

Senior Meetings – Resource Sheet

❖ Individual Career & Academic Plan (ICAP)

Use Naviance – Log into your D11 computer. Then go to student.naviance.com/palmer. Next you will select “Student” user type and then “Continue with Single Sign On” and you will then automatically be logged into your profile. From now on you should be able to go to the link above and be signed in.

Once in Naviance – Choose “Planner” from the top – then “Tasks” – scroll to “Tasks You Need to Work On.” Here you will find a list of items you need to complete. Click on any of these to start the task. All seniors need to have the following tasks finished in order for their ICAP to be marked complete: **Career Interest Profiler, Favorite Careers, 12th Grade Future Goal, Complete College Search, Favorite Colleges, Apply to College, Build Resume, & Complete the FAFSA.**

❖ Applying to College

Common Application – <https://www.commonapp.org/>

The Common Application is an undergraduate college admissions application. Currently over 1,000 colleges and universities use Common App. Common App allows you to streamline the application process, by filling out the details that most schools require one time.

*There is also a Common App mobile app available that allows you to keep track of deadlines, invite recommenders, and set reminders.

Common Black College Application – <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

The Common Black College Application is also an undergraduate college admissions application. The website allows you to apply to 65 historically black colleges or universities (HBCUs).

Apply Directly to the school – Schools will have their applications available directly on their website with instructions on how to get started.

Which application should I use? Some schools may allow both Common Application and their school’s application. In this case, use what works best for you but it is suggested to use Common App and/or the Common Black College Application if you are applying to more than one school that uses either application. In the end, this can save time.

Application Fees – Common App is free to use, but the individual school may still charge a fee once you submit the application, this is the same for applying directly to the school. If you need help with covering application fees, please let your counselor know. You may qualify for an application waiver. The Common Black College Application charges an one-time \$20 fee to apply to any number of participating HBCUs. The Common Black College App does NOT accept fee waivers.

CO Free Application Days – October 17th, 18th & 19th – All 32 public colleges & universities and several private institutions will allow students to apply for free on this day. Start your applications early, so that you can submit them during this window October 17-19.

Palmer Application Day – October 17th, 7:45 – 11:00am, in the Library Palmer will be hosting a number of Colorado colleges on this day during school. You will have the opportunity to apply with assistance from college reps. More details to come!!

Palmer will be hosting a number of colleges on this day during school - PPSC, UCCS, Colorado College, CSU-Ft.Collins, CSU-Pueblo, Western and possibly more!

❖ College Applications

Many college applications open in August.

Types of Applications:

- **Early Decision**
 - Applications are typically due in November or early December
 - Allows you to apply earlier than regular decision
 - Applicants receive admission decisions sooner than regular decision
 - A binding agreement between you and one college. If you are accepted, you must enroll
 - You can only apply to one college under this type of application
- **Early Action**
 - Applications are typically due in November or early December
 - Allows you to apply earlier than regular decision
 - Applicants receive admission decisions sooner than regular decision
 - You can typically apply to multiple schools under early action
 - A non-binding option
- **Regular Decision**
 - Applications need to be submitted by a certain deadline before your application will be reviewed by the college
 - Applications are generally due in January or February
 - Typically, colleges send admission decisions in the spring, usually around late-March into early-April
- **Rolling Admission**
 - Applications are accepted at any time and colleges review applications as they come in
 - Many colleges with rolling admissions policies still maintain priority deadlines
 - Typically, colleges send admission decisions within 4-6 weeks

Be sure to check the application deadlines on each college's website!

There are several components to a college application:

- Personal Information (name, email, phone number, SSN, etc.)
- Extracurricular Activities
- Community Service/Outside Learning Opportunities
- Awards and Recognition
- Transcripts
 - Common App – Your counselor will upload your transcript to your portal
 - School Specific Application – Request your transcript to be sent in Naviance under “Colleges I’m Applying To” and in Counseling
- Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
 - Check with college you’re applying to, as some colleges are test-optional
- Essays – Start now!
- Letters of Recommendation – Ask your recommenders early!

❖ Transcripts

Through Common Application – When prompted, enter your counselor's email in Common App or Common Black College App. It will generate an email that will request the transcript and recommender information. Your counselor will submit the transcript and recommender information through your portal.

Through Naviance – Any school that you apply to directly, must also be added in Naviance under "Colleges I'm Applying To" and indicate that you need a transcript. This will generate an email to your counselor, but please also come to Counseling and request a transcript to be sent.

❖ Paying for College

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Opens December 2023 – Date TBD. To start – Create your FSAID – One must be created by both a parent and the student <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> (if a parent has already created one for themselves or another student, they can use that same FSAID).

Complete the FAFSA form online – <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

Items you will need in order to fill out your FAFSA form: FSAID, SSN, 2022 tax information (tax returns and W-2's).

The earlier you complete your FAFSA, the more aid will be available. Apply EARLY!!!

College Opportunity Fund - <https://cof.college-assist.org/>

What is it? A fund created by CO legislature that provides a tuition stipend to eligible undergraduate students. The stipend pays a portion of your total in-state tuition when you attend a participating college. Current stipends pay:

- \$116 per credit at public colleges
- \$58 per credit at private colleges

Scholarship Websites:

Naviance – D11 updates scholarship applications throughout the year. Be sure to check here on a regular basis.

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>

<https://studentscholarships.org/>

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

Other ways to find scholarships:

- Check college websites for any scholarships available directly through the school (most colleges have a single scholarship application that allows you to apply for all relevant opportunities at one time)
- College & Career Newsletter, sent to D11 student email by College & Career Counselor, Maria Torres
- FAFSA
- Regional and local scholarships:
 - Local businesses, trade associations, civic organizations, Palmer Alumni Association

❖ Military

Entry Requirements:

- Minimum 17 years of age
- US Citizen or legal permanent resident
- Good physical condition (able to pass physical screening)
- High School Diploma
- Good moral character
- ASVAB score of 31 or higher
 - The Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is the test you must take for military entrance.

Next Steps:

- **Take the ASVAB** – The ASVAB will be offered at Palmer on October 12th. More information on ASVAB testing will be available soon. Please be checking your D11 email and looking out for updates.
- **Explore different branches** – Go to Naviance and click the “Careers” tab, then click “Explore Military Branches” or go to <https://www.usa.gov/us-military>
- **Connect with a recruiter**
 - Need help connecting with a recruiter? Contact our College & Career Counselor, Ms. Torres (maria.torres@d11.org)

❖ Workforce

Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) - <https://ppwfc.org/>

- Resume and interview workshops
- Assistance with the job search process
- Internships, apprenticeships, and job shadow opportunities
- Job fairs and hiring events
- Career guidance
- Training opportunities with in-demand occupations

Pikes Peak Business & Education Alliance - <https://ppbea.org/#/>

- Find internships, apprenticeships, and job training
- Shadow and interview professionals

Apprenticeships - <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/>

- Find information on how to become an apprentice and discover apprenticeship job opportunities across different industries

Job Search Tools

- Connecting Colorado - <https://www.connectingcolorado.com/>
- Indeed – <https://www.indeed.com/>
- Naviance – Click the “Careers” tab, then click “Search Job Opportunities”

Want to explore careers and gain work experience while in high school? D11 can help you find a placement for a job, job shadow, apprenticeship, or internship! – Fill out this form to get started:

<https://fs26.formsite.com/WNUMX3/czzsnudz6w/index.html>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL 2023

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (late fees apply)
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023

SAT registration fee is \$60.00. Late registration costs an additional \$30.00 (fee is not waivable). Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Speak to your counselor if you believe you qualify. Register for the SAT online at: www.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (late fees apply)
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024

ACT registration fee is \$68.00 without the writing, or \$93.00 with writing. Late registration costs an additional \$25.00. Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Speak to your counselor if you believe you qualify. Register for the ACT online at: www.actstudent.org

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

Seniors who have not yet completed their College & Career Readiness Demonstration (CCRD) will be able to take the ASVAB test on **October 12th**. Attaining your CCRD is a requirement for graduation. An ASVAB score of 31 or higher is needed to meet CCRD. More information on ASVAB testing will be available soon. Please be checking your D11 email and looking out for updates.

Other Scholarships

Daniel's Scholarship

Need based scholarship for any accredited college/university in the U.S.

Deadline: October 15, 2023

REQUIRES COMPLETION OF YOUR FAFSA

Eligibility: <https://www.danielsfund.org/scholarships/daniels-scholarship-program/overview>

<https://www.danielsfund.org/apply.asp>

Boettcher Scholarship

Merit based scholarship for designated accredited colleges/universities in Colorado.

Deadline to your counselor: October 25, 2023

Eligibility: <https://boettcherfoundation.org/scholarship-eligibility-requirements-and-selection-criteria/>

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College & Career Newsletter

Please make sure to check your D11 email for the College & Career Newsletter. The newsletter comes from our College and Career Counselor, Maria Torres, and the title of the email is "College & Career Update". Sometimes it may end up in your "other" folder in outlook, so be sure to check there as well. The newsletter contains lots of great information on the following topics:

- Scholarships
- College Visits
- Military Recruiter Visits
- Job Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Internships & Work Based Learning
- College & Career Events
- College & Career Informational Webinars
- And more!

❖ School Counselor Contact Information

Students can find all assigned counselors and their contact information our website here:

<https://www.d11.org/domain/1039>