

# Senior Seminar

What is the session about? What is the purpose? Use this guide to help you decide which breakout sessions are best fit for Designing Your Path after high school. We will choose sessions during the Senior class meeting.

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|  | <b>Choose 1 main session (If you do not choose, we will choose for you! This is your path - make sure you design it your way!)</b>  |
| <b>4 Year College: SchoolLinks College Application Manager</b>         | Master the SchoolLinks College Application Manager. Learn how to organize, track applications, manage deadlines, and prioritize tasks. We'll show you key features and share tips to streamline your application process and boost your confidence.   |
| <b>Exploring Military Careers: Insights from a Military Panel</b>      | Considering a career in the military? Join our breakout session with armed forces representatives to explore the opportunities, benefits, and experiences of each branch. Gain insights into enlistment, training, careers, and military life across the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.   |
| <b>Community College</b>   | Considering community college? Join our breakout session with local representatives to learn about enrollment, placement tests, financial aid, and programs. Discover benefits like transfer pathways, career training, and flexible scheduling. Get answers to your questions and gain confidence for your next educational steps.                 |
| <b>Explore Your Path: Trade Schools</b>                                | Explore diverse career paths through vocational education, from trades like carpentry and plumbing to fields in healthcare and technology. Learn about hands-on training, industry certifications, and lucrative career opportunities.  |
| <b>I have no idea, but I know it's not college</b>                     | Explore a variety of options and ideas from jumping right into the job market to building your skills in non-traditional ways, or taking a gap year - any different combination.  |
|  | <b>Choose 3-4 breakout sessions (and 2 alternate sessions) that you want to attend.</b>   |
| <b><i>Navigating the Common App</i></b>                                | Master the Common Application. We'll guide you through setting up your profile, completing the application, and submitting materials. Get tips on writing strong essays, gathering recommendations, and avoiding common mistakes.   |
| <b><i>Unlock Your Future: Scholarships for High School Seniors</i></b> | Learn insider tips on finding and winning scholarships suited to your strengths and goals. This session will help you start at least 2 scholarship accounts and apply for at least one scholarship, covering merit-based, need-based, and specialized awards.   |
| <b><i>Crafting Your Narrative: Writing the College Essay</i></b>       | Discover strategies to showcase your unique voice and experiences in your application essays. Learn to brainstorm impactful topics, structure compelling narratives, and create standout personal statements, supplemental essays, and diversity statements. Get practical tips and examples from a college admissions rep to elevate your writing. |
| <b><i>Paying for your Future - Financial Aid</i></b>                   | Explore various financial aid options—scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study—and get expert tips on completing the FAFSA and understanding aid packages. This session clarifies funding opportunities, eligibility, and strategies to maximize support for your education.   |

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| <b><i>Mastering Standardized Tests (ACT/SAT/AP)</i></b>                              | Understand how scores affect college admissions, and discover how to interpret and use your scores. Get practical tips on sending scores to colleges, including College Board's Score Choice and ACT's options, to meet deadlines smoothly.  |
| <b><i>Standing Out: Crafting a Remarkable College Application</i></b>                | In this session, we'll uncover the secrets to making your college application shine. We'll cover personal statements, extracurricular activities, and strategies to highlight your unique strengths. Learn how to craft compelling narratives, showcase your achievements, and understand what colleges look for beyond grades and test scores. This session will provide practical advice to maximize your chances of acceptance and elevate your application to the next level!  |
| <b><i>Letters of Recommendation</i></b>  | Learn how to request impactful recommendation letters that highlight your unique qualities. Get practical tips on guiding recommenders to emphasize key attributes for your applications. This session provides essential tools to ensure your recommendation letters strengthen your candidacy.   |
| <b><i>Find the Right Fit - Where do I start?</i></b>                                 | Discover tips and tools to identify the right college for you based on your academic interests, career aspirations, and personal preferences. We'll guide you through exploring different institutions, understanding campus culture, and amenities. Learn effective methods for researching colleges using online resources, virtual tours, and connecting with current students. Whether you're starting your search or narrowing options, this session provides insights to help you make informed decisions about your future. |
| <b><i>I Have No Idea - the 4 year track</i></b>                                      | Feeling uncertain about your college plans? This session is for seniors eager to pursue higher education but unsure where to begin. We'll explore your interests, identify potential career paths, and find colleges that match your goals. Discover resources, tips, and strategies to make informed decisions. Gain clarity & confidence in your journey to college.   |
| <b><i>I have no idea, but it's not College</i></b>                                   | Not interested in college and ready to start your career? This session is for high school seniors aiming to enter the workforce immediately. We'll cover resume building, job search strategies, and interview tips. Learn to market your strengths, gain work experience, and find job opportunities that match your goals. Join us for the tools and confidence to transition from high school to the working world.   |
| <b><i>Exploring the GAP year</i></b>   | Curious about taking a gap year? This session is for those considering a year off before college. We'll explore what a gap year is, its benefits, and how to plan a productive year. Learn about opportunities like travel, internships, volunteer work, and personal development. Discover how a gap year can provide valuable experiences, clarity, and confidence before starting college.  |
| <b><i>Maximizing Your Credits: Understanding AP and DC and How They Transfer</i></b> | Want to maximize your AP and Dual Credit courses? This session is for high school seniors looking to understand how these credits transfer to colleges. We'll Explain the differences between AP and Dual Credit, ensuring credit acceptance, and their impact on your college journey. Learn strategies to save time and money, and get a head start on your education.   |
| <b><i>Insider Insights: Q&amp;A with College Admissions Reps</i></b>                 | Have questions about college admissions? This session offers a Q&A with college admissions representatives. Gain insights into what colleges look for, tips to strengthen your application, and answers to your specific questions. Get expert advice directly from those who make admission decisions.  |
| <b><i>I'm 1st Gen - where do I start?</i></b>  | First Gen is defined as a student whose parents did not attend or graduate a 4-year college in the United States (regardless if siblings have attended). Feeling lost? Not sure what to do? This is the place to start!  |