



COLLEGE PLANNING PROCESS

CLASS OF 2022

Agenda

- College Planning Resources Naviance
- Things to Consider
- College Entrance Exams
- Campus Visits
- Financial Aid
- College 101
- Timeline



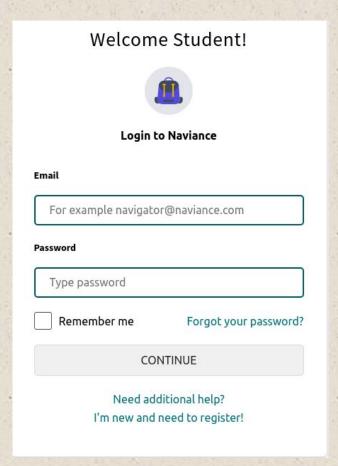
Naviance

- College and Career Readiness Tool
 - Interest Inventories, College/Career Search Engine
- Do What You Are Personality Inventory
 - See Careers/Majors Related to Your Personality Type
- SuperMatch College Search
 - Search Colleges by What's Important to You
- View a calendar of upcoming College Rep Visits
- College Search
 - Research admission criteria, average price, graduation rate



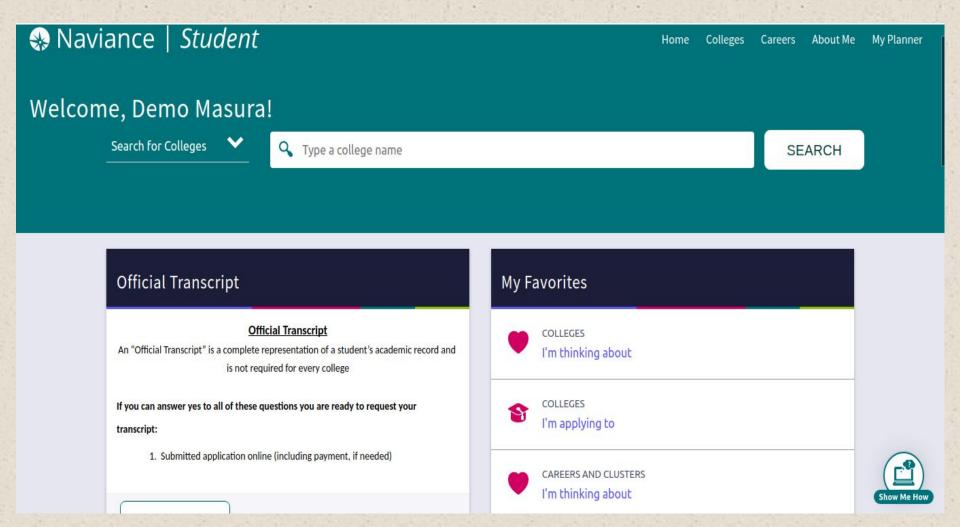
Accessing Naviance

https://student.naviance.com/resurrection





Family Connection Home Page





Things to Consider

- Location
- Size
- Majors/Programs
- Admission Criteria
- Interests
- Setting
- Expenses
 - Travel Expenses, Public vs. Private, Tuition
 - Colleges that meet financial need



Resources

- Naviance
 - connection.naviance.com/resurrection
- College's Direct Website
- The College Board
 - collegeboard.org
- College Scorecard
 - collegescorecard.ed.gov
- Make an appointment to talk to your counselors



College Entrance Exams

- ACT Vs. SAT
 - Both are accepted by all colleges
 - Different test structure (See website resources for details)
 - Can be used for admission or merit-based financial aid
- ACT
 - Designed to take 2nd semester junior year
 - To register/see dates/cost: act.org
 - ACT suggests students to take it once at the end of Junior year (April) and once at the beginning of Senior year (Sept.)
 - Res suggests minimum of one time, maximum of three times



College Entrance Exams Con't

- Holistic review of applications
 - Grades and academic rigor remain most important
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Essay
- Colleges ACT requirements vary
 - Test-Optional Schools (e.g. DePaul, Lake Forest, Carthage)
 - Schools that Superscore
- ACT Prep Class
 - TBD



Campus Visits

- Varies by families/student
 - Option to wait until acceptance senior year
- Talk to specific schools and ask if they offer prospective student nights, open houses, or travel
- Visit local schools
 - Experience difference between sizes or public vs. private
 - Register on their admissions office



College Representative Visits

- Attend virtual visits
 - Calendar on Naviance
- Attend a college fair
- Talking with a rep can benefit your application
 - Demonstrated Interest
 - Explore colleges you've never heard of



Athletes

- If you intend on playing a sport in college you must . . .
 - Register online with NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org
 - Register online with NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playnaia.org
- Let your counselor and the Athletic Director,
 Eddie Kane, know you intend to play a sport in college



Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Opens Oct. 1st of Senior Year
 - Will provide financial aid based on need
- Scholarships
 - Majority will come from college directly
 - Check local organizations, places of work, updated on Naviance and Schoology
 - Usually based on Merit (Grades, Scores)
- Sticker price Vs. Actual Price
 - Will not know the actual price until accepted and receive financial aid award letter (Spring Senior Year)



College 101

- Classes TBD
- Topics Include
 - Resume writing
 - Interest Inventories
 - Career Exploration
 - The College Essay
 - Financial Aid
 - College Admission Trends
 - Creating your list of schools



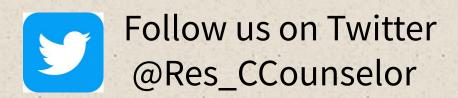
Senior Year Timeline

- September
 - Senior year individual meetings
 - Senior Parent Night
 - College Fair
 - FAFSA Info Night
- October 1st
 - FAFSA Opens (fafsa.ed.gov)
- November 1st
 - Early Action (Non-Binding): Can mean early acceptance notification and/or priority for scholarships
 - Early Decision (Binding): Selective schools for early notification. Can only apply to 1 school early decision.
- Rolling and regular admission deadlines throughout the year- All deadlines vary depending on school.



Questions?

- All information will be posted
- Please refer to the College Planning Guide for more detailed information



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