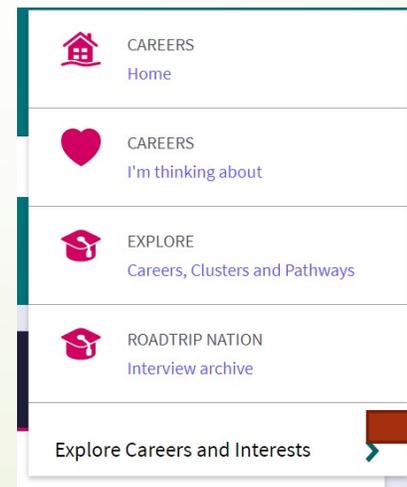
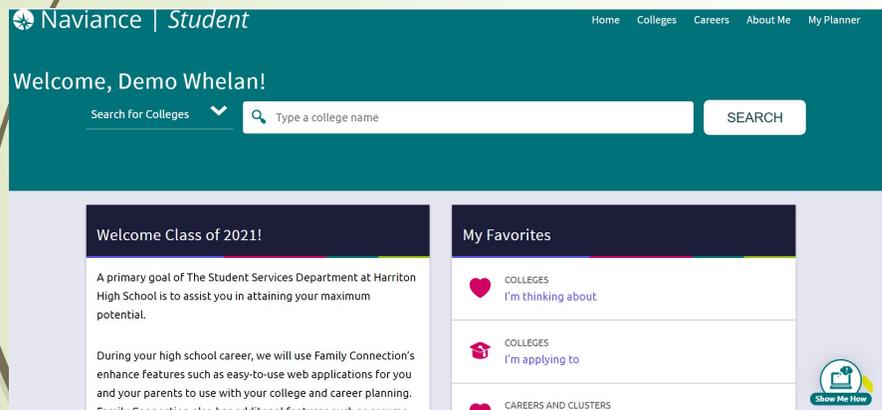
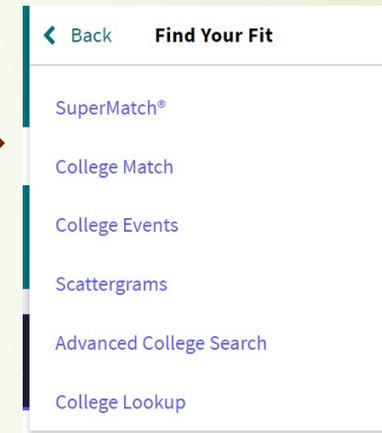
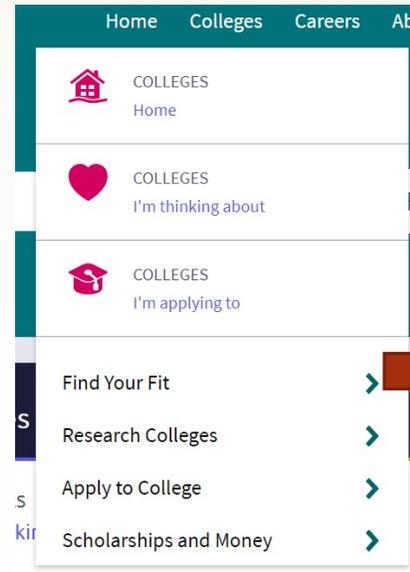
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Strategies for Student Well-Being & Engagement with Learning

Naviance can help

<http://student.naviance.com/harriton>

- Parents can access *Naviance*
- *Super Match*
- *Advanced Search*
- *Roadtrip Nation*
- *Do What you Are*
- *Sign up for college visits*





Types of Colleges

- ▶ 2 year – Community College, Junior College, Associate degree programs, Articulation agreements
- ▶ 4 year – Undergraduate Bachelor of Science, Arts, Fine Arts, Pre-professional and accelerated B/M/Doctoral
- ▶ Career and Technical – 2 year, 4 year, Graduate level
- ▶ Military – Academies, Military College, Corps of Cadets, ROTC
- ▶ Open Admission, Less Selective, Selective, Highly Selective, Uber Selective

Fact or Fiction:

Only apx. 50 4-year colleges, out of 3000+ are considered highly selective and admit less than 25% - **FACT

** Close to 500 four-year colleges accept more than 75 percent of applicants - **FACT**

This is your big future—you're in the driver's seat. Stay focused on what's important to you - **FACT

Additional resources (beyond Naviance) to check out:

Big Future, The College Board

The Truth about College Admission, 2019,
Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark

The book cover features the title "The Truth about COLLEGE ADMISSIONS" in a mix of blue and green fonts. Below the title, it says "A Family Guide to Getting in and Staying Together". A blue circular callout contains the text: "An engaging presentation from nationally-recognized leaders in college admission!". The event details are listed as: "Wednesday, November 6th at 7 PM", "Wesleyan School's Powell Theater, 5405 Spalding Drive, Peachtree Corners, GA", "Book signing will follow presentation", and "Open to the community!". A list of benefits for the family includes: "Make better campus visits", "Understand how admissions decisions are made", "Learn how to best craft an application", and "Enjoy the college admission experience". At the bottom, there is a photo of Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark, with their titles: "Brennan Barnard, director of college counseling, Harvard Graduate Education, and Forbes contributor" and "Rick Clark, director of undergraduate admission at Georgia Tech".

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the CollegeBoard logo and "BigFuture". Below the navigation bar, the "BigFuture" logo is prominently displayed. A blue banner at the bottom of the page reads "Create Your Road Map" and "Save all your college planning activities by signing into your College Board account."

Types of college admission

Application Types

Application Deadlines

Decision Release Dates

Non-Restrictive

1. Rolling/Open Admission
2. Regular Decision
3. Early Action (EA)
4. Priority

Varies widely (Jan – July)

Usually Jan. 1, 15, Feb. 1

Usually Nov. 1 or 15

Nov. 1 – December 1

Within 4-8 weeks or more

March – April 1

December and January

December - February

Restrictive

5. Early Decision (I)
(binding contract)
6. Restricted Early Action
7. Early Decision II
(binding contract)

Usually Nov. 1 or 15

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Usually Jan. 1, 15, Feb. 1

Mid December

December

March – April 1

Application Components

- *Transcript or SRAR - courses, grades and GPA*
- *Essays – Common App and supplemental*
- *Activities-commitment (depth), resume*
- *Standardized Tests*
- *Art, music, athletic supplements*
- *Interview*
- *Demonstrated interest (possible)*
- *Institutional priorities*
- **Letters of recommendations:**
 - Usually 2 teacher letters are needed
 - Counselor letter of recommendation – Junior Questionnaire

Application Components

Testing:

- PSAT – Schedule to be administered in January (practice only)
- SAT/SAT Subject Tests - December, March, May, and June
- ACT – December – June
- Super-scoring
- TOEFL – for non-native English speakers
- **Test Optional/Test Flexible**



Test-Optional Means Test-Optional

NACAC

- More than 1200 four-year colleges and universities do not require the SAT or ACT, some are “Test Blind”
- NACAC states: institutions are making a definitive statement that they will not need test scores to make admission decisions this year. Despite the change in policies, ... “Does test optional really mean test optional?” The answer, simply put, is: YES. Colleges have affirmed that they will not penalize students for the absence of a standardized test score and endorse a student-centered, holistic approach to admission that will not disadvantage any student without a test score.

What counts?

Students should know that many factors influence admission decisions, including:

- Courses taken
- Grades received
- Standardized test scores
- Personal statements and essays
- Recommendations
- Extracurricular activities and Athletics
- Interviews

Or put another way:

- impactful character
- intellectual and personal vigor
- outstanding academic achievement
- masterful communication skills
- formidable leadership and creativity in school or the community
- high potential for enriching the lives of peers at *****

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Our vision is a world in which children learn to care about others and the common good, treat people well day to day, come to understand and seek fairness and justice, and do what is right even at times at a cost to themselves.



What has changed due to Covid?

- ▶ More colleges are test-optional and may stay that way
- ▶ Many colleges have increased their merit awards – could be temporary
- ▶ Financial aid offices are working overtime to help families with challenging times
- ▶ Impact on acceptance rates remains to be seen but likely to be stable and consistent with past years
- ▶ More students deferred from last year's class, and colleges report adjustments to accommodate Class of 2021
- ▶ In-person visits to college campuses are more difficult, but still available
- ▶ Everything can be done virtually – interviewing, visiting, information sessions, meeting with college representatives here at Harriton
- ▶ Colleges are operating virtually, hybrid, and in person, some have delayed their first semester until January and the second semester will be in the summer
- ▶ Freshmen singles are more common

Scholarships and Financial Aid

- **Apply** using the **FAFSA** and **The CSS Profile**
- **Research Merit-Based Scholarships**
- **Use the Net Price Calculator**

Financial Aid Package

A combination of need-based and institutional financial assistance:

- Federal or state grants which do not need to be repaid
- Federal or state loans and the repayment terms vary
- Work-study-either Federal or Institutional which is a job with a stated amount of income and hours per week/year
- Academic (merit), athletic or other college-based awarded scholarships - awarded both automatically based on academic/athletic standing OR may require additional application

Private funds will supplement

- Scholarships from private sources such as LMTSF
- Loans from other private sources (FastWeb.com, College Board...etc)
- Search for scholarships: Naviance, **The College Board**, and Fastweb.com



The prospect of a college education should be filled with possibility, hope, and joy – and so should the experience to get there. Attitude is everything, so start by internalizing that it really, truly is all going to work out.

Barnard, B. and Clark, R., [The Truth about College Admission, 2019](#)

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