

FRESHMAN  
PARENT NIGHT

*SEPTEMBER 2025*

Mrs. McMorrow Grades 10, 11 & 12 Last names A – F	Mrs. Larson Grades 10 & 11 Last names G – L Grade 12 Last names G-L; Sa-Sm
Mr. Beneze Grades 10 & 11 Last names M – R Grade 12 Last names M-R; So - Z	Mrs. Clark Grades 10 & 11 Last names S - Z
Mrs. Kunitzer Grade 9 Last names A-L	Mrs. Meyer Grade 9 Last names M - Z
Mrs. Jody Kim Administrative Assistant	

# COUNSELING TEAM

Strengthening students  
mind, body and soul

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**Graduation Requirement**  
**120 hours minimum**  
Log hours via **MobileServe**



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## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

For even the Son of Man came not to be served **but to serve others** and to give His life as a ransom for many.  
Mathew 20:28

# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## **QUALITY over Quantity**

Sports

Arts (Drama, Choir, Jazz Ensemble)

Clubs

Jobs

Internships

**\*\*Highlight leadership experience(s)**

i.e.: House Leadership position(s), Captain on a sports team

## GRADES: THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Freshman grades DO appear on official transcripts
- Encourage your student(s) to:
  - Meet with their teacher
  - Explore tutoring (if possible/available)
  - Extra practice on their own
- Parents can access their student's grades through Canvas.

## HONORS CLASSES – THE DETAILS

**More rigorous** courses (increased workload, increased depth)

Extra weight to GPA (+0.5 point)

**Required grades** to place into **Honors** classes (reference both semester grades to determine placement)

- Honors to Honors = B (83%)
- Standard to Honors = A (93%)

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CLASSES – THE DETAILS

- **AP = Most rigorous courses**
  - Extra weight to GPA (+1.0 point)
  - AP exams take place in May
  - College credit may be awarded if a student earns a high score on the AP exam
  - Required grades to place into AP classes
    - AP to AP = B (83%)
    - Honors to AP = B+ (87%)
    - \*Regular to AP = A (93%)
- \*Check with instructor

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## **Dual Enrollment (DE) Classes**

**Available beginning sophomore year.**

More rigorous classes (increased workload, increased depth)

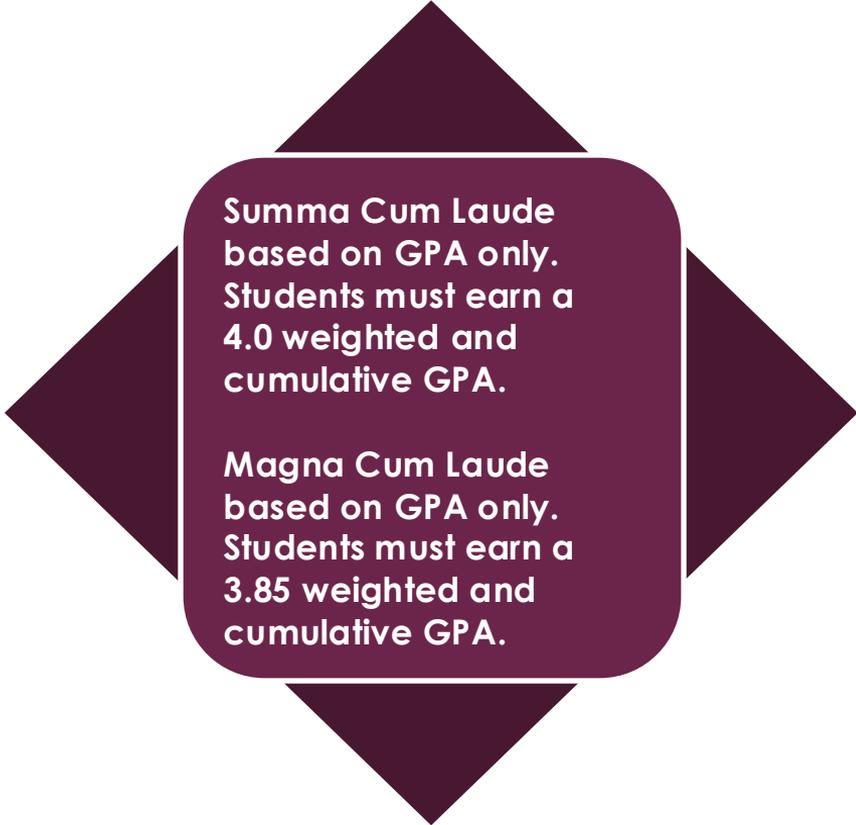
Honors level DE classes earn extra weight to GPA (+0.5)

ALL Dual Enrollment (DE) classes earn college credit if a student earns a “C” or better

We offer our DE classes through Scottsdale Community College or University of Arizona

College credit earned is accepted by in-state (and many out-of-state) colleges

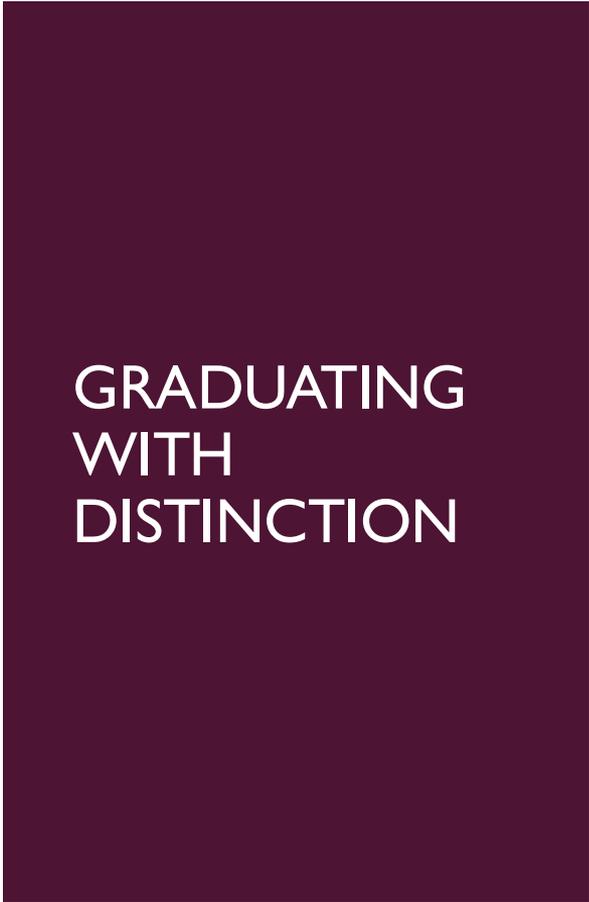
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**Summa Cum Laude**  
based on GPA only.  
Students must earn a  
4.0 weighted and  
cumulative GPA.

**Magna Cum Laude**  
based on GPA only.  
Students must earn a  
3.85 weighted and  
cumulative GPA.

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**GRADUATING  
WITH  
DISTINCTION**



# GPA GAME

# Standardized Testing Journey

## 9th Grade

- PSAT 8/9 at home

## 10th Grade

- PSAT
- Practice ACT
- AP

## 11th Grade

- PSAT
- Practice ACT
- SAT
- ACT
- AP

## 12th Grade

- SAT
- ACT
- AP

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October 29, 2025, Sophomores and Juniors take the PSAT at NDP (required).

Designed to measure the ability to understand and process elements of reading, writing, and mathematics.

Determines National Merit scholarship eligibility for Juniors.

When your students receive their test results, they can connect with Khan Academy to get free personalized study recommendations.

## PSAT

OCTOBER 29, 2025, ALL FRESHMEN WILL BE TAKING THE PSAT 8/9 AT HOME ON THEIR OWN DEVICES

# SEVEN FACTORS IN SELECTIVE ADMISSION

1. Grades

2. Strength of Curriculum

3. Test Scores (ACT or SAT)

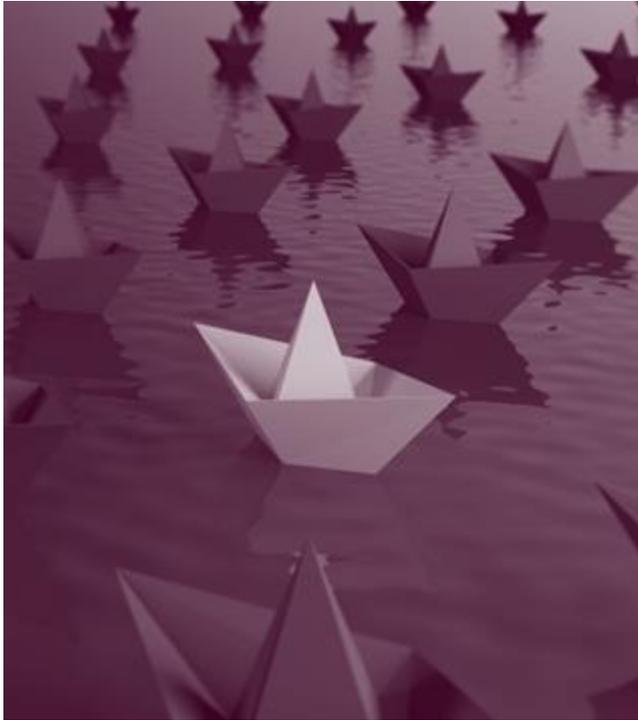
4. Recommendations

5. Essay

6. Extracurricular involvement

7. Institutional Need

\*\*\*Test optional or Test Blind for many colleges (check websites)



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## INSTITUTIONAL NEED?

- Year-specific individual institutional needs
  - Special talents (arts/athletics)
  - Geographic considerations (does the school "need" students from a certain school/city/state?)
  - Demographic considerations (does the school "need" students of certain demographics?)

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# FINANCIAL AID

SCHOLARSHIPS

GRANTS

WORKSTUDY

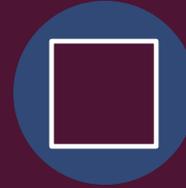
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# SCHOLARSHIPS

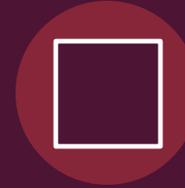
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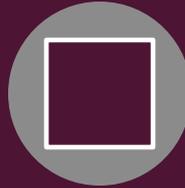
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RESOURCES



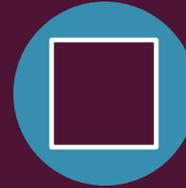
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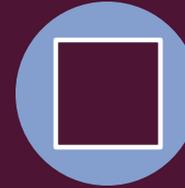
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# ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- Athletic Scholarships ARE NOT for 4 years - they are renewable each academic year, and may be increased, renewed, reduced, or withdrawn.

Athletic Scholarships can be awarded in a variety of amounts – full, to partial, to books, etc.

Excelling academically will make you eligible for even more scholarships.

NCAA – Div. I & II: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

- NAIA Eligibility Center: [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)

# GRANTS

- **Federal (Government)**

- Need-based
- FAFSA required

- **Institution (College/University)**

- Need-based
- FAFSA required
- CSS required (Only for institutional grants)

**DECISIONS,  
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- **Attend NDP College Visits**
- **Attend College Fair Events**
- **Visit College Campuses**
- **Research Colleges**
  - **SCOIR**
  - **Major Clarity**

# SCOIR – A QUICK OVERVIEW

- College and career readiness software provider
- Offers access to information regarding colleges and universities across the United States
- Manages recommendation letters, surveys, and transcripts
- All freshman students will receive access information in class. Parents will receive access to their student's SCOIR profile during the school year.
- [www.SCOIR.com](http://www.SCOIR.com) to create or access account

# Parent/Guardian Overview



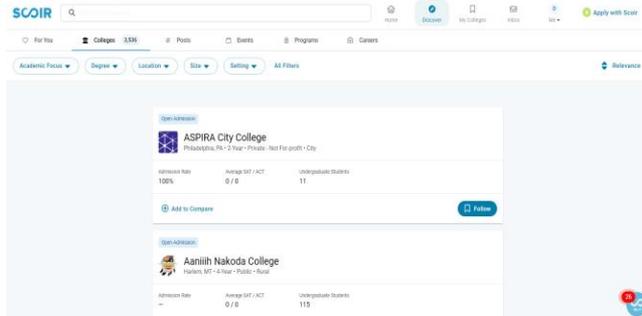
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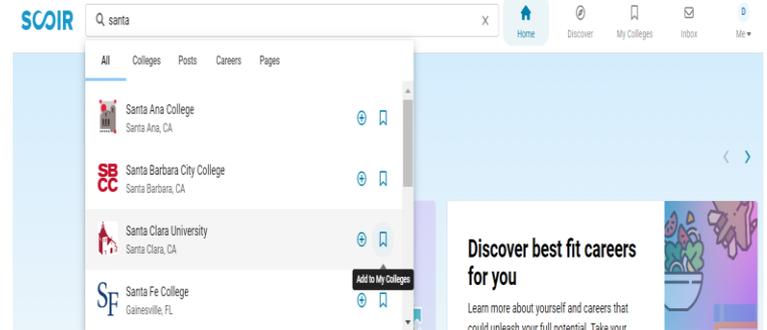
PARENT/GUARDIAN  
OVERVIEW

# SCOIR – OFFERS MANY USEFUL RESOURCES

Start a Search by College or University Name



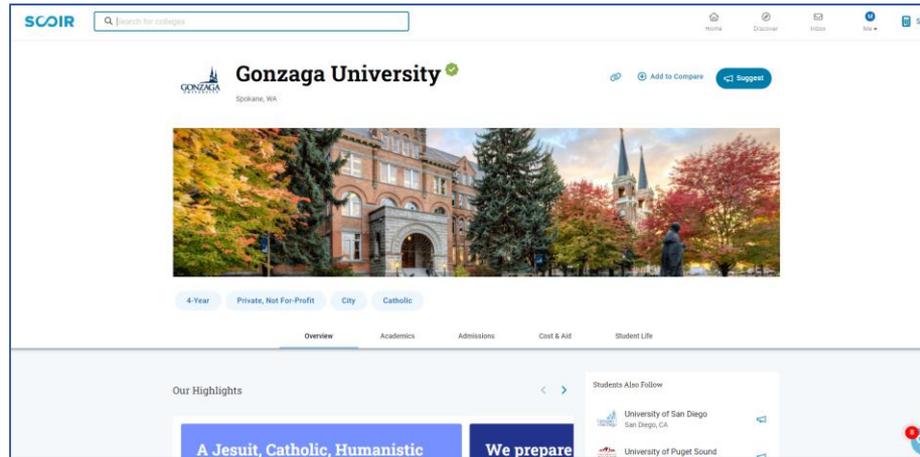
Create a Favorite Colleges and Universities List



Get Detailed Information on a Specific College or University

# SCOIR – “DISCOVER” FEATURE

You can use the **Discover** feature to click on each college to find more detailed information. This includes acceptance rate, cost, virtual tours, average SAT/ACT scores, student life, makeup of the student body, retention rates, top majors, and proximity to transportation.

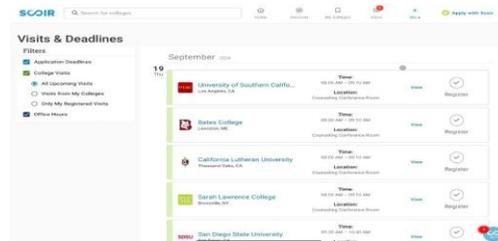


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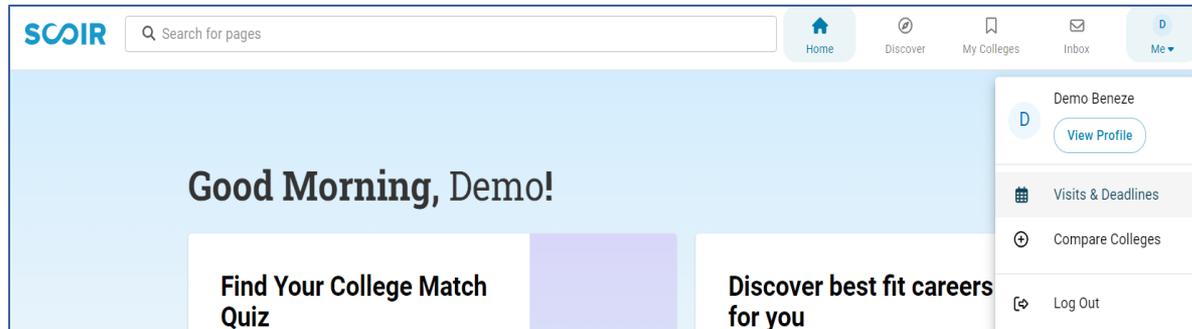
## COLLEGE VISITS

## HOW TO SIGN UP

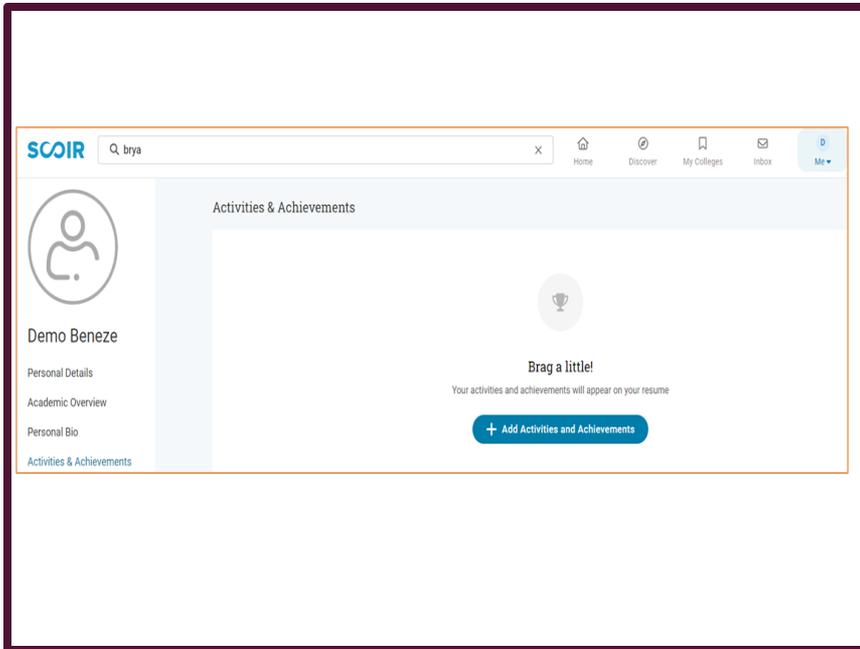
from the **Home Page**  
select **ME**,  
select **Visits & Deadlines**



select **Register**

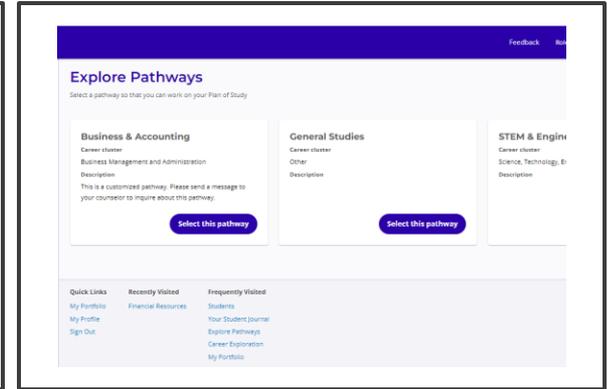
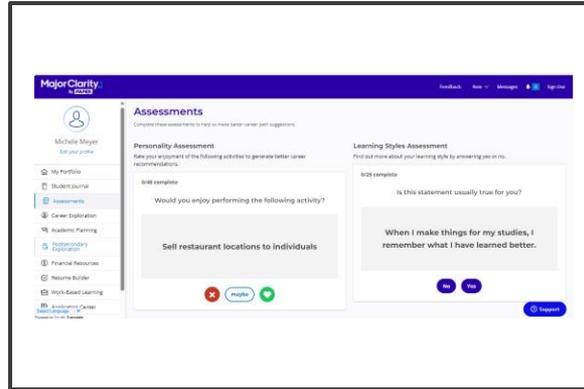


# SCOIR - ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS



Students should start  
compiling  
their list of activities and  
achievements  
freshman year!

# MAJORCLARITY



- MajorClarity is an additional career planning platform along with SCOIR.
- Students will be able to take assessments, get matched up with careers, learn in-depth information about different career fields, and much more!
- All students are automatically registered and can login with their current NDP credentials.

# COLLEGE GUIDANCE NETWORK (CGN)



- College Guidance Network (CGN) helps
- students and parents create a roadmap for
- applying to college.
  
- They also host live events, videos,
- webinars, and much more, covering all
- facets of the college search and application
- process!

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# ALBERT.IO

FREE RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS – BY INVITATION ONLY FROM TEACHER AND/OR COUNSELOR

- PSAT/SAT/ACT practice.
- Use to enhance learning in core content areas.
- Individual content specific assignments target areas of growth.
- Resource for practice in "content specific" areas similarly to additional support through a tutor.

# STUDENT “TO-DO” LIST

- **Pay Attention to Grades**
- **Stay on top of Missed Assignments due to Absences – even Preplanned Absences**
- **Build Relationships with Teachers**
- **Attend NDP College Visits**
- **Attend College Fair Events**
- **Visit College Campuses**
- **Research Colleges**
  - **SCOIR**
  - **Major Clarity**
- **Identify Financial Aid Options**
- **Include Rigor in Course Selections – Spring Registration for Fall of 2026.**

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THANK YOU!  
ANY QUESTIONS?

