

Senior College Information Night



*The text of this presentation will be available on the
Chaminade website → Student Life → College
Placement.*

Q & A

Please submit any questions:



Our Goals

- ❑ Students become more responsible, active, and aware by stepping up and taking the **lead** in this **student-centered process**.
- ❑ Students submit accurate, completed applications, on time, to a balanced list of schools.



Seniors, let's stay **CONNECTED**:

Our program is designed intentionally around the **Chaminade student**:

- ❑ Check your email *throughout the day*, M-F.
- ❑ Canvas → “College Placement” course
- ❑ College Prep 12 class meets every cycle
- ❑ Your counselor is available.



Covered in College Prep 12:

- managing teacher rec. letter requests
- waiving FERPA
- matching Common App with Naviance
- filling out parts of Common App.
- scholarship info.
- Naviance account maintenance
- tracking requirements for each college



Counselor Assignments:

Mr. Auriemma - Homerooms 4A, 4B, 4C

Mr. Meyfohrt - Homerooms 4D, 4E, 4F

Mr. Armstrong - Homerooms 4G, 4H, 4J

Ms. Cinnamo - Homeroom 4K

Mr. Giardina - Homerooms 4L, 4M, 4N

Mr. Kaplan - You know who you are.



Application Components

When students apply, several items are submitted to schools. Here are the big ones:

- ❑ Academic transcript
- ❑ Letters of recommendation (counselor, teachers)
- ❑ Application: essay(s), activities, personal info, choice of academic program
- ❑ Test scores (?)



Submitting Grades

- ❑ **Chaminade submits your official transcript for you via Naviance when you apply (and then again in early January and after graduation).**
- ❑ *Once you submit an application, see Mrs. DeAngelis in (College Placement Center) & fill out a **Transcript Request Form** so that we know you've officially applied, and that we need to send your transcript.*



Recommendation Letters

Counselor Letter:

- ❑ No action is required from the applicant.

Teacher Letter:

- ❑ Requests were sent to teachers last spring.
- ❑ **Academic** in nature; must be from a **teacher** of yours.
- ❑ Second letters will be requested only for **schools that require them**.
- ❑ *Optional letters? Think beyond Chaminade.*
- ❑ Need a second letter? See Mr. Kaplan.

Chaminade sends teacher and counselor letters for you via Naviance.

The Actual Application

- ❑ We work on parts of the Common App in **College Prep 12**, but most of the app will be completed by the student.
- ❑ See **Canvas** → **College Placement course** for help with Common App sections
- ❑ Essay, supplements, list of activities are all part of the application
- ❑ If you apply to a school, that school must be added to:
 - 1) your Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying To”
 - 2) your application



Submitting Test Scores

- ❑ “Test optional” = You can, but don’t have to, send scores.
- ❑ Scores can be sent to some, all, or none of your schools.
- ❑ If you send scores, you are essentially telling the colleges that you definitely want those scores to be considered.
- ❑ Self-reporting scores: Some schools allow the applicant to enter his test score in the application. Others want an official score report sent.
- ❑ **Wed., Oct. 12 SAT @ Chaminade** (CHS only) - register through Guidance

Seniors, you submit your test scores online (via ACT or College Board).



Test Scores (contd.)

- ❑ You cannot send just one section of an ACT/SAT; instead, you must send an entire exam.
- ❑ Current college landscape: 1450/33 could very well be at or below the average score submitted for a particular school.
- ❑ Applicant pool breakdown of scores vs. no scores (nationwide):
 - ❑ Applied: approx. 50/50
 - ❑ Approx. 60% of accepted applicants provided scores
 - ❑ Some of more competitive schools accept closer to 70% from the pool of those who reported scores.

Not sure whether to send your score? Check with your counselor.



Build a Balanced List of Schools

- ❑ Your list should not be dominated by reach schools; these are schools at which you have a small chance of being admitted. (“Hey, you never know...”)
- ❑ Be sure you’re also looking seriously at target (50%), likely (75%), and safety schools, especially if you hope to receive merit-based money from the school.
- ❑ Let your counselor help you balance.



Apply with Strategy

EA (early action) - apply/hear back early; **does not** enhance your chances of admission; might help with merit \$

Restrictive EA - not binding; prevents you from applying ED; be careful

RD (regular decision) - apply in the winter, hear back around April 1; not binding



Apply with Strategy (contd.)

ED I & II (early decision) - This is the single **greatest demonstration of interest** an applicant can show because of its **binding commitment**.

- ❑ If you're accepted ED, you're going! (BINDING)
- ❑ If you're accepted ED, you withdraw outstanding applications, and you send out no additional applications.
- ❑ ED **increases** chances of admission...for **competitive applicants**.
- ❑ Not accepted ED I? Try another school ED II.
- ❑ ED I - typically due Nov. 1
- ❑ ED II - typically due Jan. 1



Is Early Decision for me?

- ❑ Have you researched and identified a school that you'd **definitely** attend if admitted?
- ❑ Are you a competitive applicant for that school?
- ❑ What would your expected family contribution be? (Can we afford it?)



College Visits

- ❑ Visit campus, whenever available/feasible. Be sure to register.
- ❑ Try to visit campus on weekends and during breaks.
- ❑ Demonstrate interest, ask questions, connect with admissions reps, learn about schools, programs, costs, & scholarship opportunities.
- ❑ Some schools track demonstrated interest. Many don't. *Visit for your own benefit.*



Colleges Events @ Chaminade

9/12 - WashU - 3:30, Rm. 230

9/14 - Dartmouth - 3:00, Rm. 230

9/15 - Vanderbilt - 3:00, Rm. 230

9/20 - Fall Fair for Seniors, AAC, 7-9 PM, 117 schools

9/22 - UGeorgia - 3:30, Rm. 230

9/28 - Boston Univ. - 3:00, Rm. 230

9/29 - Hamilton - 6:30, virtual

10/3 - Pepperdine - 3:30, Rm. 230

10/6 - Richmond - 3:00, Rm. 230

10/12 - Notre Dame - 7:00, Darby

10/20 - UMichigan - 3:00, Rm. 230

10/25 - VA Tech - 3:15, Rm. 230

Any changes or additions will be communicated through Canvas.



Internal Deadlines

Early apps - October 11 to Chaminade OR 2 weeks before college's deadline

Regular (and ED2) - November 23 to Chaminade OR 2 weeks before college's deadline

Chaminade closes on Dec. 22 for the Christmas break. Applications due in early January must be submitted before the break.



What to do for Internal Deadlines:

- ❑ Update Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying To” (schools, deadlines)
- ❑ Complete application(s)
- ❑ Pay for application(s)
- ❑ Submit application(s)
- ❑ In Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying To,” click Edit for each school you applied to. Then click the box indicating that you’ve submitted your app.
- ❑ Fill out **Transcript Request Form** with Mrs. De Angelis in College Placement Center (ground floor, next to Guidance).
- ❑ Send test scores, if applicable.
- ❑ ED applicants: Download and complete Counselor ED Form. The student signs it, a parent/guardian signs it, and Mr. Kaplan signs it.
- ❑ *We cover all of this in great detail during College Prep 12.*



Senior Grades

- Commit yourself to making senior year your best academic year. ***These grades matter.***
- Mid-year grades = Semester I Grades. These are sent in January to all colleges you apply to automatically by CP Office.
- ***Progress [letter] grades*** can be requested.



Senior Responsibilities:

- ❑ Check your email at least daily; respond in a timely manner.
- ❑ Maintain an accurate “Colleges I’m Applying To” list in Naviance. This is critically important.
- ❑ Follow all deadlines (college & Chaminade).
- ❑ Know what your schools require and how they want them submitted.
- ❑ As an applicant, be as informed as you possibly can be.
- ❑ After you submit an app, fill out Transcript Request Form in CP Office.
- ❑ Direct questions, concerns, updates to your counselor.
- ❑ Pay attention in College Prep 12.



How Parents Can Help:

- ❑ Let your son take the lead.
- ❑ Be open with your son(s) about finances.
- ❑ Encourage your son to work w/ counselor.
- ❑ Be receptive to colleges you've never heard of.
- ❑ Plan visits.
- ❑ Help your son send test scores.
- ❑ Complete financial aid forms on time, if applicable.
- ❑ Understand that seniors might not want to talk about college all the time. That's ok. Give them space...and then check back in.



Counselor Responsibilities

- ❑ Manage expectations, provide context
- ❑ Share our contacts in admissions
- ❑ Help balance application lists
- ❑ Submit official school documents
- ❑ Application assistance
- ❑ Scholarship nomination/endorsement
- ❑ College Prep 12

Financial Aid Presentation

- ❑ **October 4, 7:30-9 PM, Darby Auditorium**
- ❑ **Guest Speaker: Mr. Eugene Rogers -- Senior Financial Aid Counselor, Molloy University; formerly at Vanderbilt University.**
- ❑ **FAFSA and CSS Profile will be discussed here.**



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Questions?

