

Senior Planning Night

The Gilbert School

Transition Plan:

- Employment
- Military
- College
- Trades

Employment? Start now...

- Explore interests
(Naviance)
- Career Exploration
Class
 - Work Study
Opportunity
 - Resume
 - Job Shadowing

Military



Enlist

- Take the ASVAB
- Meet with a recruiter senior year
- Enlist before or upon graduation
- Begin your occupational training

ROTC

Reserve Officer Training Corp

- *Attend college full-time*
- *Start ROTC program*
- *Commit junior year*

Military

Steps to Enlist

- 1) Take Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB) - December
- 2) Begin working with military branch recruiters - February
 - a) Explore specific career pathway opportunities
 - b) Pass physical fitness exam
 - c) Get medically screened
 - d) Sign contract of employment (to military branch)



TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Practical Career Training (CT)

- ❖ Trade-schools.net (search by zip code)
 - Bristol Tech (Bristol, CT)
 - Automotive Technology
 - Culinary Arts
 - Precision Machine Technology
 - Lincoln Tech (East Windsor, New Britain, Shelton)
 - Occupational Therapy Assistant
 - Dental Assistant
 - Business Administration
 - Universal Technological Institute
 - Automotive Technology
 - Specific trades offered at various branches

Focus on passion and practicality!

COLLEGE: FINDING A 'GOOD FIT'

Factors to Consider:

- ☐ 2-Year vs. 4-Year
- ☐ Cost
 - ☐ Tuition & Board
- ☐ Public vs. Private
- ☐ Location
 - ☐ Distance, setting (rural, urban)
 - ☐ Number of students
- ☐ Campus Life
 - ☐ athletics, activities, housing
- ☐ Test Optional (www.fairtest.org)
- ☐ Programs/Majors
 - ☐ New England Tuition Break (www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak)
 - ☐ CSCU Transfer Ticket Program



COLLEGE: NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

To get started, ask yourself:

- Do I want to stay close to home or move across the country?
- Would I prefer rural, urban or suburban?
- Am I looking for a small, medium or big school?
- Do I want a smaller teacher:student ratio?
- What kind of majors might I be interested in?
- Do I want certain student organizations, sports teams?

CT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HAVE YOU HEARD?

- **12 Campuses - 1 Application**
 - Asnuntuck (Enfield)
 - Capital (Hartford)
 - Housatonic (Bridgeport)
 - Manchester (Manchester)
 - Middlesex (Middletown)
 - Naugatuck Valley
(Waterbury&Danbury)
 - **Northwestern (Winsted)**
 - Norwalk (Norwalk)
 - Quinebaug Valley (Danielson)
 - Three Rivers (Norwich)
 - Tunxis (Farmington)

CT PACT

Attend Community College Debt-Free

Eligibility Qualifications:

- CT High School Graduates
- First-Time College Students
- Complete the FAFSA by July
- Part-Time or Full-Time (6+ credits per semester)
- Degree or certificate programs
- Maintain satisfactory grades
- www.ct.edu/pact



NCCC 2-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

- Arts & Humanities
- Business & Computer Technology
- Health & Veterinary Sciences
- Public Services, Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

AND...CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

- Computer Programming
- Webmaster and internet design
- Home child care
- Digital publishing
- Graphic design
- Photography
- Medical assisting
- Therapeutic recreation
- And many more!



TRANSFER DEGREE PROGRAMS: EARN YOUR 4-YEAR DEGREE FOR 2-YEAR \$

Start at NCCC then transfer to Central, Eastern,
Southern and Western CT State University

- Criminology
- Early Childhood Education
- Art
- English
- Spanish
- History
- Political Science
- Biology
- BioChemistry
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Math
- Physics

WHAT ABOUT UCONN'S GAP?



**GAP - THE AGREEMENT:
TRANSFER SEAMLESSLY TO UCONN
WITHOUT NEEDING TO APPLY!**

1. Enroll in a liberal arts transfer program at one of CT's community colleges
2. Apply to GAP program before completing 30 transferable credits
3. Complete all general education requirements for the program in:
 - a. Liberal Arts & Sciences
 - b. Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources
 - c. Business

Direct Admission

CT Automatic Admissions Program (CAAP)

What is it?

Free application to select CT state and private colleges based on GPA:

- ☐ Central
- ☐ Eastern
- ☐ Western
- ☐ Southern
- ☐ Bridgeport
- ☐ New Haven

4-YEAR? SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT COLLEGE



10 Best College Search Websites:

1. College Board Big Future
2. Cappex
3. College Insight
4. College Confidential
5. Niche
6. Unigo
7. College Navigator
8. College Simply
9. College Express
10. Peterson's



BUILD YOUR LIST and Create your Common App

Pick at least 4 to 6, narrow and categorize your choices:

→ ***“Reach” schools (1 or 2)***

- ◆ Entrance requirements are above your qualifications, a few “long shots”

→ ***“Realistic” schools (2 to 4)***

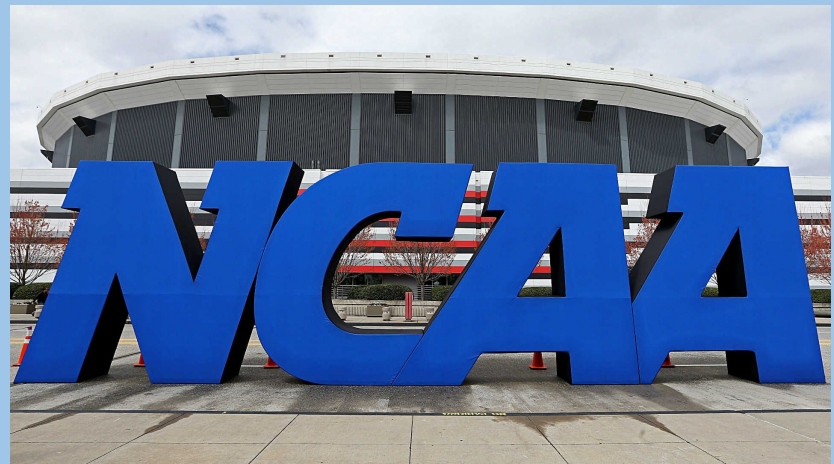
- ◆ Your qualifications match, meet criteria

→ ***“Safety” schools (1 or 2)***

- ◆ You are more than likely to get accepted

ARE YOU A DIVISION I OR II ATHLETE?

- ❖ All Division I & II athletes *must register* with the NCAA in order to determine your eligibility.
 - Core Courses, Test Scores, G.P.A.
 - Register for NCAA at:
- ❖ www.eligibilitycenter.org
- ❖ Meet with your counselor



COLLEGE VISITS AT GILBERT

SEPT & OCT

- ❑ Mass College of Liberal Arts
- ❑ University of Saint Joseph
- ❑ Western CT State University
- ❑ Merrimack College
- ❑ Central CT State University
- ❑ Savannah College of Art&Design
- ❑ University of New Haven

COLLEGE VISITS AT GILBERT

OCT & NOV

- ❑ Endicott College
- ❑ UConn
- ❑ Dean College
- ❑ Sacred Heart University
- ❑ Westfield State University
- ❑ Rutgers University
- ❑ Southern CT State University

FINDING A GOOD FIT - CONSIDER: COLLEGE ADMISSION FACTORS

What do admission officers look at?

- Transcript – rigor of high school classes
- G.P.A. (weighted: H= +.5, AP= +1)
- Rank in Class
- Standardized Test Results if not optional (SAT, SAT subject test, ACT)
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay
- Extracurricular Activities (school, community, honors, awards, employment)
- Early Decision vs. Early Action

EARLY DECISION vs. EARLY ACTION

Early Decision:

- ❖ Early Decision is a **commitment**; student promises that, if accepted, student will definitely attend that school.
- ❖ Student can only have one Early Decision application pending.
- ❖ Upon acceptance, student must withdraw all other applications.

Early Action:

- ❖ Indicates to school the student has strong preference.
- ❖ Students receive decision well in advance of regular response date.
- ❖ Student not obligated to accept offer of admission.

What does the completed application look like?

Student will send:

- Application & Supplement
- Application Fee
- SAT or ACT Scores
- Essay
- Resume
- Link Naviance to Common App



School Counselor will send:

- Letters of Recommendations
- 2 Teachers (1 STEM & 1 Humanities)
- 1 School Counselor
- Transcript
- School Report
- School Profile



Financial Aid - 3 kinds

- 1) **Loans** (Must be repaid with interest)
 - a) Subsidized
 - b) Unsubsidized

- 2) **Grants/scholarships** (No repayment)
 - a) Pell Grant (income based)

- 3) **Work Study** program (can help supplement college costs)

Accessing Financial Aid/Loan/Scholarships: APPLY!

- FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
 - ◆ Used by all institutions**
 - ◆ Mandatory to access any aid and most scholarships**
- CSS Profile - College Board's application**
 - ◆ Used by some private institutions**



CLASS OF 2025

Class of
2025 is
applying for
the
2025-2026
school year!

- Use 2023 tax returns
- December 2024 - Create FSA ID (both student and parent)
- December 2024 - FAFSA Application opens (completed by both student and parent)

[FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#)

**FAFSA -
Required!**

ANNOUNCEMENT

UConn
Application FEE
Free Day

November 1st, 2024

Thank you for attending!

Questions?

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