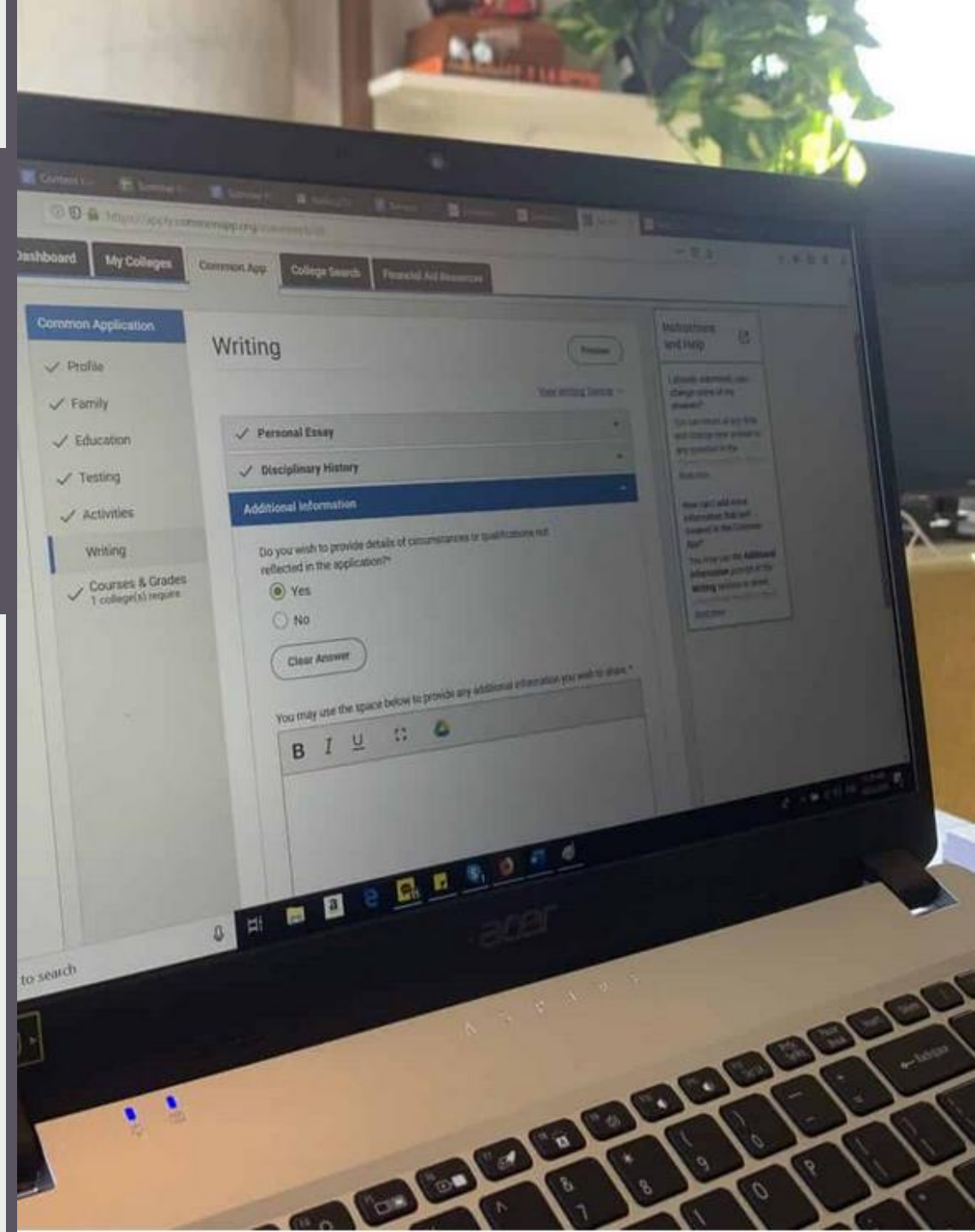


# COLLEGE APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Class of 2024



# NHS Counseling Team

NHS Counseling Website

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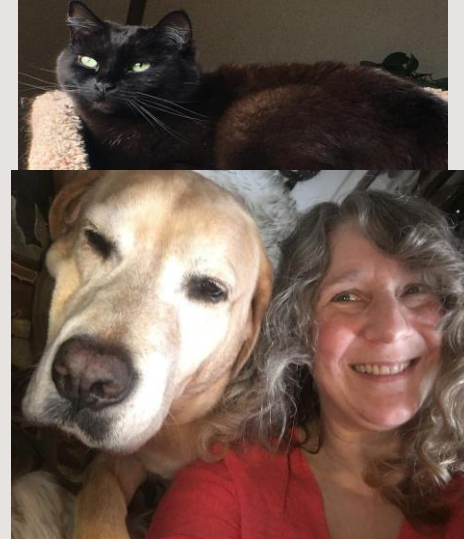
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**Ms. Maxfield (Li-Pa)**



**Ms. Schulz (Pe-Th)**



**Ms. Bosone (Ti-Z)**



**Ms. Huynh  
Counseling Secretary**



**Mr. Rios  
College & Career Advisor**



# Today's Agenda...

Middle school credits on the high school transcript

Choosing an option after high school that makes sense for you

Fastest growing occupations

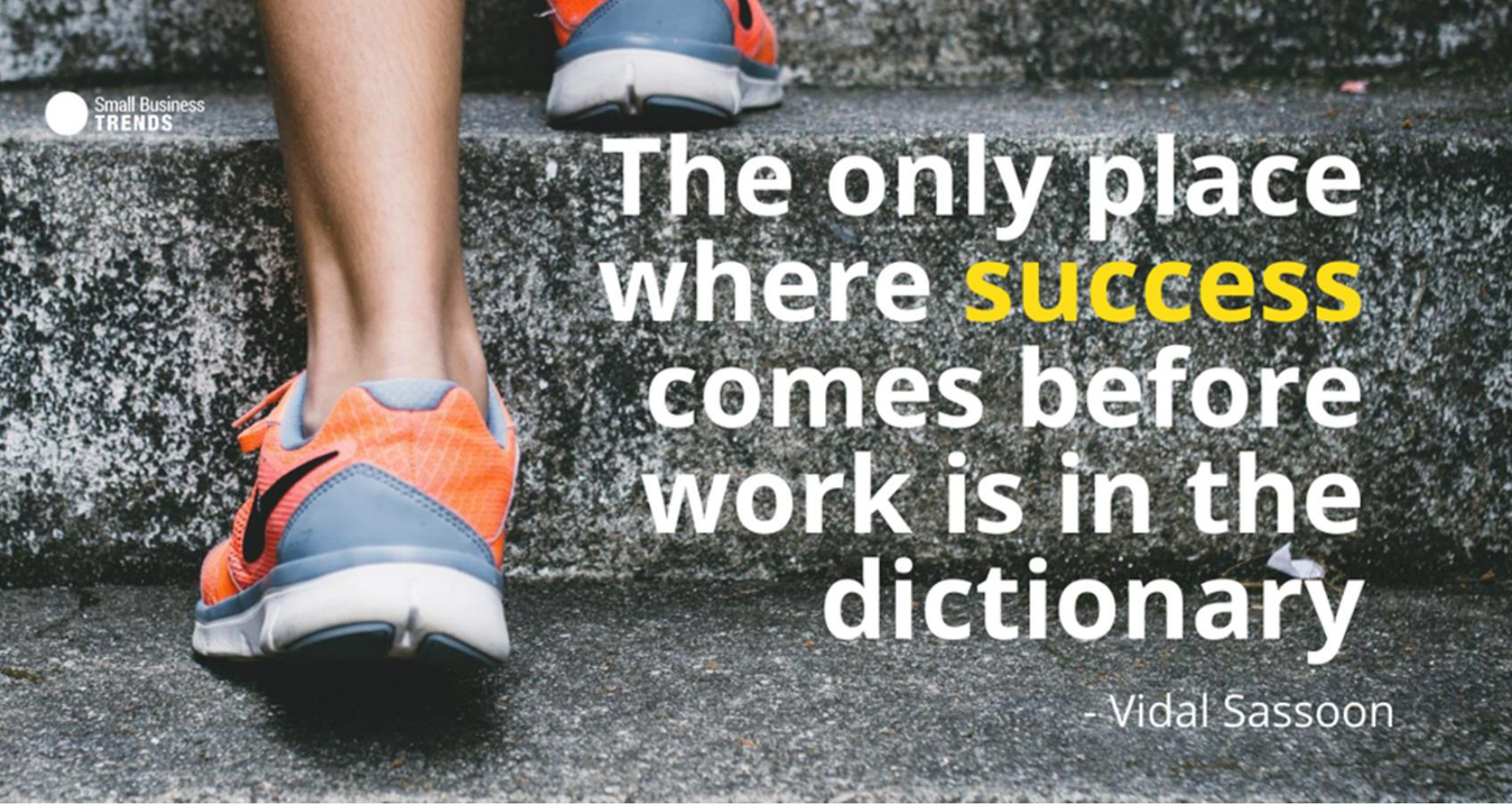
College application parts, process, timeline, terminology, & resources

Naviance resources & ways to organize and refine your college list

What you can do this summer

*This PowerPoint will be on the [Counseling & Wellness Center website](#) with additional information*





The only place  
where **success**  
comes before  
work is in the  
dictionary

- Vidal Sassoon

**Congratulations on all your hard work!**

# Reminder - High School credit earned in Middle School

- For high school credited courses taken in middle school (Algebra 1 & higher, WL, etc.), meet with your counselor **before the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade** to pick up the form needed to remove the credit, or credit and grade, from your transcript
- No form needed if you want to keep those credits and grades on your transcript
- Parent/guardian signature needed on the form
- Turn form into the NHS Registrar, Ms. Aldridge

# After Newport, There Are Many Options...

- Employment
- Apprenticeships
- Technical/Trade Programs
- 2-year College
- 4-year College
- Military Academies
- Gap Year
- Volunteer Programs



# College Certificate & Degree Terminology

## 2yr College & Technical College:

- **Certificate/Diploma Program** – Specialized tech. training followed by employment – 6mo to 2yrs (*may or may not transfer to a 4yr college*)
- **Associate Degree** (many options; typically, transferrable) – 2yr avg
- **Bachelor's Degree** (BA, BS, etc.) – 4yr avg

## Undergraduate Degrees at 4 yr Uni:

- **Bachelor's Degree** (BA, BS, BBA) – 4yr avg

## Graduate Degrees at 4 yr Uni:

- **Master's Degree** (MA, MS, MBA, MFA, MEd) – 2yr to 3yr avg, after BA
- **Doctorate Degree** (PhD, PsyD) – 4yr to 10yr avg, after Masters
- **Professional Degree** (DO, DDS, MD, DVM, JD, Ed.D.) – 3yr to 6yr avg, after Masters



# Apprenticeships

## What is it?

- Combines on-the-job training with classroom instruction
- Earn while you learn (no st. loans)
- Supervised by a journey-level professional
- Program completion gives a professional credential that is nationally recognized
- Often competitive

## Explore apprenticeship prep programs in Washington

- <https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-preparation>
- Careers in Aerospace, Medical, Software & Tech, Construction, Other Trades like automotive, cosmetology, firefighter, manufacturing, culinary, etc.



# Two Year Colleges = Great Opportunities!

- There are 34 two-year colleges in Washington
- SAT/ACT tests not required; no essay; admission not based on GPA
- Potentially high paying careers with less time in school; pathways to a BA degree
- Several two-year colleges offer bachelor's degrees
- *Bellevue College has 14 & Lake Wash Tech has 11 bachelor's degrees, including Computer Science, Cyber Security, Accounting, Dental Hygiene, Gaming & Interactive Media, Public Health, etc.*
- A fraction of the cost of most 4-year universities
- About 60% of students who earn an AA degree from a two-year college have zero student loan debt

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE BENEFITS TO CONSIDER

LOWER TUITION FEES



IMPROVE YOUR  
TRANSCRIPT FOR  
SCHOLARSHIPS



REDUCED  
COST OF LIVING



MORE WORK  
FRIENDLY



MORE  
OPPORTUNITY  
FOR MAJOR  
SELECTION



# Consider a Two Year Technical/Trade School Program

## TRADE SCHOOL BENEFITS OVER COLLEGE



**27%**

of trade school  
grads earn  
more money



**21%**

more likely to work  
in their field  
of study



**4%**

higher  
employment rate



**\$65,000**

average salary for  
skilled trades

- Most programs are 9 – 24 months long
- Enter workforce sooner (earning at least two more years of income)
- Average cost or attendance is much lower
- Less debt = possibility of higher net earnings
- High paying: The average annual pay difference between trade school and bachelor's degree earners is just \$12,000, for entry level employment
- No essay and no SAT/ACT
- Apprenticeships available in many programs

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics &  
<https://www.bestcolleges.com/trade-schools/best-trade-school-jobs/>

## High Paying Trade School Careers & Their Salaries

High Paying Trade School Careers	Education Required	Median Salary 2021	Projected Job Growth Rate (2021-2031)
<b><u>Elevator Installer and Repairer</u></b>	Apprenticeship	\$97,860	3%
<b><u>Radiation Therapist</u></b>	2yr degree	\$82,790	6%
<b><u>Web Developer</u></b>	2yr degree	\$78,300	23%
<b><u>Dental Hygienist</u></b>	2yr degree	\$77,810	9%
<b><u>Diagnostic Medical Sonographer</u></b>	2yr degree	\$75,380	10%
<b>Electrical Line Worker</b>	Apprenticeship	\$74,530	6%
<b><u>Respiratory Therapist</u></b>	2yr degree	\$61,830	14%
<b><u>Electrician</u></b>	Apprenticeship	\$60,040	7%
<b><u>Plumber</u></b>	Apprenticeship	\$59,880	2%
<b>Mortician</b>	2yr degree	\$58,900	8%
<b><u>IT Technician</u></b>	2yr degree	\$57,910	6%
<b><u>Wind Turbine Technician</u></b>	2yr degree	\$56,260	44%
<b><u>Legal Assistant</u></b>	2-4yr degree	\$56,230	14%
<b><u>HVACR Technician</u></b>	Cert or 2yr deg	\$48,630	5%
<b><u>Licensed Practical Nurse</u></b>	1yr certificate	\$48,070	6%

# Important Consideration: Fastest Growing Occupations Between 2021-2031

Explore more here:

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/fastest-growing.htm>

[https://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/Search\\_Occupation.aspx?cmd=txt&adv=true&txt=](https://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/Search_Occupation.aspx?cmd=txt&adv=true&txt=)

OCCUPATION	GROWTH RATE, 2021-31	2021 MEDIAN PAY
<a href="#">Nurse practitioners</a>	46%	\$120,680 per year
<a href="#">Wind turbine service technicians</a>	44%	\$56,260 per year
<a href="#">Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers</a>	41%	\$24,440 per year
<a href="#">Motion picture projectionists</a>	40%	\$29,350 per year
<a href="#">Cooks, restaurant</a>	37%	\$30,010 per year
<a href="#">Data scientists</a>	36%	\$100,910 per year
<a href="#">Athletes and sports competitors</a>	36%	\$77,300 per year
<a href="#">Information security analysts</a>	35%	\$102,600 per year
<a href="#">Statisticians</a>	33%	\$95,570 per year
<a href="#">Umpires, referees, and other sports officials</a>	32%	\$35,860 per year
<a href="#">Web developers</a>	30%	\$77,030 per year
<a href="#">Animal caretakers</a>	30%	\$28,600 per year
<a href="#">Choreographers</a>	30%	\$42,700 per year
<a href="#">Taxi drivers</a>	28%	\$29,310 per year
<a href="#">Medical and health services managers</a>	28%	\$101,340 per year
<a href="#">Logisticians</a>	28%	\$77,030 per year
<a href="#">Physician assistants</a>	28%	\$121,530 per year
<a href="#">Solar photovoltaic installers</a>	27%	\$47,670 per year
<a href="#">Animal trainers</a>	27%	\$31,280 per year
<a href="#">Physical therapist assistants</a>	26%	\$61,180 per year



# 4-Year College Application Process

**1. Finalize** your list

**2. Organize**

- *Check application deadlines, use calendar or spreadsheet*
- *Review admission requirements (essay prompts, LORs, exams, etc.)*

**3. Start Applications** (in order of due dates)

**4. Letter of Rec** (only if needed)

- *Complete Counselor LOR packet 3 weeks before 1st deadline*
- *Request teacher letters of rec (1-2 teachers ONLY)*

**5. Essay** – *set aside time every week and attend editing sessions*

**6. Transcripts** – *Order official transcripts in Naviance*

**7. ACT/SAT** scores if taken – ***many universities are test optional (college websites)***



# Application Timeline

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## Summer – Fall

- ☐ Refine and narrow College List
- ☐ Start Applications
- ☐ Senior Blitz meeting w/counselor
- ☐ Complete Counselor Letter of Rec Packet (if needed)
- ☐ Attend Super Wednesday for essay help
- ☐ FAFSA/WASFA December



## Winter (Nov – Jan)

- ☐ Early decision and early action applications due (Nov 1-15)
- ☐ Regular applications due
- ☐ Apply for scholarships



## Spring

- ☐ Colleges notify students of decision (Dec-April)
- ☐ Decision Day (May 1) Tuition and Housing Deposits Due
- ☐ Final Transcript sent to one college (July 1)
- ☐ Continue to apply for scholarships



## Fall Support for Seniors:

- **Senior Counselor Lesson** (Sept)
- **Senior Blitz** – Individual meetings with Counselor (Sept - Oct)
- **Super Wed Senior Workshop** - App and Essay Help (Oct)
- **Super Wed School Based SAT** (Oct)
- **Counselor Tutorials** (TBD)
- **College & Career Advisor** (available by drop-in and appointment)



# Where to Start: Build or Refine Your List



Use 3-4 search engines to build a list of colleges

- Naviance
- College Navigator
- Big Future
- Campus Explorer
- Niche

Add to your list by also

- Going to College Fair in Fall
- College visits at Newport
- Campus visits



# What is a Good College List?

- In the Single Digits
- Has at least 2-3 “Likely” schools
- Every school should match your priorities
- You would be happy attending any of the schools
- Consider your family’s financial situation
- Represents collaboration between yourself, your parents/guardians, and others involved



**HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD  
I REALLY APPLY TO?**

# Naviance is a Great Resource!

- **Super Match College Search**
- **Scattergrams**
- **Search by Major**
- **Career Search**
- **Interest Tests - Know yourself!**

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, the header includes the Naviance logo (BY POWERSCHOOL) and navigation links: Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, Colleges, and Planner. User-specific information shows '12th Grade' and a 'CLOSE DEMO' button. A dropdown menu for the 'Colleges' tab is open, listing various tools: College Home, Find Your fit, SuperMatch College Search, College Events, Scattergrams, Advanced College Search, College Lookup, Research Colleges, Colleges I'm Thinking About, College Visits, College Compare, College Resources, Acceptance History, Enrichment Programs, College Maps, Apply to College, Colleges I'm Applying to, Manage Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation, Test Scores, Scholarships & Money, College-Specific Scholarships, National Scholarship Search, Scholarship Search, and Favorite Scholarships. Below the dropdown, a welcome message for Newport High School's Naviance Program is visible, along with a 'Read more' button. On the right side, there are four sections: 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about', 'COLLEGES I'm applying to', 'COURSES I'm thinking about', and 'CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about', each with a heart icon.

# Organize what you know

- Utilize Naviance to organize colleges you're researching
- Worksheets on NHS' [Counseling Website](#)
- Create a spreadsheet to track your choices

## WORKSHEET: CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE



### STEP 1

In the top row, make a preliminary list of colleges that interest you.



### STEP 2

Think about important factors you want your college to have. Then, prioritize each factor in the level of importance column.



### STEP 3

Cross off to not have for. Rank in order of

Level of importance	Factors to consider	College (fill in names of colleges that interest you).		
		1.	2.	3.
	Program of study: Which programs does the college offer to help you achieve your career goals?			
	School size: Would you prefer a large or small school? What is the student population?			
	Class size: How large do you like your classes to be? What is the student-to-teacher ratio?			
	Support programs: Which programs does the college offer to help you stay in school and graduate?			
	City and neighborhood: Do you prefer a city or a small town? What is the population of the city or town?			
	Campus culture: When visiting each college, get a feel for its "personality."			

# Picking A “Good Fit” College

**In the location/environment you want**

**Offers academics that match your interests**

**Internships/research/study abroad/career placement**

**Offers Activities and Clubs you want to join**

**Is affordable for you and your family**

**Is a place that will both challenge and support you**



# Fit vs Rankings

## Guiding Questions:

- What is “fit” and why does it matter? (previous slide)
- What do college rankings really measure?
- Are students who attend more selective colleges better off later in life?

## Findings:

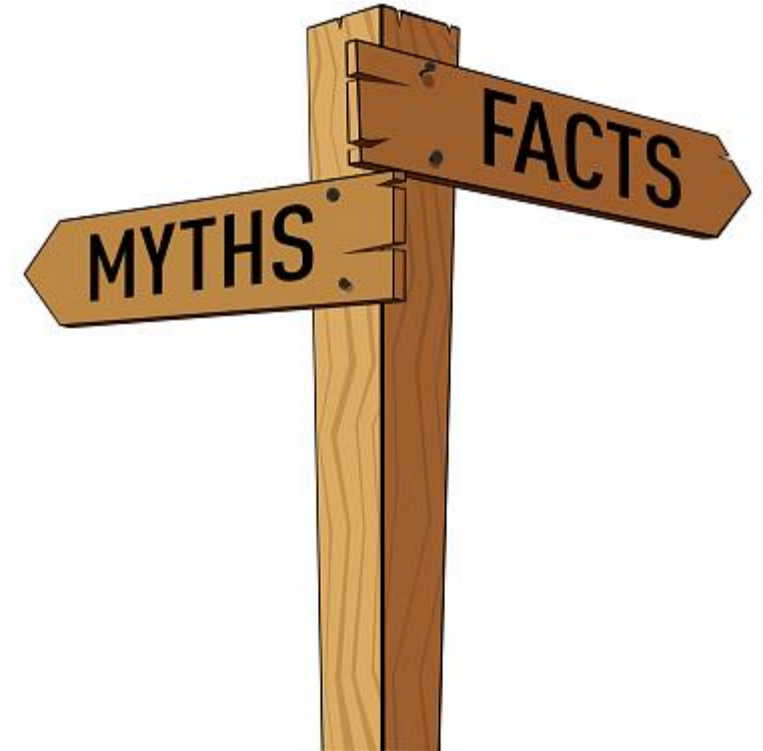
- Engagement in college is more important than where you attend
- Rankings are not accurate indicators of a college’s quality or positive outcomes for students
- College selectivity is not a reliable predictor of student learning, job satisfaction, or well-being

Source: Stanford Graduate School of Education

[https://ed.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/challenge\\_success\\_white\\_paper\\_on\\_college\\_admissions\\_10.1.2018-reduced.pdf](https://ed.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/challenge_success_white_paper_on_college_admissions_10.1.2018-reduced.pdf)

# Stress inducing Myths, Thoughts, Feelings

- I need ***all A's*** to get into a “good” college
- If I don't get into a “**Brand Name**” college, I won't get a good job
- A public university will **cost me less** than a private one
- My **test scores** will make or break my college admission
- **College rankings** in US News & World Report are a good way to find a good college



# Terminology – what do they mean when they say…?



## Confident/Safety

Almost sure to be admitted.  
GPA & test scores significantly  
higher than their average student.  
*Tuition expense within means.*



## Likely/Match

Reasonably certain to be  
admitted. GPA & test scores in line  
with average admitted student.



## Reach

Your academic profile at  
mid/lower end of admitted  
students.



## “Lottery” Reach School

Highly selective schools cannot  
possibly admit all whose academic  
profile meets their criteria.



# WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

## Nonrestrictive Application Plans

### Regular Decision

**DEFINITION:**

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

**COMMITMENT:**  
NONBINDING

### Rolling Admission

**DEFINITION:**

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

**COMMITMENT:**  
NONBINDING

### Early Action I & II

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>

**DEFINITION:**

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

**COMMITMENT:**  
NONBINDING

## Restrictive Application Plans

### Early Decision I & II

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>

**DEFINITION:**

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

**COMMITMENT:**  
BINDING

### Restrictive Early Action (REA)

**DEFINITION:**

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

**COMMITMENT:**  
NONBINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.



# Letters of Recommendation

- ✓ Typically, **only needed** for Private Colleges
- ✓ **No state colleges in WA/OR/CA require letters**
- ✓ **Teacher** letter - 1-2 (*do not ask more than req*)
- ✓ Request in person (spring or early fall)
- ✓ Where did you **make a difference** (regardless of grade)
- ✓ **Counselor** letter? (*check college requirement*)
- ✓ Packet on [Counseling Center website](#)
- ✓ Due 3-4 weeks prior to deadline
- ✓ Be sure to thank all who write letters for you



# What Can I Do This Summer?

- **Refine your college list** (about 3-9 schools and ALL ones you'd be HAPPY attending)
- **Visit** colleges and programs
- Create your **Common Application** account (Aug 1)
- Start working on college **applications & essay**
- Continue working on **community service** projects
- **Enjoy your summer** vacation time with friends/family!



# Important Tips

Have fun with your search---there are no wrong choices

**Nothing** is due in the summer

Counselors have a different timeline than students

A complete submission is better than an early submission

Talk to your parents about options and financial aid

# Tips for Parents

## Communicate

Discuss college with your child

- What is your student looking for in a college experience?
- What is the most important thing to consider?
- Are there financial considerations?

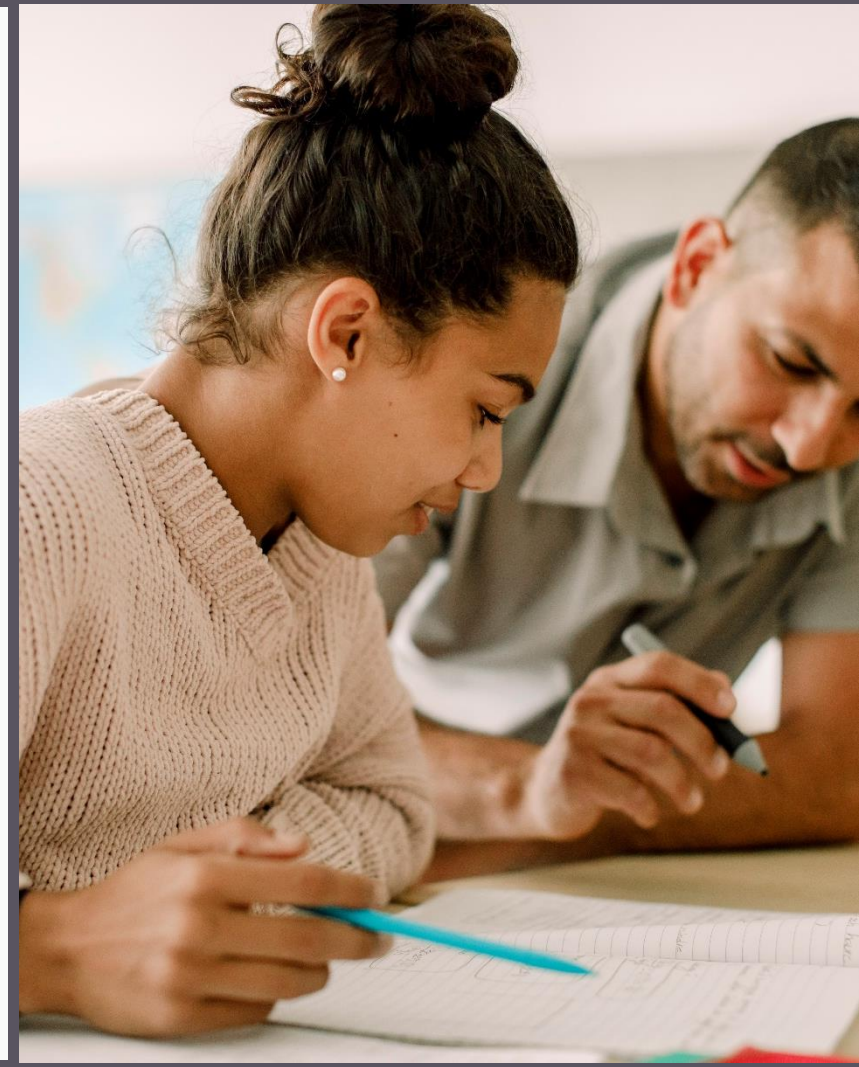
## Empower

- Provide resources, but allow them to do their own work
- Nurture problem solving
- Be a calming, non-anxious, presence

## Assist

Help your child organize and plan

- Paper or online
- Shared calendar for big dates (app deadlines, FAFSA, Scholarships)
- Time management





## Come to the Student Q & A Session(s)!

- Thursday June 1st
- Tutorial
- Counseling Center
- Drop in/Bring laptop





# More for parents...

## **PTSA's Junior Class Parent-to-Parent Night**

**Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7:15 – 8:15**

- Help make senior year run smoothly for your family.
- Hear from experts and share ideas with fellow parents.
- Hear from this year's senior families about all the things they wish they knew last spring.



# Summer School

- BSD Summer School
- Credit Recovery only
- FREE!
- Talk to your counselor!



# RESOURCES

NHS [Applying to College](#) webpage

[Trade School vs Traditional College](#)

[HBCU](#) - Historically Black Colleges & Universities

NYT - [Build Your Own College Rankings](#)

Wall Street Journal – many excellent articles

College Application [Calendar](#)

Colleges: [Need-Based & Merit Aid](#) awarded

[Steps to Picking a Major](#)





# Questions???

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