College Search Process

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Counseling Seminars

We had a Parent Survey. We chose the top five responses. This is the third webinar out of five this semester.

Upcoming dates and topics:

4/20 - **Counseling Seminar #4** - Career Exploration at 5pm (Teams Link: https://bit.ly/SeminarApr20)

5/11 - **Counseling Seminar #5** - Q&A with a Counselor about topics not previously covered. 5pm (Teams Link: https://bit.ly/SeminarMay11)

Tonight, We Will Cover:

Are you ready for college?

Get Organized

Step by Step College Search

Finding The Right Fit

College Visits

College Fairs

Naviance – Under Colleges

Demonstration of Naviance

Next Steps

College Resources

What Are Colleges Looking For?

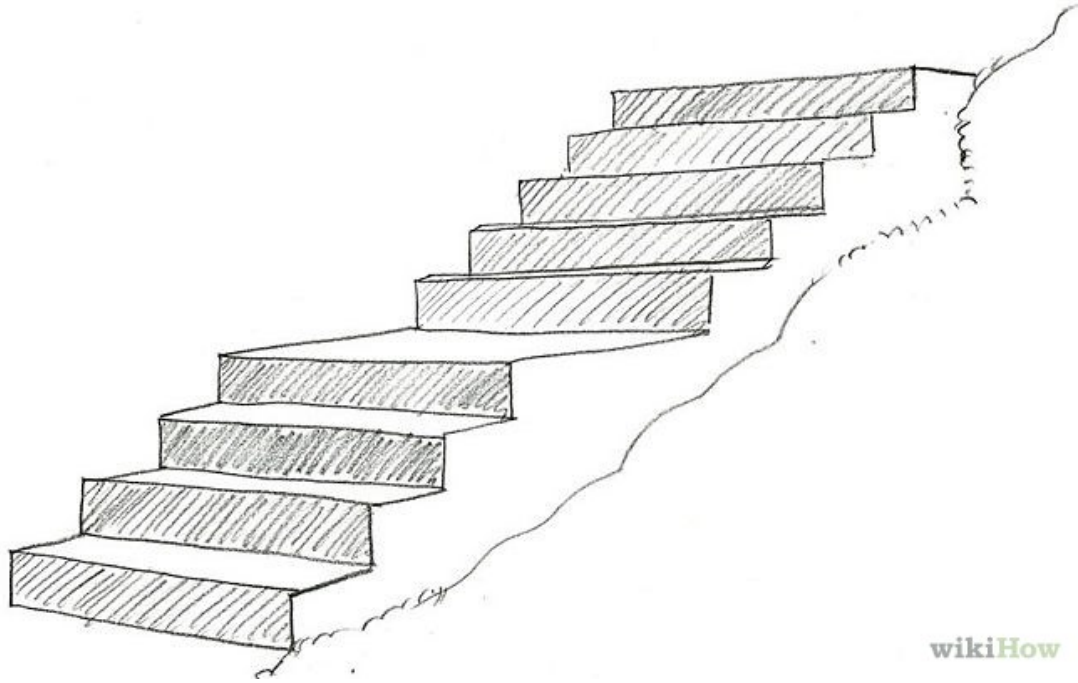
- GPA/Grades in Academic Courses
- Test Scores – SAT/ACT
- Rigor of course work
- Extracurricular activities
- Essay
- Recommendations
- Resumes, interviews, portfolios

Getting Organized

- Setting Goals
- Spreadsheets
- Calendars
- Lists of Schools:
  - Reach
  - Match
  - Safety
- Naviance

Step by Step College Search

- Step 1: Know your college search timeline.
- Step 2: Consider your major and/or academic options.
- Step 3: Make a list of what you want in a college.
- Step 4: Search for schools that fit your criteria to make your college list.
- Step 5: Go on campus visits.
- Step 6: Take standardized tests.



Find The Right College Fit for you

Location

Major

Type

Campus Life

Characteristics to consider

- Academics
- Location/Living Environment
- College Culture
- Fit/size
- Programs of study
- Activities offered
- Religious affiliation
- Greek Life
- Cost

Military Officer Careers

Learn About Military Officer Careers

Serving your country is one of the greatest ways to give back to your nation. Acting in leadership roles, military officers lead Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, or Sailors in our nation's defense. Most officer positions require a four-year college degree, which equips students with the critical decision-making skills needed to plan and direct military operations. Officer positions also include careers that require advanced degrees, such as law and medicine. If you are looking to explore a career in the military, colleges and universities in Georgia offer two of the five paths to becoming a military officer:

- Attending a senior military college
- Attending a college or university with a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC.)

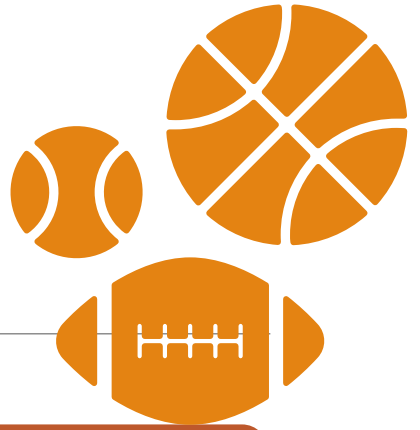
Scholarship Opportunities

Enrolling in military programs in Georgia may qualify you for scholarships that can cover full-tuition, room and board, books and fees and even monthly living allowances. To review these scholarship opportunities, visit the sites listed here *and* explore the individual colleges' ROTC and military program pages. **Scholarship winners must serve for four years; non-scholarship Cadets who enroll in the ROTC Advanced Course must serve for three years**

State of Georgia Funding Opportunities

The ASVAB test is scheduled for Thursday, March 31st, 2022. Please sign up in Naviance or email Mr. Mulroy; mulroyt@fultonschools.org

College Bound Athletes



Those planning to participate in Division I or II college athletics, must register with the **NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse**.

Prospective student athletes should:

- Access the registration materials by visiting their website at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- Contact **Mrs. Hagan**– hagank1@fultonschools.org - in the Main Office prior to requesting your transcript.
- When taking the SAT/ACT, enter **9999** for scores to be sent to NCAA Clearinghouse.
- Review the NCAA requirements as they might differ from graduation requirements! Direct questions to Coach Short, Athletic Director.

College Visits

College visits at Chattahoochee (Virtual):

- Juniors and Seniors can register for a maximum of **7 on-campus college visits per school year**. **Sophomores can register for 2.**
- Please email your teacher to receive **permission to miss class**.
- Students should **research the colleges** prior to the visits and come prepared with questions for the representative
- College visit dates are posted on the Naviance portal

Off campus college visits:

- Students are allowed **6** pre-approved absences from school, which can be used for college visits or other purposes.
- **If Face to Face**--pick up the Pre-approved form in the attendance office (at least a minimum of 3 days before the College visit)
- **If Virtual**--send an official note from the college (on college letterhead) to attendance

College Visit Worksheet

https://schoolbuff.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/College-Visit-Worksheet-5-19.pdf

Schedule a Visit

Attend College Visits that come to Chattahoochee High School

Go to the college for a College Tour – Questions to ask

https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/questions-to-ask-on-a-college-tour

Schedule a meeting with the College Admissions Counselors-If the school offers it.

Attend Summer programs for high school students on the college campus

College Fairs

March 19th - Annual Latino College & Stem Fair
https://gostem.gatech.edu/lcsf

March 21st Probe College Tour
https://www.gaprobe.org/student-fair-registration/

March 26th - 18th Annual Atlanta Black College Expo
https://www.thecollegeexpo.org/students/atlanta-black-college-expo

March 31st –April 2nd - STEM/FCS Regional Science and Engineering Fair
https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/5094

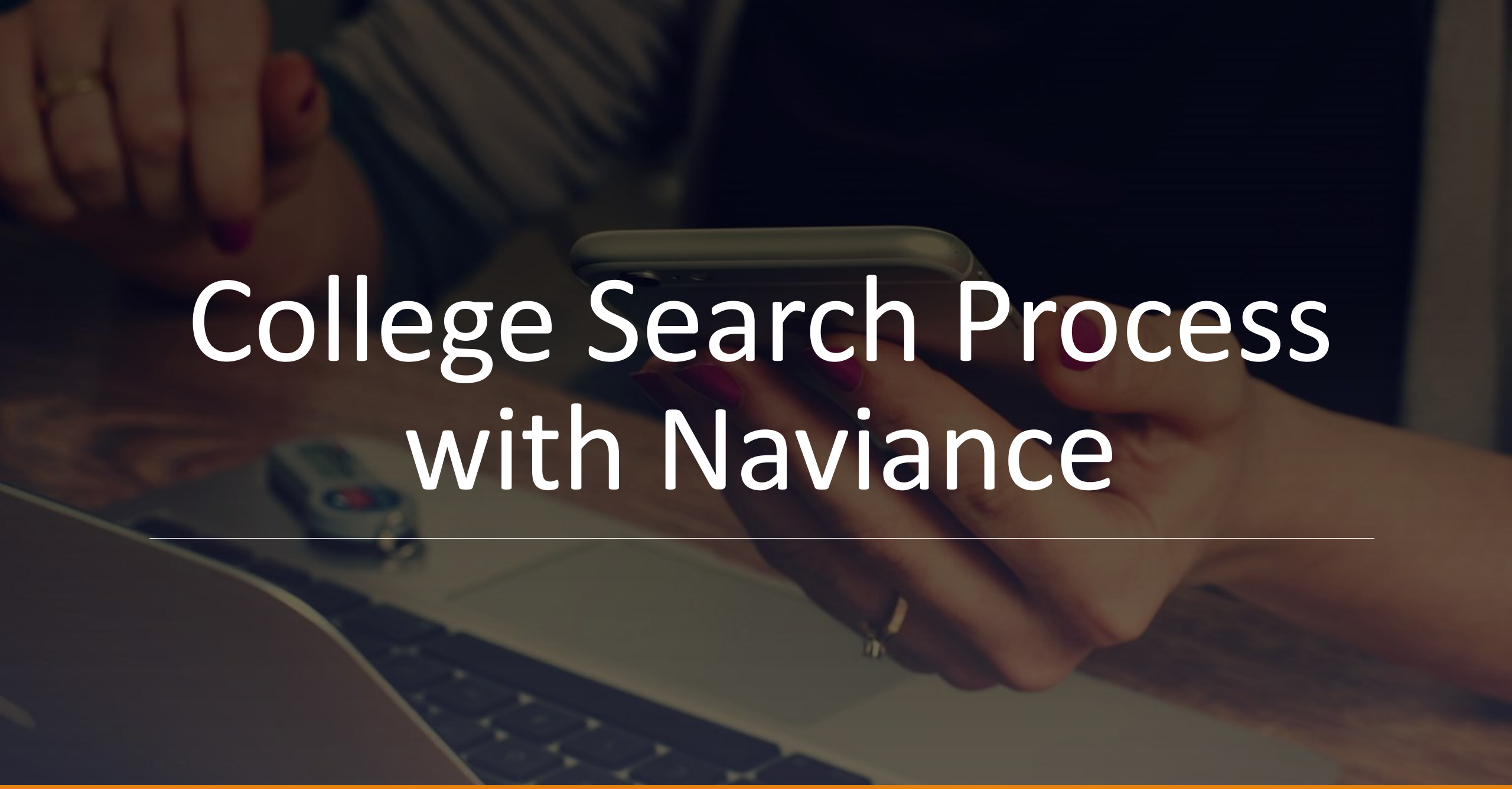
May 9th – STEM College Fair at Regeneron ISEF
https://www.societyforscience.org/isef-college-fair/

Virtual College Fairs

NACAC National College Virtual College Fairs
https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/

Coalition For College Virtual Fairs
https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/april-virtual-college-fair

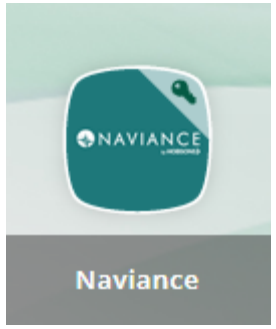
The 2nd Fulton County Virtual College Fair will be on March 31st
https://www.collegefairsusa.com/High-School-Counselors

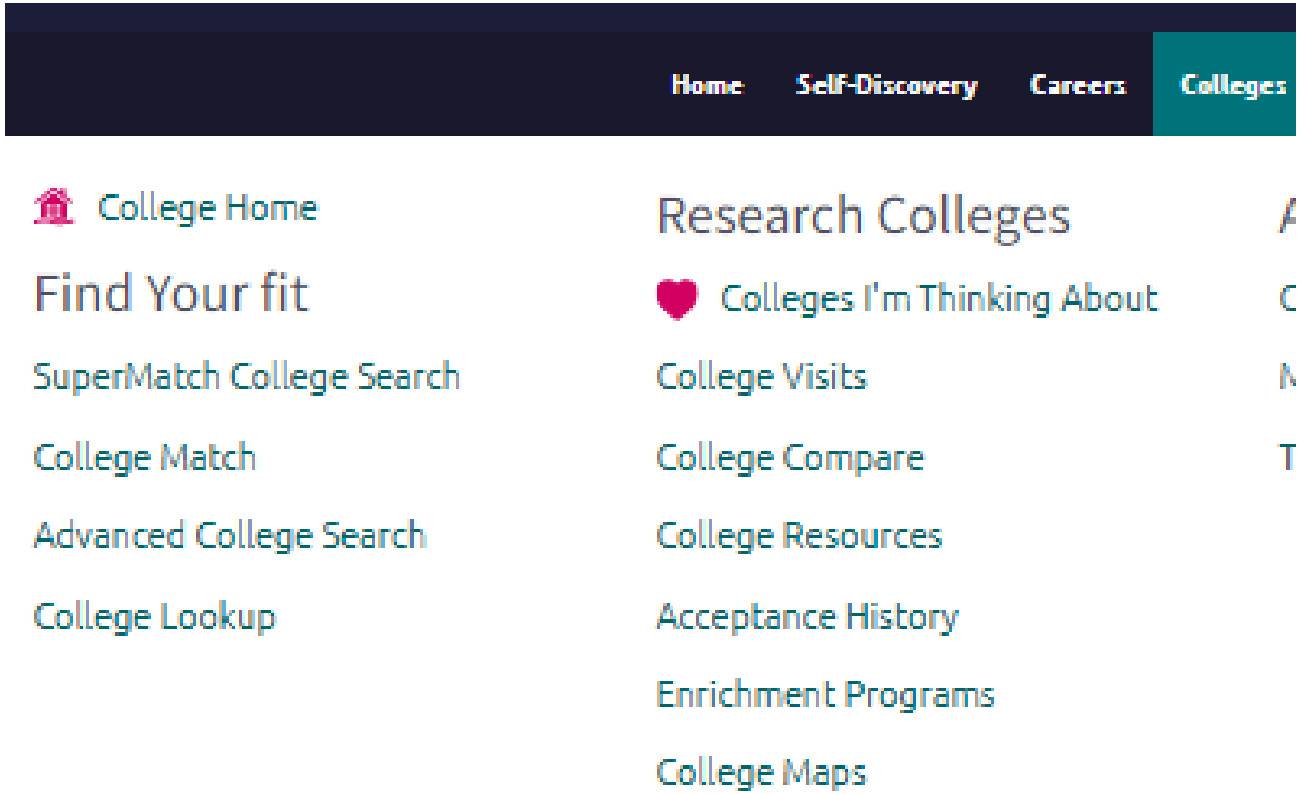


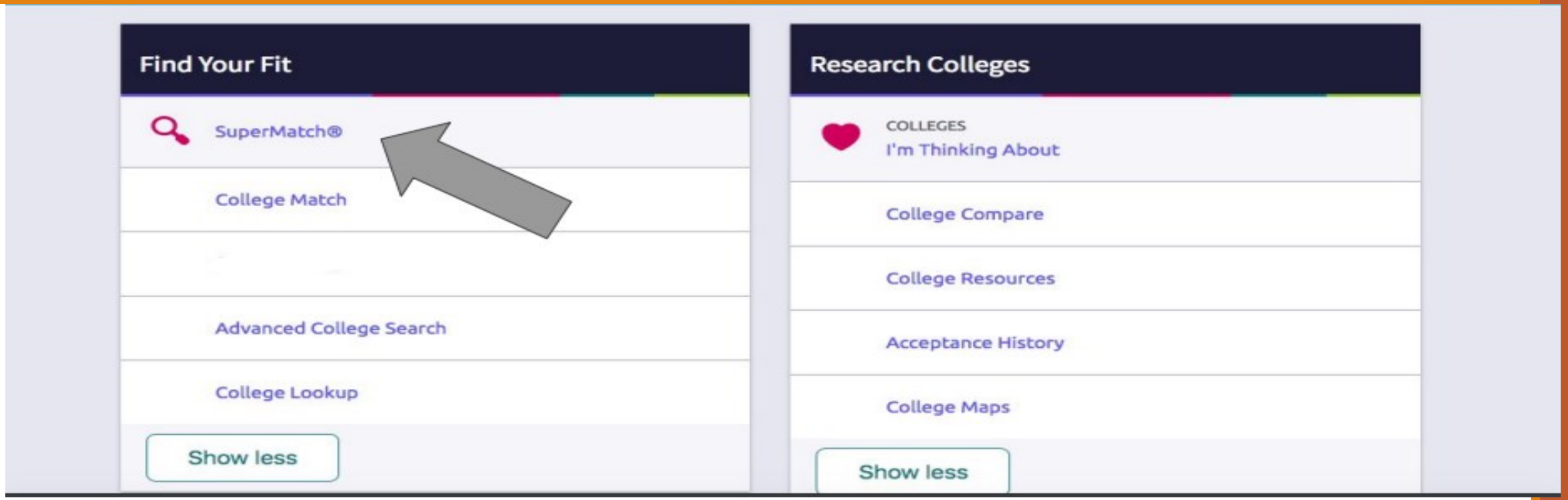
College Search Process with Naviance

ACCESSING NAVIANCE

Students can access Naviance through Class Link





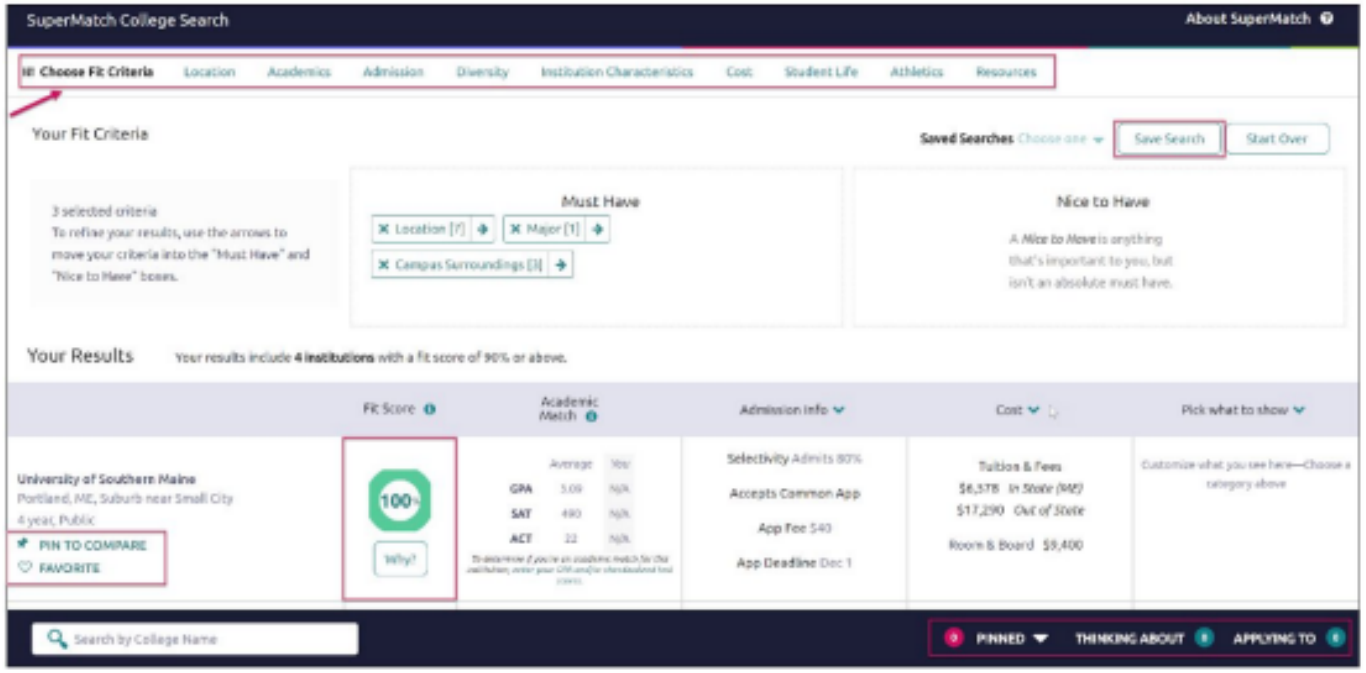


- **SuperMatch College Search is a comprehensive college search and compare tool where you can choose fit criteria.**
- **College Match are colleges interested in receiving applications from students like you.**
- **Advance College Search is a search tool with additional parameters for students to explore.**
- **College Lookup is for students who already know which college they want to research.**

- **Add colleges you are thinking about**
- **Search College Visits that come to Chattahoochee**
- **Compare colleges**
- **College Resources, Acceptance History and Enrichment programs and College Maps all at your fingertips.**

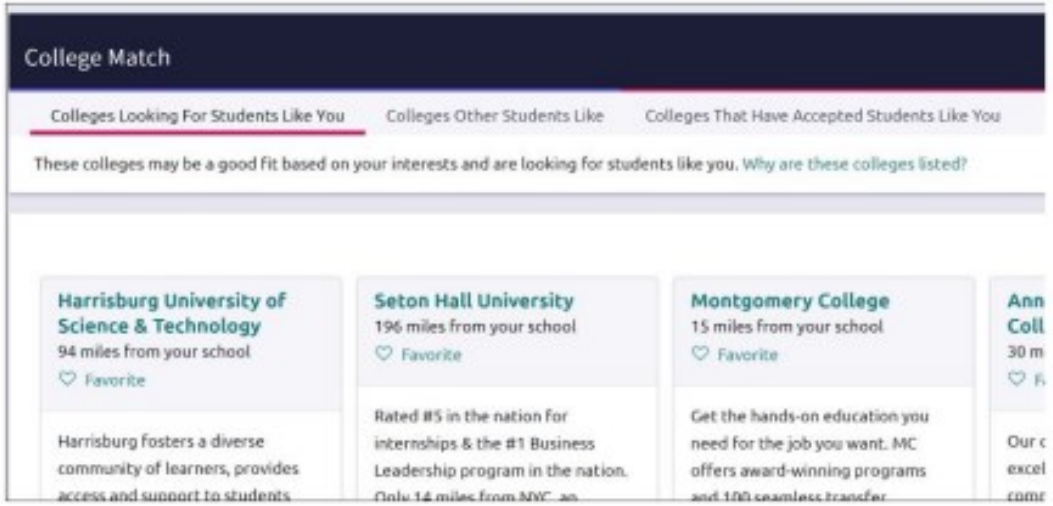
NAVIANCE College Search Tools

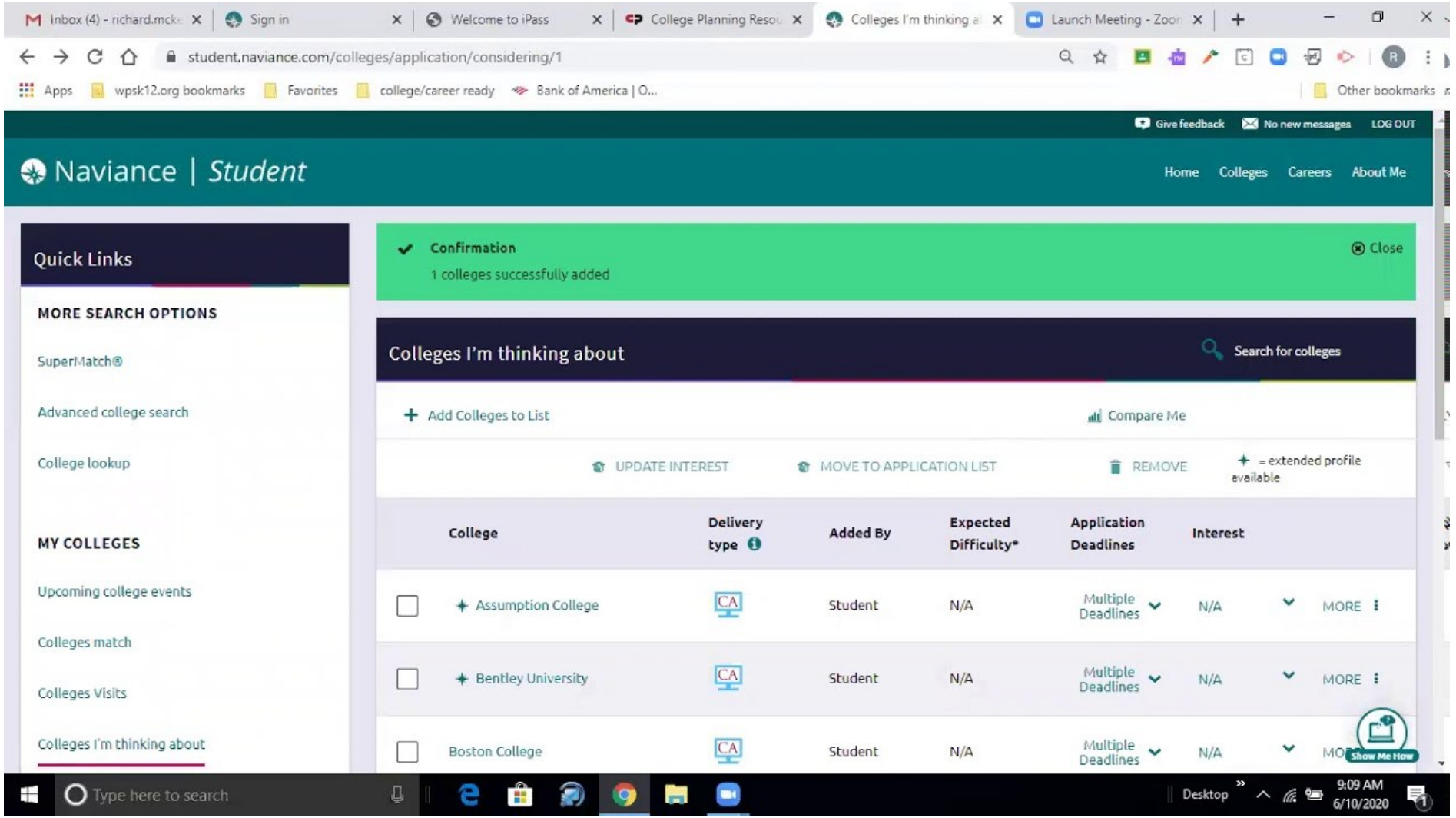
SUPERMATCH: Use SuperMatch™ to receive a list of best-fit schools based on criteria that you deem as important in your college search. SuperMatch™ can be used to save searches and return to them later.



COLLEGE MATCH: See and quickly favorite the other schools that are:

- Looking for Students Like You
- Colleges Other Students Like
- Colleges that Have Accepted Students Like You

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Next Steps:

9th and 10th graders– Meet with your School Counselor and get to know them, Explore college interest in Naviance (Colleges I'm Thinking About), get involved (clubs, sports, volunteer, etc.), track your accomplishments (start your HS resume), focus on getting good grades, take a PSAT.

11th Graders – All the things listed above. Counselors will meet in the fall with all juniors and their parents for a Junior Advisement meeting on the college planning process. Recommendations and steps will be provided on what Juniors should do to start this process.

12th Graders–Senior Meeting will be in September on the college application process and what students should do to apply to college.

Admissions Blogs

- Georgia Tech Admissions
- Georgia State Admissions
- Inside Emory Admissions
- MIT Admissions
- Tufts Admissions
- Tulane Admissions
- University of Georgia
- University of Illinois
- University of Virginia

Books

- Colleges That Change Lives by Loren Pope
- Who Gets in and Why by Jeffery Selingo
- The Price You Pay For College by Ron Lieber
- The College Solution by Lynn O'Shaughnessy
- Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be by Frank Bruni
- Choosing College by Michael B. Horn
- How to College by Andrea Malkin Brenner & Lara Hope Schwartz

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- FAFSA
- Going Merry
- Raise.Me
- Scholarship Saturday Blog
- Swift Student

Podcasts

- College Admissions Decoded
- College Essay Guy
- Get Schooled by Reeves and Ford
- Future U
- Tests and the Rest

College Resources

Free College Search Tools to Find Your Dream School

Naviance – Supermatch

Academic Common Market - https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market

College Board's BigFutures - https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

Cappex - https://www.cappex.com/

College Insight - https://college-insight.org/

College Confidential - https://www.collegeconfidential.com/

Niche - https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/all-colleges/

Unigo - https://www.unigo.com/get-to-college/college-search

College Navigator - https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

College Simply - https://www.collegesimply.com/

College Xpress - https://www.collegexpress.com/

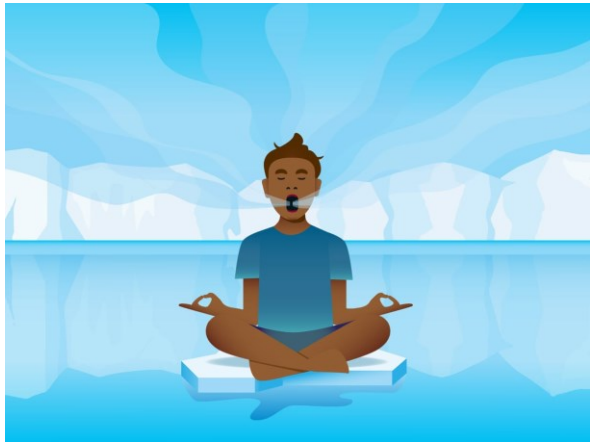
SAT/ACT

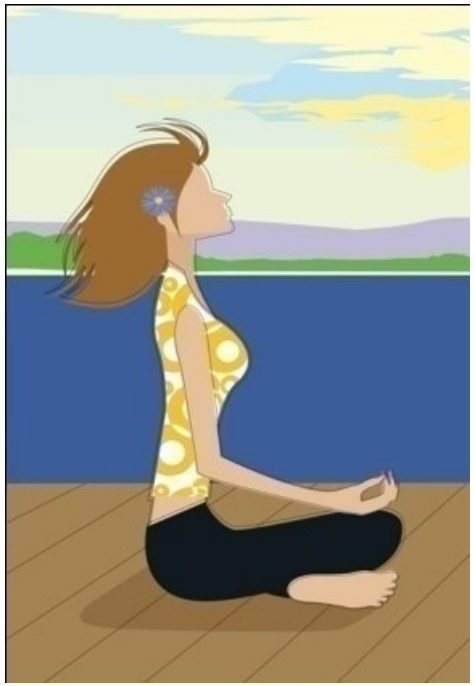
SAT - To register and view upcoming test dates for the SAT visit www.collegeboard.org

ACT - To register and view upcoming test dates for the ACT visit www.ACT.org

Students should follow these testing agencies for Covid-19 updates, including test cancellations and refunds.

Test Prep information for the SAT/ACT can be found at: https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/5458





Breathe…

- Let your student lead
- Start early
- Breathe
- Attend Senior Parent Night in September
- Limit # of applications
- Attend Financial Aid Night
- DON’T PANIC!

Questions