

THE COLLEGE CORNER

October 2019



Important October Events

FAFSA OPENS OCT. 1ST

The FAFSA is the application for federal student aid. All students intending on going to college should fill this out

OCTOBER SAT IS ON OCT. 5TH

Show up early to your testing site with your admission ticket! Don't forget to bring an ID, pencils, and a calculator

FAFSA NIGHT ON OCT. 15TH

Bring yourself and a parent to the learning commons at 6:30 to get assistance filling out the FAFSA. Snacks will be provided as well!

I'M A SENIOR. WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING RIGHT NOW?

Right now, you should be visiting the schools on your list and beginning to narrow down your choices. Continue your research and look for schools that have programs that meet your interests, both academically and socially. If you are looking at going to a 4-year institution, you should have a minimum of three schools to apply to. Once you have narrowed down your list, start working on applications, and see Miss K if you have questions! Good luck!

**KEEP
CALM
AND
APPLY TO
COLLEGE**



KHANACADEMY

SAT AND ACT STUDY TOOLS

-KHAN ACADEMY-

By linking your Khan Academy and College Board accounts, you can have free and personalized practice to help you prepare for the SAT. Khan Academy practice includes full-length practice tests as well as practice on individual sections. By linking your College Board account, Khan Academy will tailor your practice to help you improve on your weakest sections.

Access it at: khanacademy.org

-SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM the ACT-

The ACT website provides sample ACT questions for you to answer on their website. As you complete each question it will give you the answers to allow you to check your work as you go! You can also see sample essays to help you prepare for the writing section of the ACT.

Access it at: actstudent.org/sampletest/

SAT and ACT study apps are also available in the App Store and Google Play for androids

ACT

OCTOBER DATES

October 2nd: Gettysburg College rep visit @ 12

October 3rd: Messiah College rep visit @ 11

October 8th: Lebanon Valley College rep visit @ 9 and Albright College rep visit @ 10

October 9th: IUP rep visit @ 9, Cedar Crest College visit @ 10 and Susquehanna University visit @ 1

October 10th: Elizabethtown rep visit @ 8 and York College rep visit @ 9

October 14th: Open House @ Messiah College

October 15th: FAFSA Completion Night @ 6:30

October 19th: Open Houses @ Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Ursinus College, and Millersville University

October 20th: Open House @ Delaware Valley University

October 23rd: Cairn University rep visit @ 9

October 26th: Open Houses at Shippensburg University, Messiah College, and York College

October 28th: Pennsylvania College of Technology rep visit @ 9



COLLEGE SEARCH TOOLS

Websites to help you find the right college for you!

-Big Future by College Board-

The college search feature on College Board, Big Future, is a simple and easy way for you to start your college search. You should be familiar with this site from the Graduation Project. Big Future allows you to input information that is important for you to have in a college and then will generate a list based on your preferences. The list will be ranked in terms of how well it matches your criteria. This is a great resource to use to start making your college list and figure out what schools you should apply to!

Access it at: bigfuture.org

-College Scorecard-

Similar to the filter feature used on Big Future, College Scorecard allows you to put in various factors to find schools that match what you are looking for. However, this site goes into much more detail about each school. You can look at things like retention rates, graduation rates, average salary and debt of students at that school. The best feature is the financial aid feature. It will break down the average financial aid package AND cost by family income.

Access this at: CollegeScorecard.ed.gov



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1) Narrow down your list of schools and start working on your applications
- 2) Visit the schools you have on your list
- 3) Know when your application deadlines are and know the different types of admissions: Early Decision, Early Action, Regular, and Rolling
- 4) Work on your college essay and have it proofread by teachers, Miss K, and peers
- 5) Ask teachers for recommendations (make sure you ask them first and fill out a brag sheet!)
- 6) Aim to have your applications done by Thanksgiving break (sooner= less stress)
- 7) See Miss K if you have any questions!

Questions to Ask on a College Campus Visit or Rep Visit

Make sure to ask questions about these 4 areas when you visit a college campus or meet with a college rep

- 1) Academics
- 2) Campus and Social Life
- 3) Housing and Dining
- 4) Costs and Payment

See Miss K if you would like specific questions to ask