

FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

COMMON APP, SRAR, AND NAVIANCE

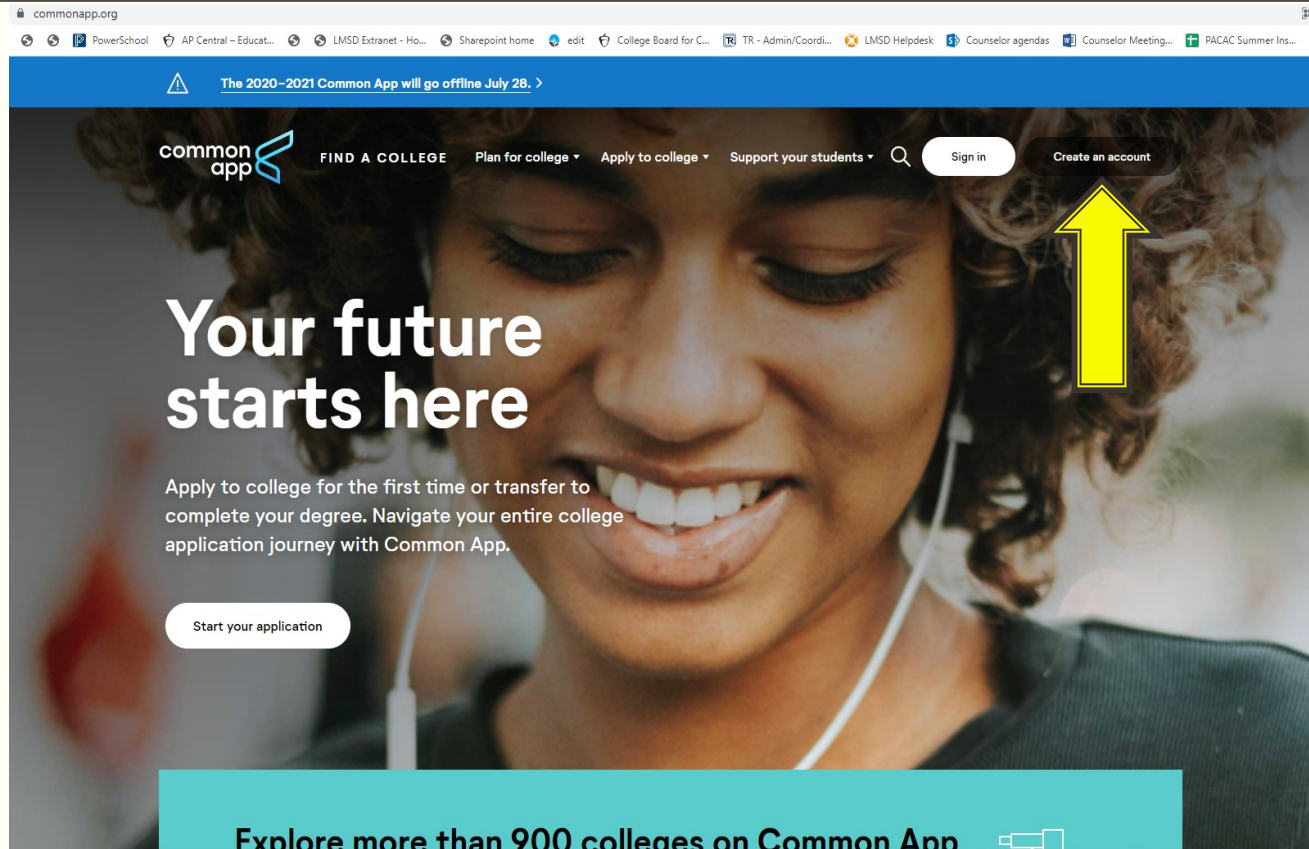
Lower Merion School District and The University of Pittsburgh
August 2021

Agenda

- The Common Application – Becky Bowlby and Misty Whelan
- How the Common App is reviewed from the Admissions Office – Dana Gowder
- Completing the SRAR – Dana Gowder
- Naviance set up – Becky Bowlby and Misty Whelan
- Q&A



Common App – First steps – Your Application



<https://www.commonapp.org/apply>

Common App – Next steps

Add colleges

The screenshot shows the Common App dashboard. At the top, the 'common app' logo is on the left. In the center, a welcome message for 'Misty!' is displayed, including the user's CAID (24701672) and email (whelanm@lmsd.org), along with a 'Sign Out' button. Below the logo, a navigation bar contains tabs for 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The 'My Colleges' tab is selected, showing a list of colleges with 'Ursinus College' as the first entry. To the right of the list, a 'My Colleges' section provides instructions on how to use the tab, including a list of tasks: 'Complete college-specific questions and supplements', 'Invite and manage recommenders', and 'Submit your application!'. A blue 'Add a college' button is located at the bottom right of this section. On the far right, a 'Need help?' sidebar offers assistance with questions or contact information.

common app

Welcome, Misty!
Practice Applicant [Usage Tips PDF](#)
CAID 24701672
whelanm@lmsd.org

Sign Out

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

My Colleges

Ursinus College

My Colleges

In this tab you will continue your application for each college and you will:

- Complete college-specific questions and supplements
- Invite and manage recommenders
- Submit your application!

For more help in completing this tab, check our [video tutorials](#). You may also contact our [Applicant Solution Center](#) at any time to answer your questions.

Add a college

Need help?
If you need assistance answering questions or of the My Colleges page, please contact the [Read more](#)

Welcome, Misty!

Congratulations on taking this first step in the college application process!

Here are some tips to get you started:

- This tab is your Dashboard. After you add a college to your list, you will see your application progress here.
- All colleges will need you to answer the common questions under your [Common App](#) tab.
- To apply to a college, head over to the [College Search](#) tab.
- Once you have added a college, you can complete and submit your application in the [My Colleges](#) tab.

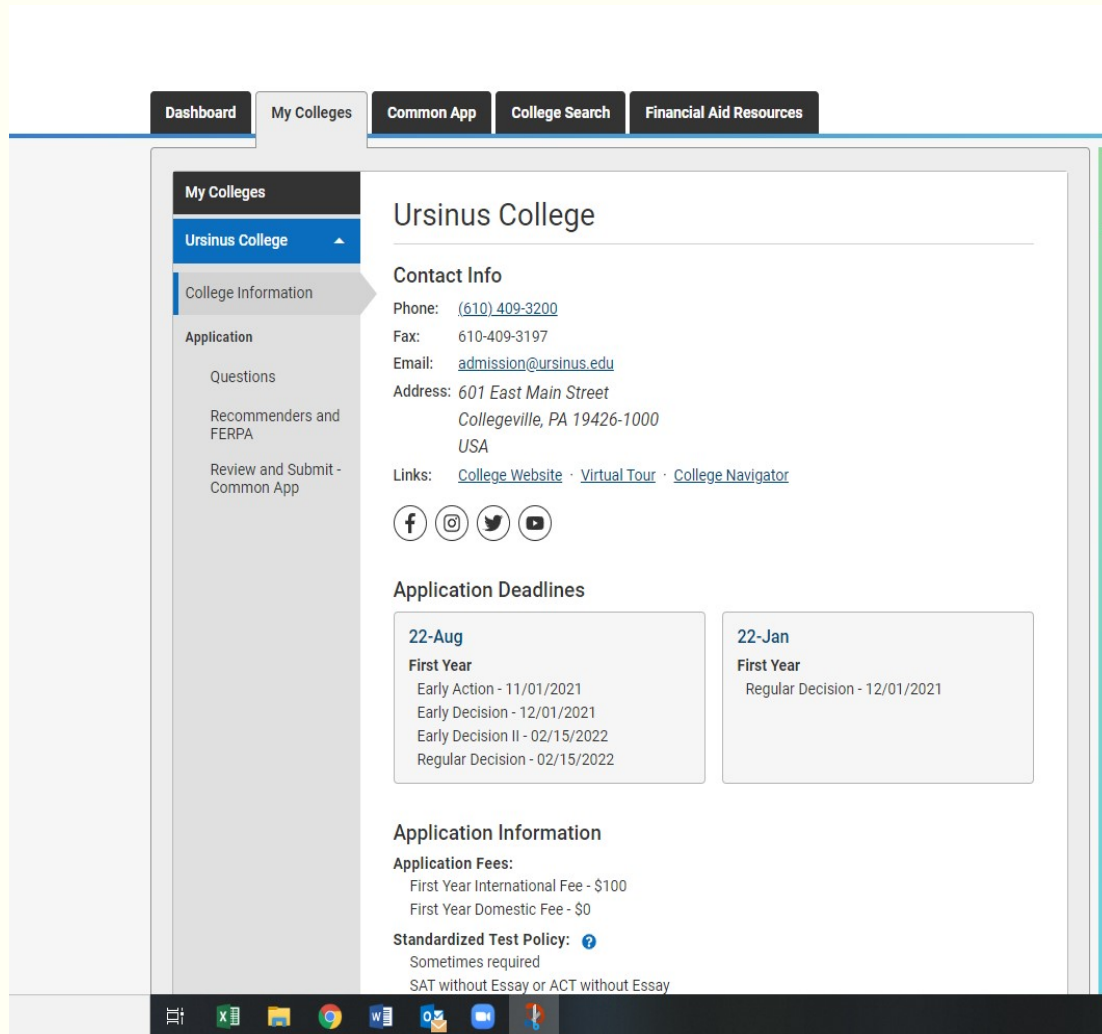
We are here to help you every step of the way! If you run into any questions or you need some help, check out our 24/7 [Applicant Solutions Center](#) or [contact us](#) at any time.

Instructions and Help

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?
You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the Common App. [Read more](#)

How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?
The Common Application member colleges have stipulated that applicants

Common App – Entering your colleges



The screenshot displays the Common App interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. The 'My Colleges' tab is active, showing a list of colleges on the left sidebar. 'Ursinus College' is selected and highlighted. The main content area displays the college's profile, including contact information, application deadlines, and application fees.

Ursinus College

Contact Info

Phone: [\(610\) 409-3200](tel:6104093200)
Fax: 610-409-3197
Email: admission@ursinus.edu
Address: 601 East Main Street
Collegeville, PA 19426-1000
USA
Links: [College Website](#) · [Virtual Tour](#) · [College Navigator](#)

Application Deadlines

22-Aug	22-Jan
First Year Early Action - 11/01/2021 Early Decision - 12/01/2021 Early Decision II - 02/15/2022 Regular Decision - 02/15/2022	First Year Regular Decision - 12/01/2021

Application Information

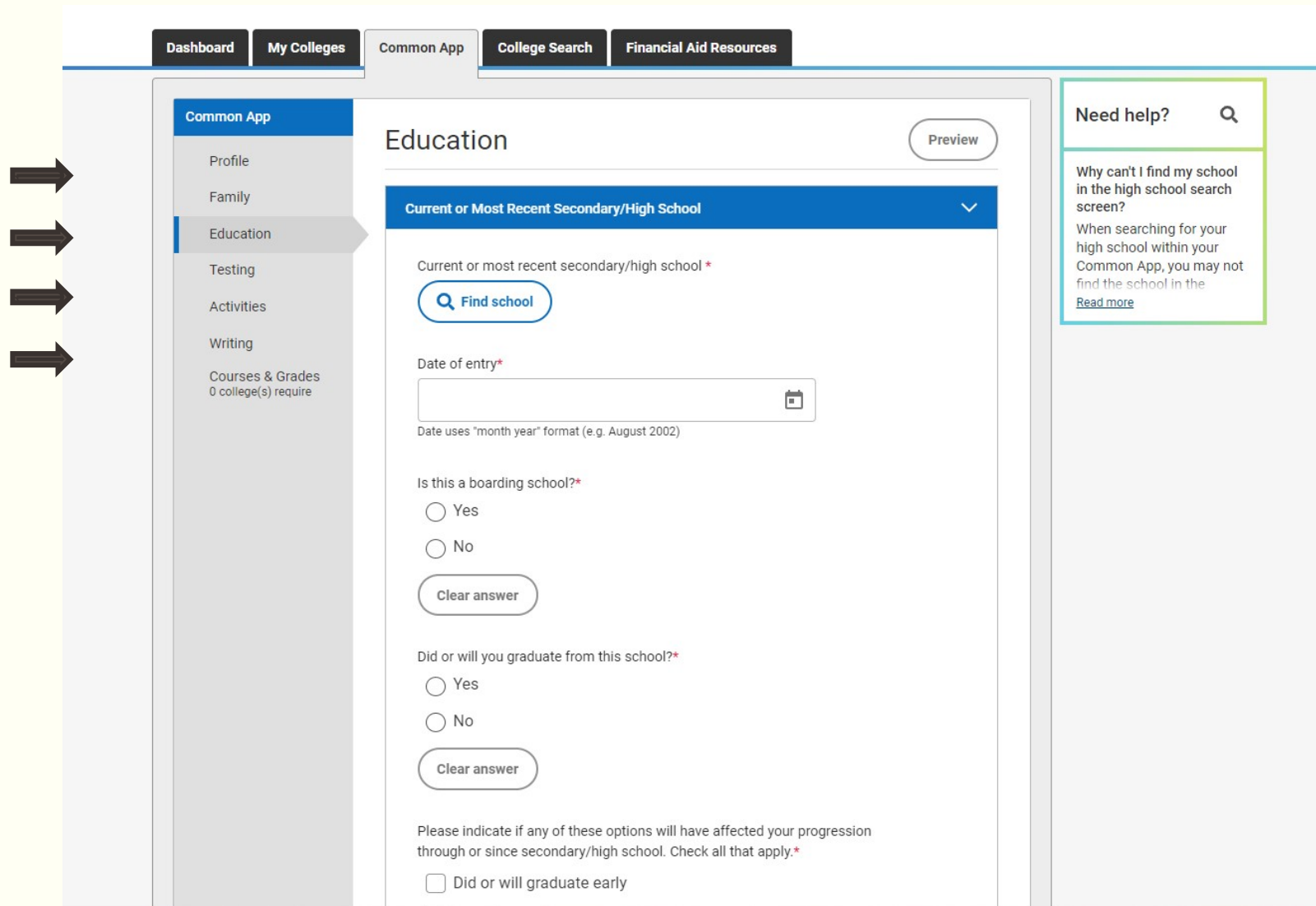
Application Fees:
First Year International Fee - \$100
First Year Domestic Fee - \$0

Standardized Test Policy: [?](#)
Sometimes required
SAT without Essay or ACT without Essay



All colleges entered into your Common App account should match your Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying To” list

Common App – Entering your personal information



The screenshot displays the Common App interface for entering personal information. The top navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. The left sidebar menu, under the 'Common App' heading, lists Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities, Writing, and Courses & Grades (0 college(s) require). Four black arrows point to the 'Education' link in the sidebar. The main content area is titled 'Education' and features a 'Preview' button. A blue header bar reads 'Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School'. Below this, the form asks for the 'Current or most recent secondary/high school *' with a 'Find school' button. It then asks for the 'Date of entry*' with a calendar icon and a note: 'Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)'. The next question is 'Is this a boarding school?*' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', and a 'Clear answer' button. This is followed by 'Did or will you graduate from this school?*' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', and another 'Clear answer' button. At the bottom, a note states: 'Please indicate if any of these options will have affected your progression through or since secondary/high school. Check all that apply.*' with a checkbox for 'Did or will graduate early'. On the right, a 'Need help?' section with a magnifying glass icon contains the text: 'Why can't I find my school in the high school search screen? When searching for your high school within your Common App, you may not find the school in the [Read more](#)

Common App – be thorough and accurate

Entering Course Work

recent academic year.
How many courses would you like to report?*

7 x ▾

Please select the course scheduling system your institution is using.*

☒ Semester
☐ Trimester
☐ Quarter

Clear answer

Course 1 subject*

Calculus x ▾

Course 1 name*

Calculus

Course 1 level*

Regular/Standard x ▾

Course 1 schedule*

Full Year x x ▾

Course 2 subject*

English x ▾

Course 2 name*

AP Literature and Composition

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Grades ▾

Graduating class size (approx.)*

297

Class rank reporting

☐ Exact
☐ Decile
☐ Quintile
☐ Quartile
☒ None

Clear answer

GPA Scale reporting

5 x ▾

Cumulative GPA*

3.51

GPA weighting

☒ Weighted
☐ Unweighted

Clear answer

Continue



Obtain a copy of your transcript before starting these sections.



Students who have transferred from other schools, will need to enter each high school separately

Common App – Review and Submit, Fee Waiver



Member colleges want to make sure that application fees do not pose a barrier for any student who wishes to apply for admission.

Do you feel that your financial circumstances might qualify you for an application fee waiver? If you answer YES, you will check off 1 of 8 options for why you qualify.

Examples, you received a waiver for an SAT or ACT OR you qualify for free and reduced lunch, etc. Do not hesitate to answer yes!

A screenshot of the Common App user interface. On the left is a dark gray sidebar with white text. The top section is 'My Colleges' with a sub-item 'Ursinus College' highlighted in blue. Below this are links for 'College Information', 'Application', 'Questions', 'Recommendors and FERPA', and 'Review and Submit - Common App', which is highlighted with a blue arrow. The main content area has a white header 'Application Submission'. Below the header, it states: 'In order to begin the submission process, you must complete the following items:'. This is followed by a bulleted list of eight items, each with a blue link: 'Profile section of the Common App', 'Family section of the Common App', 'Education section of the Common App', 'Testing section of the Common App', 'Activities section of the Common App', 'Writing section of the Common App', 'Common App Personal Essay', 'Ursinus College Questions', and 'Recommendors and FERPA'. At the bottom, a paragraph states: 'Once all required components are completed, you will see the option to Review and Submit your application on this screen.'

Common App – Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA) Waiver

Dashboard **My Colleges** **Common App** **College Search** **Financial Aid Resources**

My Colleges

- Ursinus College** ▲
- College Information
- Application
- Questions
- Recommendations and FERPA**
- Review and Submit - Common App

Recommendations & FERPA

⚠ Before you can continue your application, we need to know your current or most recent secondary/high school. Please complete the "Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School" question in the [Education section](#) of your Common App.

Continue

Need help? 🔍

What is an advisor?
An advisor is a type of recommender for your Common App. If you receive support from [Read more](#)

Naviance: How do students add and assign recommenders?
If your school uses Naviance, you will not be able to assign counselor or teacher recommendations [Read more](#)

What are the hours for student chat?

Common App – Entering Your Essay

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

Common App

Profile
Family
Education
Testing
Activities
Writing
Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

Writing

Preview

Personal Essay

Some colleges require submission of the personal essay with your Common App. You may submit a personal essay to any college, even if it is not required by that college. If not required by a college, you will be given the option during submission to include your essay or not for that college.*

☐ I understand

Here is the current list of colleges on your Dashboard and whether they require the Personal Essay.


Required	Not Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ursinus College	




You can choose 1 of 7 different prompts found here:

<https://www.commonapp.org/blog/2021-2022-common-app-essay-prompts>

Common App – Dashboard



Welcome, Simon!
First Year / 2013-2014 | CAID 200005



[Sign out](#)

Dashboard



[My Colleges](#)


[Common App](#)

[Recommenders](#)

[College Search](#)

[Add a College](#)

My Colleges (2)	Deadline	Application	Writing Supplement	
▶ Connecticut College	11/15/2013	●	●	
▶ Gettysburg College	2/1/2014	✓	●	

Help Center 

Dashboard
The Application Dashboard will display all of your colleges and the status of your work for each ma ... [+]

Progress Statuses
Dashboard icons give a visual indication of the status of your progress. Green checkmarks signify ... [+]

Looking for a College?
You can quickly search for a new college to add to your college list directly from the Dashboard. ... [+]

Common App – Optional Information

■ Résumé:

- Students can attach their resume to their Common App **under the writing tab** in the additional information section. Due to the fact that the Common App only allows for 10 activities, a student can use their resume to further highlight their activities.

■ Portfolio – SlideRoom with Common App:

- Applicants are presented a link within Common App to submit a Portfolio for each school's SlideRoom account. Clicking the Portfolio link will take them out of Common App and into a specific school's SlideRoom account for submitting media-based representations of their project

■ Other Information:

- Example – change in grades, illness, etc.

Inside the Admissions Review of The Common Application

- Case Studies



The Self-Reported Academic Record

- Used by some colleges and universities in addition to or instead of The Common App or other college applications
- The SRAR allows you to enter, track, and submit your academic record electronically to participating colleges and universities
- The student enters the courses and associated grades that you have completed or will be completing into the system, and it is transmitted electronically to the colleges who request it
- Have a copy of your transcript close by before starting
- Purpose for the SRAR



Naviance – Common App must match “Colleges I’m Applying To”

Welcome, Demo Whelan!

Search for Colleges



Type a college name

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Welcome Class of 2020!

Welcome to your senior year and we hope that you had a wonderful summer!

The Student Services Department is committed to assisting you to achieve your post high school plans. Through the school year, we will provide you information that will help you with the transition from high school to your post-



My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to



CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

I'm thinking about

Naviance – Be aware of all information in columns

Naviance | Student

HomeCollegesCareersAbout MeMy Planner

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

SuperMatch®

Advance college search

College lookup

MY COLLEGES

Upcoming college events

Colleges match

Colleges Visits

Colleges I'm thinking about

Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List

Compare Me

UPDATE INTEREST

MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

REMOVE

* = extended profile available

College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> Bucknell University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Colgate University	CA	Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A

Match Naviance to Common Application

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student interface. At the top, there is a teal header with the Naviance logo and the text "Naviance | Student". To the right of the header are navigation links: "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", "About Me", and "My Planner". Below the header is a dark blue banner with the text "Colleges I'm applying to" on the left and a search bar on the right. A yellow circle highlights the "Colleges I'm applying to" text, and a yellow arrow points from it to the "Match Accounts" button. The "Match Accounts" button is also circled in yellow. Below the banner is a pink notification bar with an information icon and the text: "It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started." Below the notification bar is a white section with a header "College that I'm attending:" and a dropdown menu showing "N/A". To the right of the dropdown is a teal "Update" button. Below the "College that I'm attending:" section is a section titled "Letters of recommendation" with a paragraph of text: "Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information".

Naviance | Student

Home Colleges Careers About Me My Planner

Colleges I'm applying to

Search for colleges

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me

+ = extended profile available + REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

College that I'm attending:

N/A

Update

Letters of recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information

Save the Date
Virtual
Programs

Lower Merion,
College
Application
Night – 9/28,
7pm

Harrington,
College
Application
Night 9/29,
7pm

Thank you for coming!

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Join Dana Gowder in person:

September 30, 9:30am – Harrington
October 7, 11:30am – Lower Merion

Sign up for her visit in Naviance!