

PTSO Meeting

November 21, 2024

NPHS Class of 2025

Mr. Daniels ~ Assistant Principal

Memories Last a Lifetime...

A Yearbook lasts forever!

- **Pre-Order Today! Books are \$86:**
 - No student is guaranteed a copy unless he or she preorders
 - Name Personalization is \$6 and only available before the holiday break.
 - Orders after the holiday break are \$91
 - **Books have sold out the last few years so don't count on getting a book at the end of the year**
- **Email Ms. Smith at casmith@ccboe.com with any questions and/or concerns**

Senior Photos

- Lifetouch must photograph all seniors
 - inclusion in the yearbook
 - to obtain a student ID (needed for admission to events such as prom)
 - student pictures are included in graduation ceremonies
- There is no fee to have a simple yearbook photo done
 - Tuxedo/drape are provided. You may choose to bring additional outfits and purchase photos.
- We have added December 18 and 19 as our final dates for senior pictures. Please make sure you schedule your session as this is the last session.
- Lifetouch.com / (800) 445-1191

Senior Dues

- Senior Class Dues are \$140, payable to North Point High School
- Senior dues cover:
 - Graduation attire (gown, cap and tassel)
 - Senior class awards, commencement exercises, diploma, and diploma cover
 - Senior class picnic
 - Yard sign
- We strongly recommend paying your Senior Dues in full online at Gofan.co
- Cash or Checks payable to North Point High School, can be delivered to the main office
- Senior Dues can be paid in full, or you can choose to pay in installments.
- Senior Dues must be paid by January 31, 2025
- All Senior debts must be paid before graduation ceremonies (Questions: See Ms. Garcia)
- All students are issued a receipt for payment of dues; please be sure to retain this receipt

Graduation Cap & Gown Orders

- ▶ All seniors must place an order through Jostens for Cap & Gown.
- ▶ Parents may opt to order additional items such as announcements and Class of 2025 memorabilia through Jostens.
- ▶ Parents can only submit one order.
- ▶ There is no charge for cap & gown this is covered in the senior dues.
- ▶ See flier Mr. Daniels sent out with additional information.
- ▶ Orders are due mid December

Prom

- ▶ When: Friday, May 2, 2025
- ▶ Where: Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt
- ▶ Time: 7 to 11 pm

Graduation

- ▶ Graduation will be Friday, May 30 @9:00 am.
- ▶ Graduation will be held at Regency Furniture Stadium

Graduation Attire

- ▶ All Graduating seniors must have the cap, gown, and tassel to participate in graduation commencement exercises.
- ▶ Commencement wear is as follows:
 - ▶ Medals, pins, and ropes may be worn with/on the sash
 - ▶ Business casual- slacks/skirts/dress, collared shirt/blouse
 - ▶ Shoes- comfortable, flats and sandals, no heels. Regency Furniture Stadium will not permit heels on the field. Heels are a safety hazard and will sink into the ground. This will also damage the infield.
 - ▶ Hair should permit easy fit of cap.
 - ▶ Caps may be decorated- must be school appropriate. Subject to approval by school administration.

*Additional information will be provided as we get closer to graduation.

Senior Exit Portfolios Overview

- The portfolio project's purpose is to provide students an opportunity to:
 - Reflect on school experiences
 - Prepare for job or college interviews
 - Showcase talents, learning, and abilities.

The Portfolio and English Class...

- The senior exit portfolio is a county-wide requirement of Senior English classes
- Successful completion of the portfolio and the exit interview are significant test grades in the English IV or AP English course
- Polishing, editing, revising, and updating is to be completed this year in English courses

Included in the Project:

- A complete portfolio will include:
 - A cover page
 - A table of contents
 - A resume
 - A cover letter
 - A reflective essay
 - Three artifacts, each with a rationale (one each for academic achievement, professional responsibility, and career readiness)
 - Two letters of recommendation

The Exit Interview

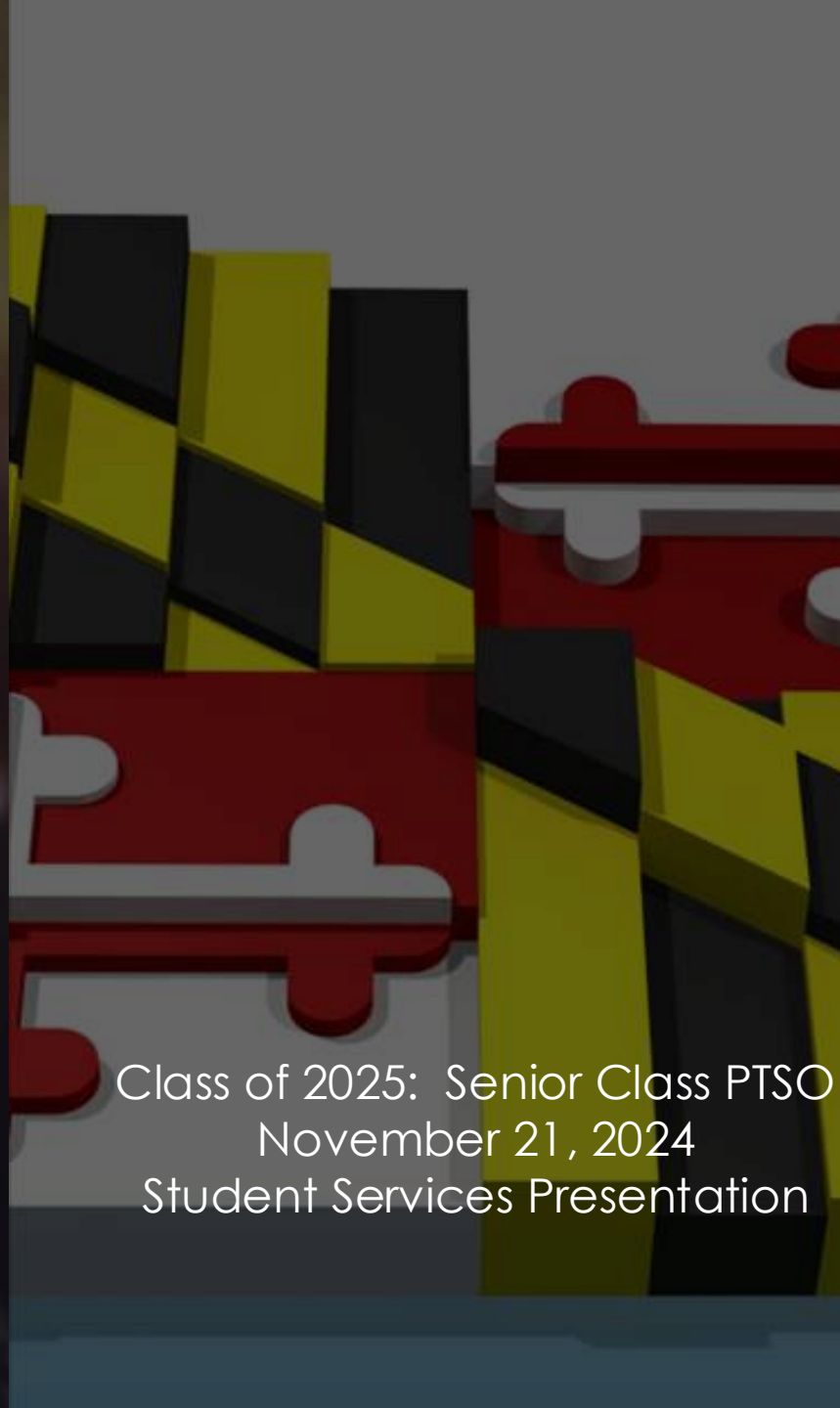
- Exit interviews will be conducted in school the first week of December.
- Students are expected to dress professionally for this experience
- Students are required to bring a fully completed portfolio to the interview
- Students who are not dressed professionally or are without a portfolio will not be able to interview and will receive a zero for that part of the project

What parents can do to help...

- Help your student to look over the portfolio and ensure that it appears professional – including grammar, spelling, and overall organization and appearance
- Practice “interviews” with the student before the end of November.

Important Dates

- ▶ November 16, 2024- Cap & Gown Orders Due to Jostens
- ▶ First week of December - Senior Portfolio Interviews
- ▶ January 31, 2025- Senior Dues due
- ▶ Friday, May 2, 2025- Prom
- ▶ Senior Class Trip (????)
- ▶ Senior Sunset (???)
- ▶ May 16, 2025- Senior Picnic/Last day of school for Seniors
- ▶ Graduation Practice May 16, 20, 22, 27th @ 8:40
- ▶ Senior Parade May 23, 2025 @ Diggs ES and Davis MS
- ▶ Senior award night May 28, 2025
- ▶ May 30, 2025-Graduation at Regency Furniture Stadium



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Class of 2025: Senior Class PTSO
November 21, 2024
Student Services Presentation

The Student Services Team

Vice Principal: Asa Daniels

Name	Case Load	Contact Info.
Von McKithen	A-C	vmckithen@ccboe.com
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This presentation aims to provide information to support your preparation for senior year, graduation, and fulfilling post-secondary options.





School Professional
Counselor
Von Della McKithen
Counselor

Maryland State Department of Education Requirements

There are (3) types of requirements that students are required to meet Maryland High School requirements for a Diploma:

Credits;

Service Learning;

Assessments

The Dangers of Failing

Semester and final grades are computed by averaging quarterly numerical grades. To graduate, you must earn passing *final* grades in courses needed to fulfill the state requirements

The SSL (Student Service Learning) requirement must be completed. Any senior who has not completed their SSL project by May 1, 2025, **will not** participate in graduation exercises. Any questions or concerns regarding the SSL requirement, please contact **Ms. McKithen: Student Services Office**

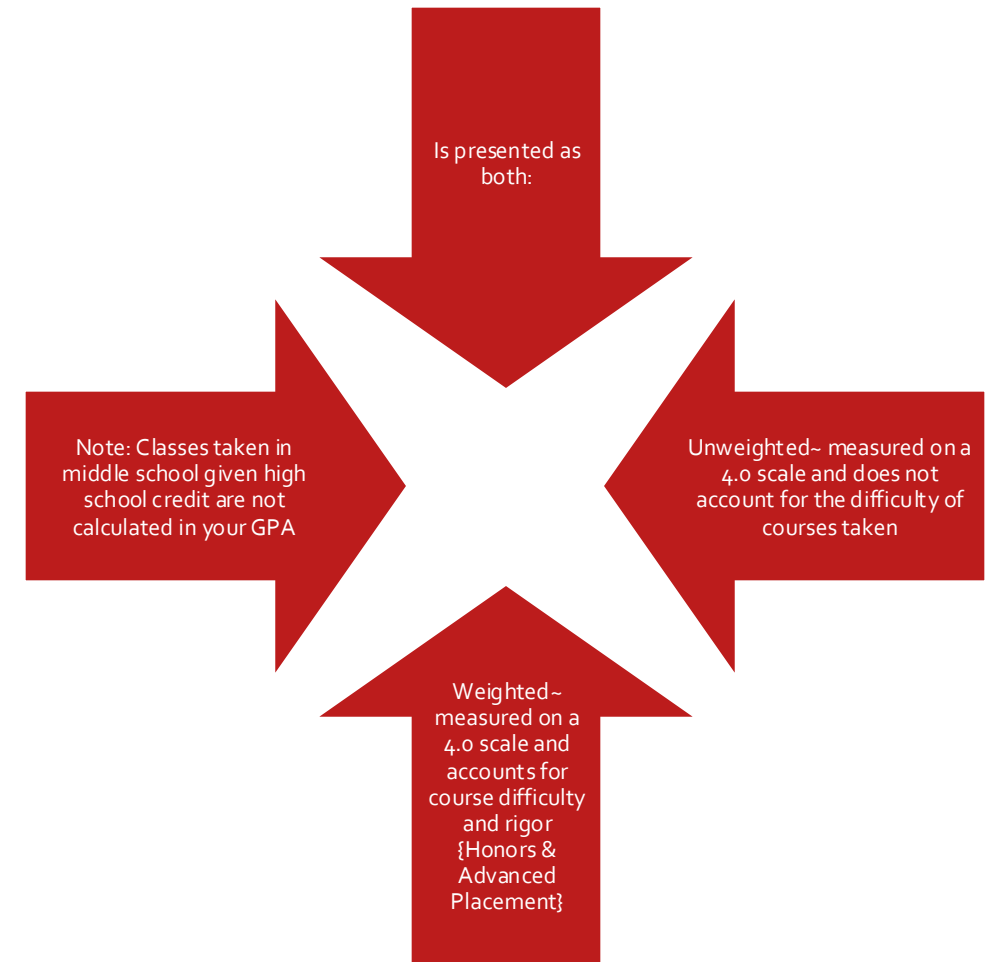
You must take/pass all HSA/PARCC Assessment(s): Algebra I, English II, Biology & LSN- Government

If requirements are not met, eligible students can only repeat failed courses which are offered through summer school

If all graduation requirements are met by appropriate summer deadlines, students can participate in summer school graduation exercises and will receive their diploma on TBA.



Grade Point Average (GPA)



Class Rank

- Summary of academic record achieved during grades 9-12
- Class rank is based upon the weighted cumulative GPA achieved in all course work
- Class rank is provided twice a year thru your Synergy account
- Senior grades will affect your final GPA rank



4 Things to Consider Before Applying to A Test Optional College



- ▶ These schools look at a student's essays, recommendations, grades, and coursework just as (or more) closely than your test scores.
- ▶ 1. There are different types of Test Optional Schools
 - ▶ Test-Flexible: can submit other scores; ACT/SAT Subject Test, IB Exam, AP Scores
 - ▶ Test Blind: Will not consider scores even if submit
- ▶ 2. Test-Optional Policies Differ from School to School
 - ▶ Restrictions: ex. Out-of-state or International student; Certain Program/Majors
 - ▶ May Use Your Rank, Test Scores, and GPA, Letters of Recommendations
- ▶ 3. Other Parts of Your Application will be Scrutinized
- ▶ 4. Test Scores May be Required for Merit



Senior Guide

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Important Information for the Senior Year At A Glance

School Name: North Point High School
School System: Charles County Public Schools
School Address: 2500 Davis Road
Waldorf, MD 20603

Counseling Phone: 301-934-7470
Counseling Fax: 301-392-5505

School Code/CEEB/ACT/SAT Code: **211061**

Principal's Name: Daniel Kaple
Senior Administrator: Carl Pascarella

Counselor's E-mail: Vone McKithen vmckithen@ccboe.com
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- **North Point High School College and Career Center** will keep you up to date with current college visits and scholarship opportunities. Our College and Career Advisor, D. Anderson, updates our Career Center website each month and publishes a monthly newsletter.
- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** www.fafsa.ed.gov
or call 1-800-433-3243 8:00am to 12:00 midnight Mon-Friday and 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday. No Sunday Hours. The FAFSA is open for students planning to start college in the academic 2024/25 year. **Federal Deadline 6/30/2024.**
11:59 PM (Central Time). For Maryland State colleges and universities, the deadline is **March 1, 2024.**
- **All Transcript requests are free and require at least (7) business days' notice.** {Transcript request form is required} Transcripts will not be emailed multiple times.
- **All Senior Counselor Letters of Recommendation** require at least (7) business days' notice. {Transcript request form is required}
- Letters of recommendation/transcript(s) needed for **November 1st** deadline must be received no later than **Wednesday, October 11, 2023.** Please check your University/College of choice as most early action application(s) are due by **11/1/2023** this year.
- Letters of recommendation/transcript(s) needed for **December 1st** deadline must be received by **Monday, November 6, 2023.**
- **Student Service Learning (SSL) Contact:** Ms. Wyman Rm. 2312 pwyman@ccboe.com TBA.
- **Early Application Deadline** for the following school(s) should be submitted to counselor no later than **October 2, 2023. Application Deadline: October 15, 2023**

Service Academy Nomination(s) deadline(s):

- Senator Van Hollen: September 28, 2023
- Congressman Steny Hoyer: Mid-October {Contact office for specifics}
- Senator Ben Cardin: By 5:00 PM on November 2, 2023

All college bound student athletes who desire to participate in collegiate Division I or Division II sports need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-center>. NCAA Code:9999

College Admissions Tests:

- ACT Register online at www.actstudent.org or call 1-319-337-1313.

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
10/21/2023	09/15/2023	09/29/2023
12/09/2023	11/03/2023	11/17/2023
02/10/2024	01/05/2024	01/29/2024
04/06/2024	03/01/2024	03/15/2024
06/08/2024	05/03/2024	05/17/2024
07/13/2024	06/14/2024	06/21/2024

- SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Some colleges may require SAT Subject Tests. Please check the admissions requirements. Register online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register> or call 1-866-756-7346.

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
10/07/2023	09/08/2023	09/26/2023
11/04/2023	10/05/2023	10/24/2023
12/02/2023	11/02/2023	11/21/2023
**03/09/2024	02/23/2024	02/27/2024
**05/04/2024	04/19/2024	04/23/2024
**06/01/2024	05/16/2024	05/21/2024

**** DENOTES DIGITAL**

- Remember to indicate school codes for any college/university you are applying- Four score report requests are included with registration; Each additional score report request: SAT \$12.00/ ACT \$18.00
- College of Southern Maryland Placement
Test: Spring 2024 *See Ms. Anderson in Career Center for additional info
Practice for the placement test <http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>
ACT/SAT college admissions tests are not required for admission to CSM.
- ASVAB: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude and Battery Test
Test Date: **The test will be administered at NPHS (8am-11am) Friday, October 6, 2023. All interested juniors and seniors can sign up in the Career Center with Ms. Anderson or contact danderson@ccboe.com.**

Transcripts: Paper Copy

Students are responsible for picking up transcript(s) from their counselor

Transcript(s) will be in the mailbox outside your counselor's door

It is the student(s) responsibility for mailing transcript(s) to prospective school(s)

Be sure to check your unofficial transcript for accuracy

Unofficial transcripts are available through Synergy accounts

***NORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM***

If you are completing this form prior to the school year starting transcripts, supplemental forms and recommendation letters will be completed upon your counselor's return in August. It is the student's responsibility to pick up the requested transcripts from the main office or counseling suite. Students must give the counseling office a minimum of **seven school days** to complete their transcript requests (Request that require additional forms/paperwork may take more time). It is the student's responsibility to pick up the requested transcripts from the main office or Student Services Suite.

Transcript request forms are available for pick up in the Student Services Office or can be downloaded from the school website (northpoint.ccboe.com/academics) - click on "Menu, then "Academics" then "Student Services" then Documents/Links.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Student ID# _____ Birth Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Total # Transcripts Requested: _____

Contact Name & Telephone #: _____

Counselor is to include the following (check all that apply):

_____ **Official Transcript** (includes schedule and/or grades to date)

_____ **Counselor Supplemental Forms**
(If applicable, student is to provide a hard copy)

_____ **Recommendation Letter**
(Student must include current résumé)

_____ **NCAA registered/unregistered** (Circle)

OFFICIAL transcripts may be picked up in a sealed envelope. They become **UNOFFICIAL** if the seal is broken. Note: Unofficial Transcripts can be accessed on Student-Vue or Parent-Vue. Please indicate platform; Common App (CA), Military Academies (MA), Common Black College App (BCA), or Physical Copy (PC).

Name of college/institution/scholarship: _____ Platform _____

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Transcript Request

- Since our return from Covid, changes in admissions policies at universities and colleges resulted in several secondary institutions accepting/preferring electronic transcripts. As a result, CCPS revised the policy for electronic transcripts.
- Electronic transcripts will be sent without charge. Electronic transcript will be sent **one** time only.
- Xello and Common App Integration: after submitting your paper copy of the transcript request form you may send a request via Xello

Letter(s) of Recommendation

- Indicate letter of recommendation request for each school to which you apply, *if applicable*
- The request must be submitted **(7) business days** before the deadline
- Provide a resume 'with your request; **Please Note:** *If resume' is not submitted on time, your request will be delayed*
- It is the student's responsibility to pick up letter(s) of recommendation from your school counselor (mailbox outside their doors)
- Xello and Common App Integration: after submitting your paper copy of the transcript request form you may send a request via Xello



Automatic Emails From Colleges

Most colleges can take up to 21 days to process documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation, supplemental reports, NCAA downloads) after receiving them.

Until then, the colleges will automatically email your child requesting the information.

To verify that they received your child's documents, please check your child's Xello activity to see the date the counselor sent it to Common App, Check Common App to see the date the college downloaded their documents, and call the admissions office to verify.

NCAA



NCAA Information



College Bound
Student athletes
should register with
the eligibility center
by their 10th grade
year
www.eligibilitycenter.org



Athletes should
review their school's
list of NCAA-
approved core
courses



It is the athlete's
responsibility to
provide the NCAA
with ACT/SAT scores



Transcript(s)/Athlete
academic information is
NOT PROVIDED to third
party sources (Recruiters,
Athletic Directors,
Coaches, Teachers, etc.,)
It is the athletes/parent
responsibility to request
information



Transcripts
uploaded 3x per
school year



Transfer/Alumni
Athletes will need
to request
transcripts through
the Board of
Education

Important Service Announcements



Please submit ACT/SAT scores to your counselor via email



Mid year Transcript(s) available on or after 2/03/2025 via Synergy



FERPA is a law that regulates the privacy of student education records which include your application and recommendation(s); waiving the FERPA allows counselor access to provide a recommendation on your behalf

How To Pay for College?

- FREE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID (FAFSA)
- MARYLAND COLLEGE AID PROCESSING SYSTEM (MDCAPS)
- MUST APPLY TO AT LEAST ONE MARYLAND SCHOOL
- LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (CREDIT UNIONS, HOAs, CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS)
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS, GRANDPARENTS, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS
- LOANS (FEDERAL/PRIVATE)
- SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

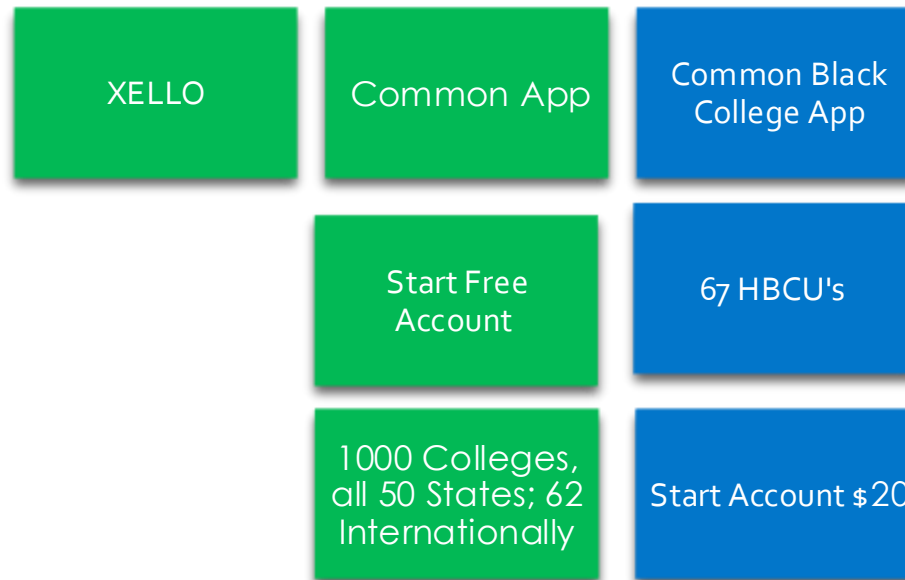




Obtaining Disability Services and Accommodations in College (504 & IEP)

- Any School, Program, or activity that federal assistant cannot discriminate based on disability
- Colleges and Universities Do Not Follow IEPs
- However, they must follow federal and state anti-discrimination laws of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- It provides information that can try to assist you
- Provide your documentation to the school Disabilities Office

Online College Application Platforms



Please Note: August 1st Starts Application Cycle

XELLO & COMMON APP Integration

- ▶ Step 1: Create a Common App Account, apply and pay for application
- ▶ Step 2: Link Your Common App Account in Xello
- ▶ Step 3: Complete a Transcript Request Form to be given to your counselor to include your resume
- ▶ Step 4: Complete a Transcript Request Form to be given to your counselor to include your resume
- ▶ Step 5: Manage Your College Applications in Xello (after completed in Common App)

College Decision Day: May 1, 2025

- ▶ Please discuss with your child to be prepared to give a school your decision and accept their offer
- ▶ A college Fit worksheet may help your family narrow the choice.



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Get Started: Your Future Awaits You!

