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College Research and Application Sites		
Naviance		College planning, college search, career information, interest inventory, and college acceptance information specific to Clarence. Students can log-in through Clever.
College Scorecard		Simple federal website that allows students to easily search for schools and provides graduation rates and salary after attending.
NACAC Guide to College Admission		Comprehensive guide to college admission PDF produced by the National Association of College Admission Counselors
National Center for Educational Statistics		Provides a concise profile of schools, allowing families to make comparisons, including by price.
College Results		EXTREMELY customizable college search that allows the user to select very specific criteria.
SUNY		Information regarding all 64 SUNY campuses and online application link.
Common Application		Search and online application for over 1000 colleges.
WNY College Search		Great resource for information on local schools.
NY's Private Colleges		Admission and financial aid information for New York State independent colleges.
Khan Academy - Admissions		Self-paced online course about the admissions process.
Coursera		Self-paced online course about applying to college. Developed and taught by UPenn professors. Well organized modules help make sense of a sometimes complicated process.






Career Information		
<u>Career Zone</u>		Match your preferences, skills, and abilities to careers. Develop a career plan based on your interests and view NYS job openings.
<u>Career One Stop</u>		Department of Labor site with a wealth of career information.
<u>My Next Move</u>		Interest inventory to help identify potential careers.
<u>Today's Military</u>		Intended to inform students, parents, and educators as they discuss the Military as a career option.
<u>Northland Workforce Training Center</u>		Local public/private partnership that provides support and training for high skilled trades.
<u>BOCES - Careers without College</u>		Overview of Workforce Development programs available through BOCES. These programs provide job training a number of different careers.

Testing		
<u>College Board</u>		College planning, college search, financial aid, SAT testing and test registration and preparation.
<u>ACT</u>		College planning, financial aid need estimator, career information, ACT registration.
<u>Khan Academy - SAT Prep</u>		Official SAT test prep site. Filled with free information on the SAT as well as college admissions info.

Financing College		
FAFSA		Online form to complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Provides a tremendous amount of info on paying for college.
FAFSA Aid Estimator		Provide an early estimate of what your expected family contribution might be.
FinAid		Free resources for financial aid information, scholarship search, and financial aid calculator.
NYS Higher Ed. Services Corp.		New York State site for advice on college admissions and financial aid.
WSJ Guide to Student Loans		Comprehensive guide to student loans from the Wall Street Journal. Essential reading.
My Intuition		Quick estimator of what you would pay at ~75 top private schools.
CSS Profile		Additional financial aid application required by some private schools.
Fast Web		Scholarship search, college search and links to college sites.
Going Merry		Scholarship search, college search and links to college sites.

Books		
Fiske Guide to Colleges		A comprehensive guide that provides demographic data and statistics for over 300 colleges as well as a narrative write up of each school. These help give the “feel” of each school. For a student who has no idea what they want, reading through a dozen or so colleges can help them narrow down what they might be looking for. This is an extremely helpful book.

<u>The Truth About College Admission</u>		Cannot recommend this book enough. If you purchase one book related to the college process, make it this one. It is a straightforward guide that addresses all facets of the search and application process. It speaks to both applicants and parents.
<u>Who Gets in and Why?</u>		A behind the scenes look at what colleges look for in applicants as well as their overall incoming freshman class. It is highly informational and gives a great overview of the landscape of college admissions.
<u>The Price You Pay for College</u>		Packed with great information about the financial structure of college. Excellent book that covers a <i>lot</i> of ground, not only about college costs, but on important factors to consider in the search process.
<u>Colleges That Change Lives</u>		An overview of 40 schools that might not be well-known “name brands,” but are excellent in their own right.
<u>Where You Go is Not Who You’ll Be</u>		A good book that illustrates to students and parents that there’s so much more to success than which college you attend.

Podcasts		
<u>Getting In</u>		It follows a group of students through the entire application process. Excellent.
<u>The Truth About College Admissions</u>		From the authors of the book listed above. Cannot recommend their insight and thoughtful approach to admissions enough.
<u>College Admissions Brief</u>		Produced by Georgia Tech, this gives insights and tips to high school students applying to college. Episodes are ten minutes or less.
<u>Inside the Admissions Office</u>		~80 episodes that cover broad issues in admission, but also get into very specific topics.
<u>Inside College Admission</u>		Provides great information on a range of different admission topics.