

# Senior Meetings

- Welcome to your senior year, Class of 2023!  
...from your Guidance Counselor:
  - Ms. Lilly A - Cas
  - Ms. FitzGerald Cat - Ga
  - Ms. Leber Gb - K
  - Mr. Roberts L - N
  - Ms. Day O - Si
  - Ms. Adams Sj – Z
  - Mr. Martin doesn't have seniors
  - Mr. Sims College/Career Coach

# Senior Conferences

- Guidance Counselors will begin to conduct individual senior conferences in late September / October.
- Conference topics will include:
  - Review of credit/graduation status
  - Transcript; GPA & Class rank
  - NCAA requirements (if applicable)
  - Parchment account: do not use FCPS email
  - Plans after high school
  - Recommendation form
  - Senior Transition Survey
  - ACT Benchmarks, College/Career Readiness
    - English 18
    - Math 19
    - Reading 20

# Graduation Requirements

- A student must complete all **twenty-six** graduation requirements before the graduation ceremony in order to participate.
- Special note: if you have not completed Health before the start of the second semester, you will be enrolled in that class at Lafayette.

# Colleges, Colleges, Colleges

- The list of colleges that will be visiting Lafayette is updated daily. Sign-up for these visits at <http://LHS-CC.Eventbrite.com>. Mr. Sims, the College Career Coach in room 302, coordinates these visits.
- Remember: only send your transcripts to those colleges and universities to which you've already made application.
- Lafayette College Planning Night will be held in early September. Watch your school email and social media for details and more specifics.

# University of Kentucky

- Stats from UK's freshmen class, fall 2019:
  - Applicants: over 22,000
  - Enrolled: approx. 6,000
  - Average ACT composite was 25.9; mid 50% was 23-29
  - Average weighted GPA was 3.77; mid 50% was 3.41-4.14
- Be careful not to assume that UK admission is a guarantee.

# Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) worksheets will be available in the guidance office in September. The FAFSA may be submitted online beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- There is a FAFSA workshop, via Zoom, on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., with *The College Project*. Register at their website [www.thecollegeprojectky.com](http://www.thecollegeprojectky.com).
- Some selective colleges use the Profile instead of the FAFSA. Profile forms are available at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>.

# Scholarships

- A scholarship list for seniors is available on the Lafayette website under “Guidance”.
- Students may get a copy of the scholarship list from the website and request more information on particular scholarships in the guidance office.
- Get your phone out and...



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# Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)

- Students must have a 2.5 unweighted GPA for a particular year to earn KEES money.
- The only classes that are given weighted credit for KEES are AP and Dual Credit courses (not Adv.).
- The student's highest ACT composite is used for KEES calculation.
- Students must earn at least 5 credits each year of high school to qualify for KEES money.
- You might not need to pass all classes to graduate, but you might need them all for KEES money.
- If you are planning to graduate at the end of first semester, at least 3 credits must be earned, but all credits for graduation must be earned by the end of the first semester.
- And, graduating a semester early means the five year "KEES Clock" starts the January after December graduation.



# Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority

- Students should create an account at [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) to get information on scholarships, access KEES account, etc.
- Go to “Sign In” at the top of the screen to sign in or create a free account.
- It’s very important to complete this task as any errors in your KEES account can be rectified before you are a college student.
- Note: A social security number is necessary to receive KEES money.

# ACT/SAT/KYOTE

- If you are going to college and have not met the benchmarks on ACT, it is very important that you retake it in October to meet application deadlines. Deadline for the October 22<sup>nd</sup> ACT is September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for the SAT.
- KYOTE practice test meeting is September 1<sup>st</sup> in the Media Center during school hours. Mr. Sims and Ms. Schoff will contact those who need to attend.
- The official KYOTE test is offered once in the fall and once in the spring to those who have not met state ACT benchmarks.