

Class of 2025

College Planning Night

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Post-Graduation Options

- Four-year institutions
- Two-year institutions
- Trade or vocational programs
- Armed Forces/Military
- Gap Year Program
- Employment



Where do we start?

- Set up a conference with your school counselor

A - Chi	Patterson
Cho - Fo	Schweid
Fr - Kim, B	Kohan
Kim, D - Mo	Ihn
Mu - Sel	Brown
Sen - Z	Thomas

- Conversations at home (distance, finances, programs)
- Explore with Scoir



SCOIR

- Transcript and other application materials
- Historical Statistics from Tenafly High School only
 - Scattergrams/Graphs
- Up-to-date College information (costs, majors, clubs, athletics etc)
- College Search Engine
- Career Interest assessment & Principles You assessment (can help guide on career path)



Other SCOIR Tools

- **Search & suggest**
 - Research schools, view your student's MyColleges list, and make suggestions
- **Cost calculator**
 - Understand the true cost of college for your family for each college you search for
- **Direct messaging**
- **Junior and Parent Surveys (Brag Sheets)**



How to Research Colleges

- Your Counselor- Junior Conference
- Follow-up meeting with College Counselor
- Scoir Website
- College Websites
- College Visits
- College Fairs- *Mini-Fairs every Tuesday and Thursday at THS in Fall*
- *Spring College Fair - March 21, 2024 6:30 PM*



College Search Factors for Best Fit

- **Competitiveness/Academics**
- **Cost** - Financial Aid/Scholarships
- **Type** - Private or Public, In-state or Out-of-state
- **Size**
- **Location** - Urban, suburban, rural, distance from home
- **Programs** - Major
- **Special Features** – Your individual desires such as: study abroad programs, internships, co-op programs, housing options, sports
- **Personality** – What is the Culture of the school? Greek life? Emphasis on athletics?



Create a Balanced List

- Find out if the school is a good fit for you
- Create a balanced and **realistic** list of schools
 - 2-3 reach schools
 - 4-5 target schools
 - 2-3 likely-admit schools
- **Don't apply to schools where you have no intention of attending**
- Spend time on the application. The quality of the essays and supplementals matter! Make sure you give yourself adequate time for the potential supplemental questions



Application Materials

- **Academic Profile/Rigor of High School Transcript**
 - Academic performance - Did you **successfully** challenge yourself?
 - Senior year **is** important. Mid-Year reports are sent
 - Grades/GPA from 9th grade-present
- **Standardized Testing – SATs & ACTs**
 - To test or not to test?
 - Test optional and test-blind policies (fairtest.org)
 - Some universities going back to requiring test scores - Dartmouth, Yale, UT Austin...must check websites to confirm
- **Recommendations** (2 from teachers, 1 from your school counselor)
- **Application and Essay**

The Authentic “YOU” **Your** voice needs to be heard!
- **Extracurricular Activities** – In-or-out of school/Community service/Jobs
- **Interview** (if offered)
- **Common Data Set** - Google Common Data Set and “school name” to obtain information about what schools consider in application process



College Vocabulary Review

Application Types/Deadlines

- Early Decision/Early Decision II (Binding)
- Early Action (Non-binding)
- Restrictive Early Action/ Single Choice Early Action (varies for each school, check school policy)
- Regular Decision
- Rolling- Decisions are made shortly after your application is complete
- Priority- Preference given for scholarships and special programs

Possible Admissions Decisions

- Accepted
- Denied
- Deferred
- Waitlisted
- Spring Admit
- Alternate Campus



Summer 2024 Timeline

- Complete Junior and Parent Brag Sheet on Scoir
- Find something interesting and productive to do
- Continue to visit college campuses
- Students can start filling out the Common Application
www.commonapp.org
- Write a rough draft of your college essay
- Essay writing workshop



Support from THS Guidance

- Our counselors are experienced in the college process
- We are here for THS families - from academic counseling to knowing the ins-and-outs of the college process
- Our College Counselor has the time and knowledge to assist you in reaching your goals



Other Important Events

- Tenafly High School Spring College Fair (March 21, 2024)
- College Success for Students with Learning Differences (April 11, 2024)
- Spring Financial Aid Night (April 25, 2024)
- **Summer/Fall 2024**
 - College Essay Summer Workshops (late August)
 - Common Application Support (August)
 - Fall College Kickoff Night
 - Fall Financial Aid Night
 - College Rep Panel Night

