

**WELCOME TO  
SENIOR PLANNING  
NIGHT  
CLASS OF 2023!**

**AMITY COUNSELING  
DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

Pre Survey



# WELCOME

- Goals of the meeting – understand the college process/everyone's role and responsibilities
- Finalize the college list – Students may be at different points in the process
- No list? Students should make an appointment with me to start a search. IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!
- Be aware of limitations regarding geography and finances.
  - Return on investment: [US Dept of Ed Scorecard](#)
  - [National Center for Education Statistics](#)
- Scholarships

# IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Review your student's transcript
- Confirm that your student has completed their Senior Brag Sheet and complete the optional Parent Questionnaire: both are available through Google forms
- Students can develop a resume (list of activities) & attach to their Brag Sheet
- Students should be working on their list of colleges
- Students should be in process with their college essay
- Determine student's Fall testing needs (Deadlines)

# SHOULD MY CHILD TAKE THE SAT/ACT IN SENIOR YEAR?

| <u>SAT Test Date</u> | <u>Reg. Deadline</u> | <u>Late Reg. Deadline</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Oct. 1               | Sept. 2              | Sept. 20                  |
| Nov. 5               | Oct. 7               | Oct. 25                   |
| Dec. 3               | Nov. 3               | Nov. 22                   |

\*College Board will no longer offer SAT Subject Tests or SAT with essay

| <u>ACT Test Date</u> | <u>Reg. Deadline</u> | <u>Late Registration</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Oct. 22              | Sept. 16             | Sept. 30                 |
| Dec. 10              | Nov. 4               | Nov. 11                  |
| Feb. 11              | Jan. 6               | Jan. 20                  |

- Visit [Collegeboard.org](http://Collegeboard.org) or [Actstudent.org](http://Actstudent.org) to register and send scores.

# WHO SENDS SAT, ACT, AND AP EXAM SCORES TO COLLEGES?

- Your student does.
- Scores may be sent to up to four colleges (no additional fee) through CollegeBoard when you register for SAT.
- Score Choice – both scores sent (based on test date)
- Send extra score reports (for a fee) online at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) or [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org).

***\*Keep in mind - MANY colleges will remain test optional this year\****

**Visit [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org) for more info**

# Self-Reporting

SAT, ACT, AP or other standardized test scores - check with schools to see if they accept self-reported or want official scores

Some schools will ask students to self-report their grades (SRAR)

For example: UCONN

# CAN COLLEGE APPLICATIONS BE SENT IN BEFORE AN SAT I OR ACT TEST IS TAKEN IN SENIOR YEAR?

- ABSOLUTELY! Don't hold up your application!
- The same thing goes for transcripts and letters of recommendation. Colleges match all materials; they do not need to arrive in synch.
- We kindly request 10 school days notice on transcript requests.

- App Deadline

- October 15
- November 1
- November 15
- December 1
- December 15
- January 1
- January 15
- February 1

- Transcript Request Date

- September 29<sup>th</sup>
- October 17<sup>th</sup>
- November 1<sup>st</sup>
- November 15<sup>th</sup>
- December 1<sup>st</sup>
- December 12<sup>th</sup>
- January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- January 18<sup>th</sup>

# WHEN DOES YOUR STUDENT APPLY TO COLLEGE?

- Deadlines range from mid October - March
- Schools offer Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision, and Rolling Admissions
- Apply early to competitive state universities or schools with rolling admissions. (Nov – Jan)
- Know the admission policies and deadlines for the schools to which you are applying!



# DECIDING TO APPLY “EARLY DECISION” OR “EARLY ACTION”?

- Visit colleges early
- The commitment
- Sense of readiness
- Advantages & disadvantages

\*\*\*\*\*

Class of 2022 early application statistics:

- 384 applications submitted by 11/1 (ED, EA, and Rolling)
- 71 Early Decision applications: 34 were admitted
- 16 Early Decision II applications: 6 were admitted

# EARLY ADMISSION PROGRAMS

## DECISION VS. ACTION

### Early Decision

- Binding agreement
- Must be 100% sure
- Be able to pay the full cost set by the school
- May only apply to one ED program

### Early Action

- Non-binding agreement
- Find out in Dec./Jan.
- Compare financial aid packages
- Apply to as many as you like!

# HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD YOUR STUDENT APPLY TO?

- Average is 6 to 8
- Include:
  - “Reach” Schools
  - “Ballpark/Target” Schools
  - “Likely” Schools

# HOW DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE IS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILD?

From:

- What you read about the school
- What you know about your child
- Visiting the campus
- Your child's meeting with the admissions representative at Amity
- The cost
- Some colleges allow students to attend a couple classes.

# HOW DOES YOUR STUDENT OBTAIN COLLEGE APPLICATIONS?

- This is the student's responsibility.
- Online applications are available through:
  - [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org)
  - college websites
  - Coalition Application
- Do a rough draft of the whole application

# WHAT IS THE COMMON APPLICATION? WHAT ARE ITS ADVANTAGES?

- One application for several schools
  - **\*\*Look for supplements\*\***
- Over 900 colleges accept it
- Reading directions is critical to success!

# WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE COMMON APPLICATION?

- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Early Decision (ED) - must complete agreement
- No disadvantage to the Common Application
  - Be aware of supplements and deadlines.

# COMMON APPLICATION HAS ADDED A QUESTION SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

- The following question will follow the Personal Statement on the Common Application to allow students a chance to explain a significant impact from the pandemic on their education:
  - *Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.*
- Students should avoid writing about anything related to the pandemic in their Personal Statement.



# HOW DO APPLICATION MATERIALS GET PROCESSED?

- Student submits the application materials online
- Be sure to send all standardized test scores as needed (directly through College Board and ACT websites)
- Student submits “Transcript Request” via Naviance **NO LATER THAN 10** school days before the application deadline!!!

# HOW DO TRANSCRIPTS GET SENT TO COLLEGES?

- Electronically or by mail if required
- Complete the Transcript Permission form in the Forms section of PowerSchool. This gives permission to release records to the schools in a student's Naviance list (10 school days prior to 1st application only).

## Transcript fees:

- One time flat fee of \$20.00, made payable via My Payments Plus (on school website)
  - **MUST BE PAID BEFORE TRANSCRIPTS ARE RELEASED**

\*\*\*\*\*

\*Complete Form on PowerSchool first. 24 hours later, you will be able to pay the fee on My Payments Plus\*

# HOW DOES MY CHILD KNOW IF COLLEGES HAVE RECEIVED APPLICATION MATERIALS?

- The student will receive an email from the college/university with access to their application status
- The postcard (returned for school materials filed by mail)
- Counselors receive confirmation of receipt of electronic school materials
- History is recorded in Naviance

# DOES MY CHILD NEED TO SEND MID-YEAR GRADES?

- Our records secretary sends midyear grades to each school listed in Naviance. Therefore, midyear report forms are not needed
- For EA/ED, 1st Quarter Grades:
  - Students must request them to be sent. There will be a Google Form set up for this.

# SHOULD MY CHILD SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW IF IT IS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED?

- Yes. Getting acquainted with admissions representatives is important!
- Make a contact! Check Career Center for Amity-specific contact information.
- Mrs. Cocco, our College & Career Counselor, offers mock-admission interviews for seniors.

# HOW CAN MY CHILD CHECK TO SEE IF A COLLEGE REP IS VISITING AMITY?

- The college visits are posted in Naviance, on the College & Career Center's webpage, and in the Friday Happenings.
- Students receive an email notification through Naviance if the college is on their "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list.
- All students are welcome!

# HOW DOES MY CHILD REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS, COACHES & OTHERS?

- The student should speak to teachers directly about their willingness to write a letter.
- The student should provide the writer(s) a resume if requested.
- Your child will request teacher recommendations in Naviance.
- Your child should convey their thanks through a note.
- Outside letters- student should provide a stamped envelope or add them in Common App

# HOW MANY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE REQUESTED?

- Visit college website or Naviance
- Preferably two from academic teachers and one from your counselor.
- Recommendation overkill is not a good idea.



# WHAT ARE SOME OTHER OPTIONS IF YOUR CHILD IS UNDECIDED ABOUT COLLEGE?

- Taking a year off
  - GAP Year Program
  - Service Programs
  - Work
- Apply to school and defer attendance
- Military
- Other resources are available to make a plan
  - Mrs. Cocco (Career Counselor)

# WHAT DOES THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER PROVIDE?

- Life-after-high school planning, including:
  - Attending colleges/universities
  - Attending trade schools or other job-training programs
  - Military career options
  - GAP year programs
- Naviance assistance
- Listings of community service sites
- Listings of part-time job opportunities/working papers
- Scholarship opportunities
- and more!

# CAREER CENTER

## Services for Seniors this fall:

- College representative visits
- Mock interviews (for college admissions and employment)
- SAT and ACT testing information
- FAFSA and CSS PROFILE information
- Mini-Workshops - resume writing, college essay writing, using Naviance, sending SAT or ACT scores
- community service info & listings of sites
- VISIT [OUR WEBPAGE](#) on the ARHS site!

# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2023

## What's new in 2023?

- New name - UELP, Unpaid Experiential Learning Program
- UELP is a graduation requirement
- Seniors may do an SIP (Senior Interest Project) instead of UELP
- Will launch in January
- UELP Parent Night is Tuesday, January 10, 2023 @ 6:30

# WHAT IF YOUR CHILD WANTS TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE?

- Student athletes should apply online at [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org) if they are considering athletics in college.
- Each division has different requirements for eligibility – equation of SAT and grades.
- YOUR CHILD MUST make sure that your classes meet the NCAA requirement for core courses.

# REVIEWING RESPONSIBILITIES

## *“WHO SENDS WHAT?!”*

### Student sends:

- Application
- Essay(s)
- Application fee
- Test scores
- Supplemental information (art portfolio, video, additional required forms)
- ED agreement (if applicable)

### Amity HS sends:

- AHS transcript
- School profile
- QPA/GPA distribution chart
- 3 Recommendation letters (1 counselor and 2 teachers)
- Common App or AHS Secondary School Report

# TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE THIS YEAR A SUCCESS!

- Contact your student's counselor with questions  
We are here to help!
- FINANCIAL AID NIGHT – September 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Brady Center
- Have a great evening!

Please complete our post survey

