Monroe Township High School

Class of 2027

Scoir & College Planning

Scan below to ask a question!

WELCOME

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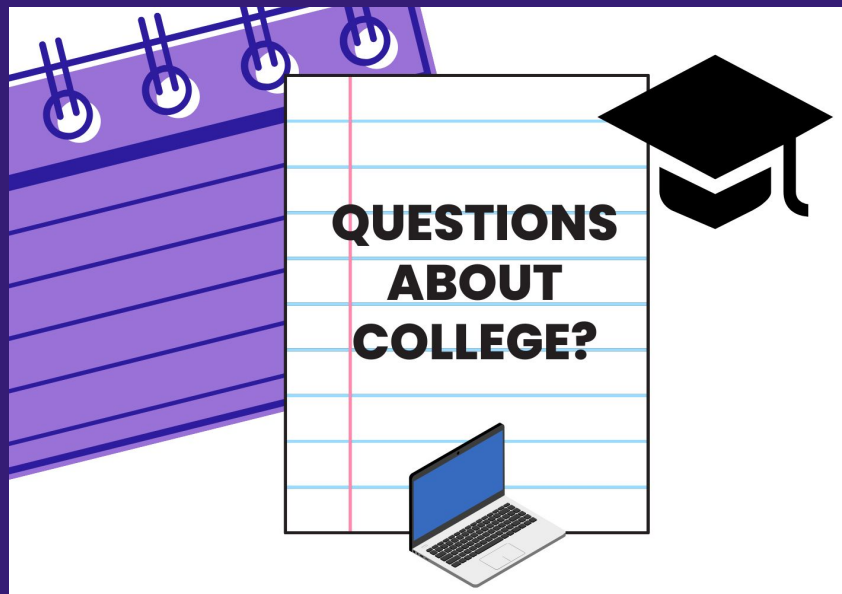
Junior Q&A Session QR Code



ATTEND A JUNIOR GROUP PARENT VIRTUAL Q+A SESSION WITH MRS. TAGLIAVIA AND MRS. MESSINGER

Please sign up for a session by scanning the QR code below.

Junior Year Timeline

Fall & Winter

Focus on maintaining or improving GRADES

Start researching colleges and creating a list of potential schools in SCOIR

Attend college fairs and information sessions - college rep visits to our high school

Begin preparing for the SAT and or ACT and register

Junior Year Timeline

Spring & Summer

ATTEND MRS. BUFFOLINO'S COLLEGE GROUPS

MEET WITH TEACHERS AND REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

BEGIN THE ROUGH DRAFT OF THE COLLEGE ESSAY

REGISTER FOR COLLEGE TOURS

FILL OUT THE COUNSELOR 11TH SELF-REFLECTION SURVEY IN SCOIR

CONTINUE TO ATTEND CLUBS, SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, VOLUNTEER, ETC.

Course Scheduling for the 2026-2027 Senior School Year

- Meetings
  - *Scheduling- February*
  - *Junior Q&A Sessions with Parents- December*
- Know the Graduation Requirements
  - Language Arts IV
  - PE/Health 12
  - Any Outstanding Requirements
  - **D1/D2 Recruited Athletes be aware of NCAA academic requirements*
- Late Start/Early Out Options
  - Must take minimum of 3 courses on each A & B Day for a total of 6 courses
  - Must be on track to graduate

How We Share Information

MTHS Website

- Under Departments
- Click "*COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELING CENTER*"

Parent Night Programs

- Events Posted Online
- Check Email & Global Call

Scoir

- On "*COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELING CENTER*" Homepage
- Click Blue Scoir Icon

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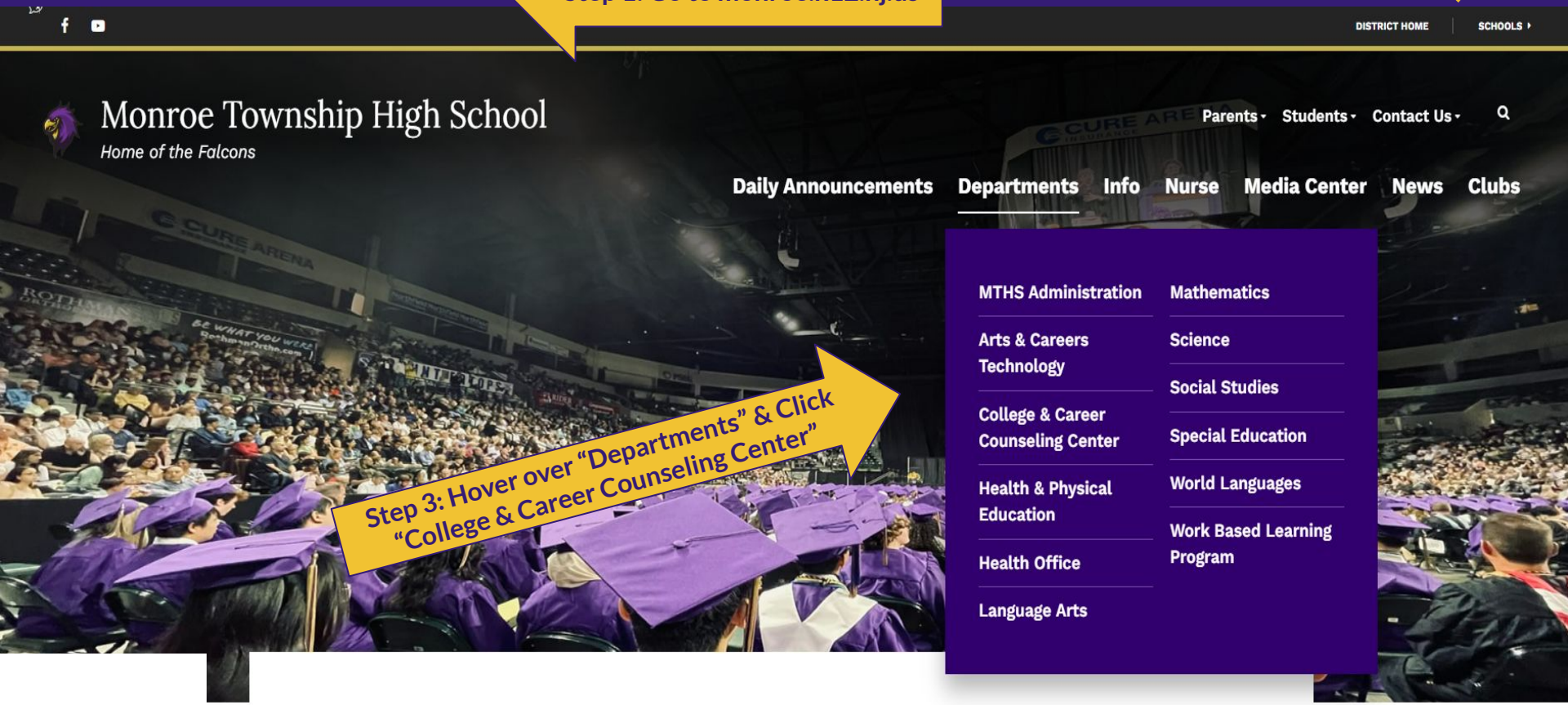
- Under "Groups"
- Click "Grade 11 Counselors"

MTHS WEBSITE

Step 2 Select *MTHS* under School

Step 1: Go to monroe.k12.nj.us



FALCON TALONS NEWSLETTER

PARENT ACCESS

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES

DISTRICT CALENDAR

ATHLETICS

FACULTY/STAFF DIRECTORY

WORKED BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

MTHS WEBSITE– College & Career Counseling

MTHS Administration

Arts & Careers Technology +

College & Career Counseling Center –

- College and Career Counseling Center Home
- School Counselors
- Advanced Placement Test Information
- AVID
- Admissions Testing PSAT SAT ACT
- Clubs at MTHS
- College Acceptances
- College Research Resources
- Crisis Contacts
- Financial Aid Resources
- Graduation Requirements
- Honor Roll & Principal's List
- Honors Academy
- National Honor Society
- Naviance & The Common App
- Newsletter
- Parent Night Programs
- School Profile
- Scholarship Search Engines
- Senior Awards Ceremony
- Summer School & Summer Programs
- Tutoring
- Working Papers

College and Career Counseling Center Home

Monroe Township High School
College and Career Counseling Center

The College and Career Counseling Center places the individual in the position of central importance and requires that all phases of the school program be aimed at assisting all students to achieve their maximum potential. The MTHS Counselors believe that in order to accomplish this task, a team approach involving students, counselors, teachers, parents and administrators must be utilized. Only through home and school cooperation can we fully assist in the educational, emotional and social development of our students.

Alumni Transcript Request

Call 732-251-2112

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Click Here to Practice NEW SAT for FREE

CollegeBoard PSAT Scores

Important Considerations

- College admissions is all about finding a school that fits a student:
  - Academically
  - Personally/Socially
  - Financially

- As an applicant, students are looking for an environment where you can thrive
  - The job of an admissions representative is to identify students who will make great additions to a unique campus community.

- Remember: Students are not alone in this process. Reach out to the counselor for support and with questions.

Important Considerations

- Academic fit
  - Offers major
  - Class size
  - Matches learning style
  - Study abroad
  - Professional experiences/internships
  - Networking

- Financial fit
  - Financial aid
  - Cost of the school
  - Room and board

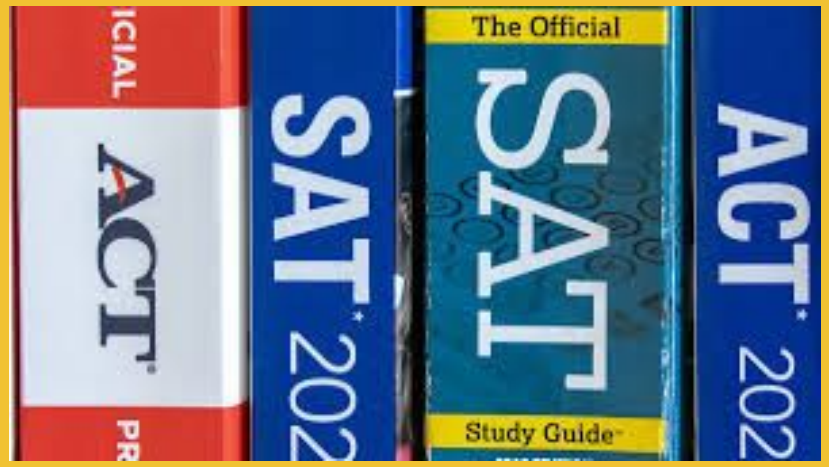
- Social/Cultural fit
  - Size and location
  - Dorms/dining
  - Extracurricular activities
  - On campus events
  - Transportation
  - Community type

College Admissions Assessments

1. SAT
   www.collegeboard.org

2. ACT
   www.act.org

Please be sure to research the testing requirements for the colleges you are applying to.



Upcoming SAT Dates & Locations

SAT Dates:	***Registration Deadline:***	***Testing Location:***
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	Offered at Monroe Twp High School
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	Offered at Monroe Twp High School
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	NOT Offered at Monroe Twp High School

Upcoming ACT Dates

ACT Test Dates:

- February 14, 2026
- April 11, 2026
- June 13, 2026
- July 11, 2026

*Find dates and registration info for testing on The ACT Website

The First Steps

- Students should become familiar with Scoir. All 11th grade students have a username and a password.
- Attend college focused workshops with Mrs. Buffolino in June

Scoir assists students with..

- Choosing a college major & career
- College searching and matching
- SAT and GPA trends
- Assistance with applying to colleges
- Keeps track of application deadlines
- Students can sign up for college visits at our high school

The next few slides will show you how to navigate through Scoir

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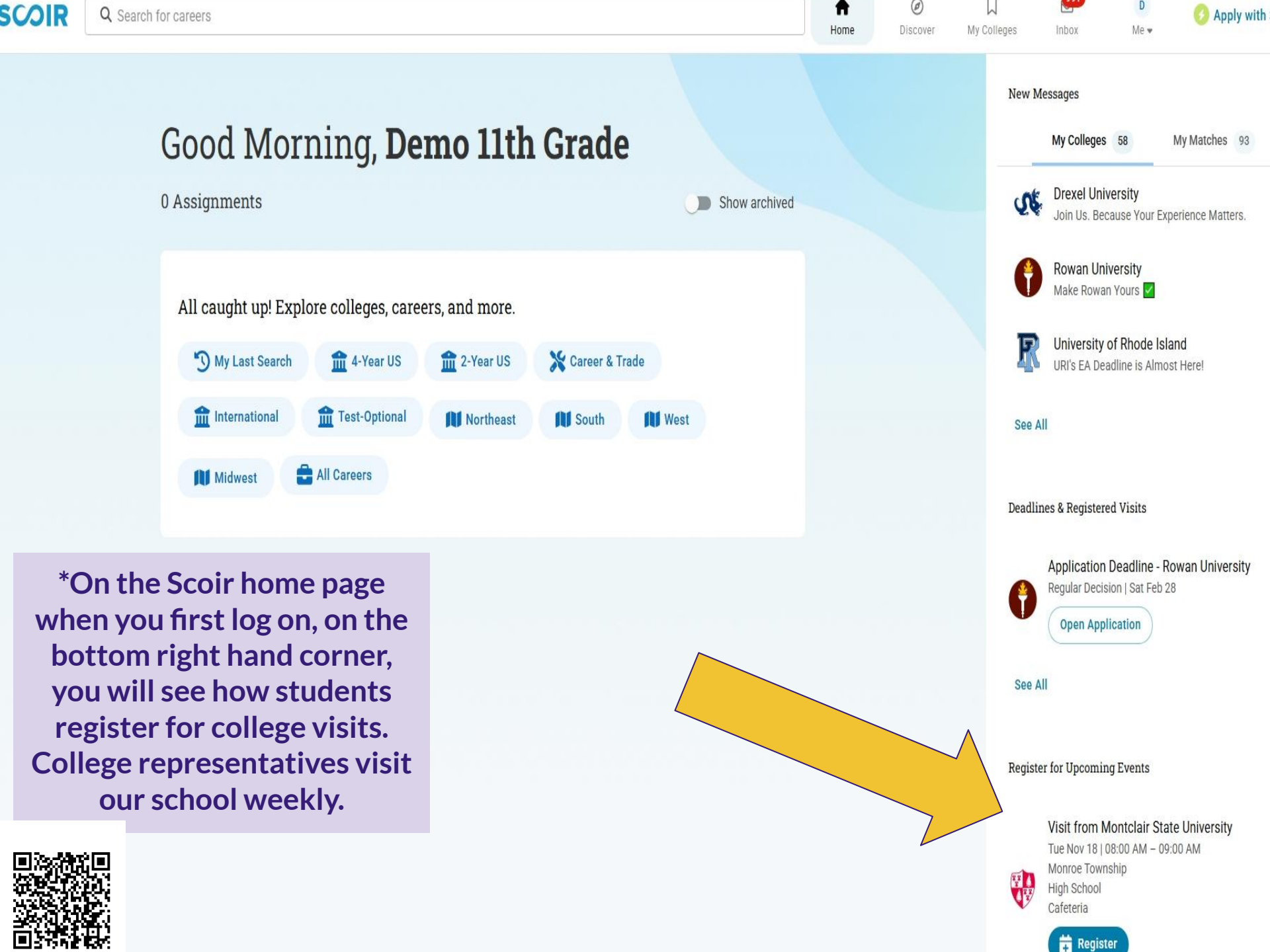
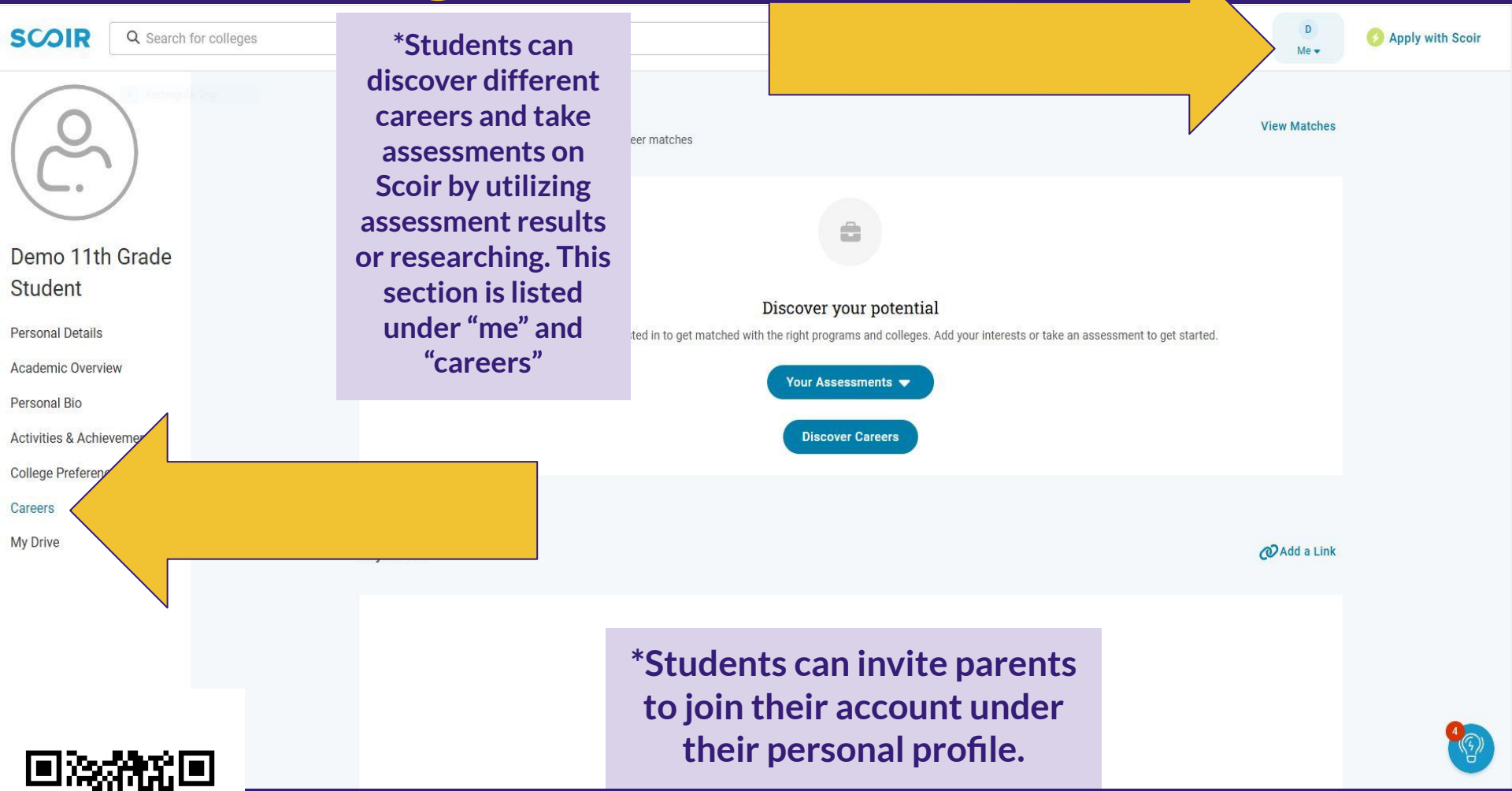


***On the Scoir home page when you first log on, on the bottom right hand corner, you will see how students register for college visits. College representatives visit our school weekly.**

Researching Careers

*Students can discover different careers and take assessments on Scoir by utilizing assessment results or researching. This section is listed under “me” and “careers”

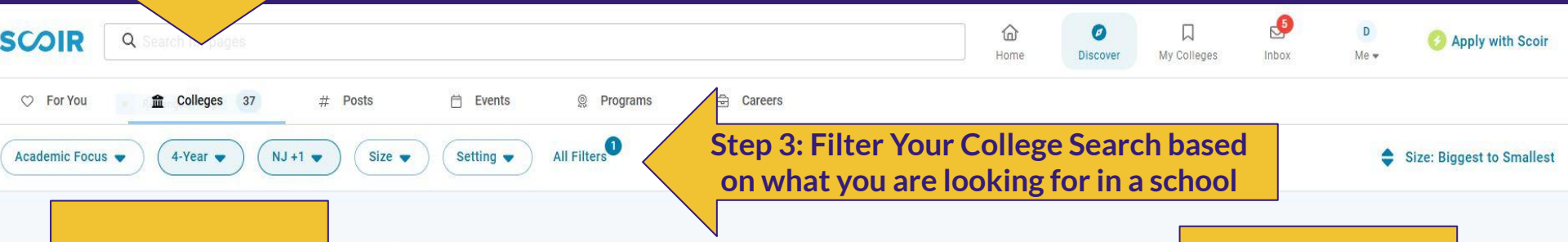


*Students can invite parents to join their account under their personal profile.

Advanced College Search

Step 1: Click Discover

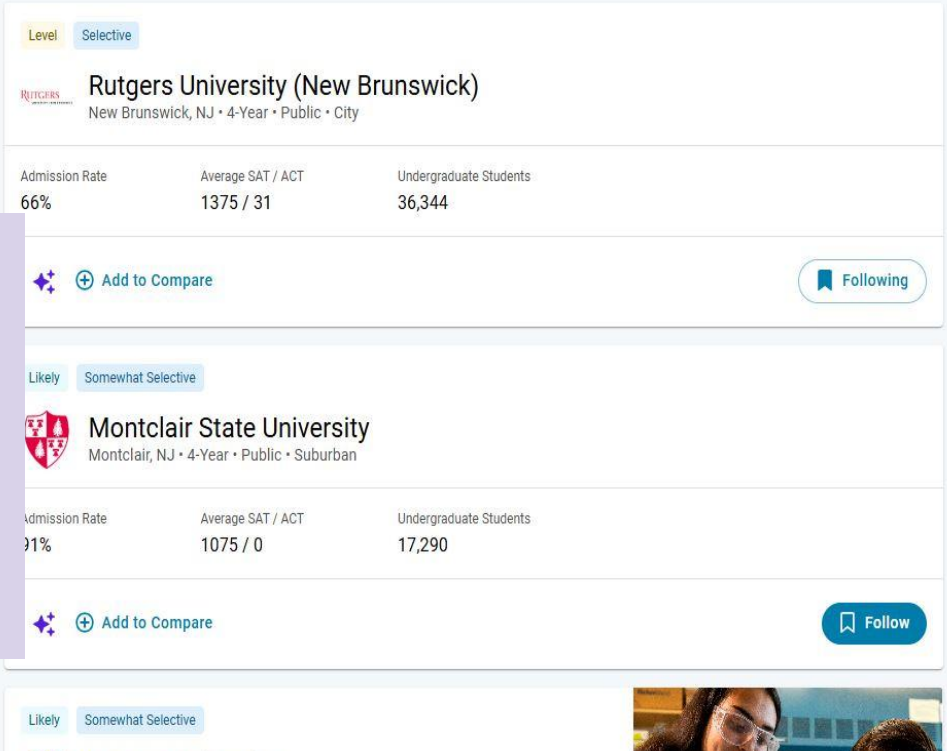
Step 2: Click Colleges



Step 3: Filter Your College Search based on what you are looking for in a school

Step 4: Add Your Desired Criteria. (Location, Size, Major, etc.)

Step 5: Review results



*Based on my major selection, the location, the size, and the setting, these are my college matches listed to the right. This does not include GPA, or academic match. These matches only include what I selected.

Rutgers University (New Brunswick)

New Brunswick, NJ

Add to Compare | Following

*When you click on a college after the filter process, you can start researching information about the school. Examples include admissions, cost, student life, etc.

Level | Coalition for College | 4-Year | Public | City

Overview | Academics | Admissions | Cost & Aid | Student Life

View Website

New York University

New York, NY

*If a student is interested in applying after viewing the college information, they can click the follow button to the right

Follow

Far Reach | 4-Year | Private, Not For-Profit | City

Overview | Academics | Admissions | Cost & Aid | Student Life

About Us

View Website

4-Year
Offers Bachelor's degrees typically completed in four years.

New York University matches these

*To help you stay organized when you are ready to apply, all of your schools that you follow, will now be added to the “my colleges” tab listed at the top of your home page.

Home | Discover | My Colleges | Inbox (99+) | Me

Docs | Sort: Deadline | Export | Add College

Following (11)

Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY
Likely

Lehigh University
Bethlehem, PA
Far Reach

Monmouth University
West Long Branch, NJ
Level

Penn State University (Uni...
University Park, PA
Reach

Penn State University (Wo...
University Park, PA
Level

Rutgers University (New B...
New Brunswick, NJ
Reach

Drexel University
Philadelphia, PA
Early Action **Nov 15** | Checklist **0/1**
Level | Docs Sent **0/4**
Scoir
Open Application
Needs recommendation assignments

Rowan University
Glassboro, NJ
Regular Decision **Mar 1** | Checklist **0/1**
Level | Docs Sent **0/2**
Scoir
Open Application
Needs recommendation assignments

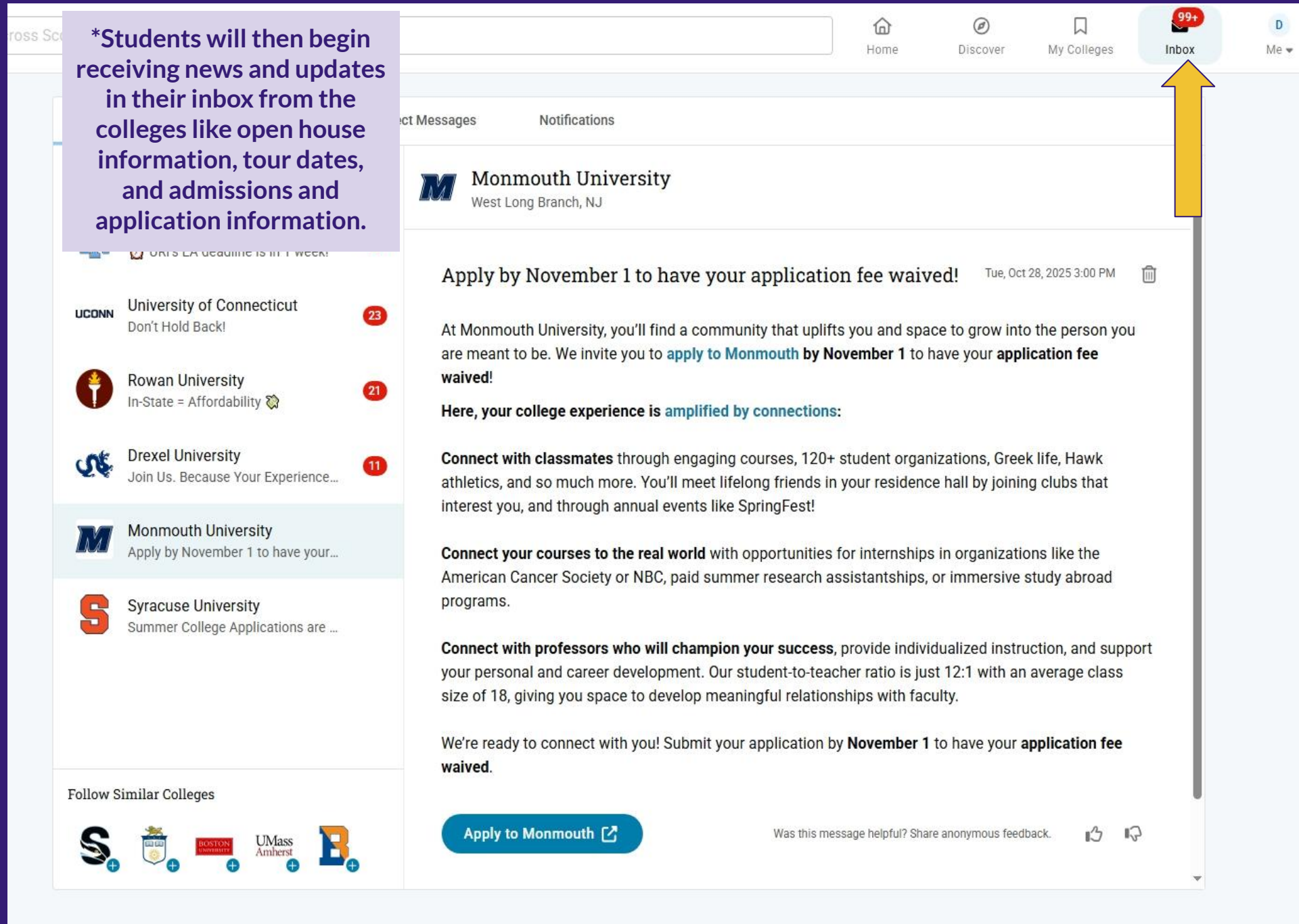
Applied (0)

Celebrate your completed applications

Keep tabs on your submitted applications and outcomes

Accessibility

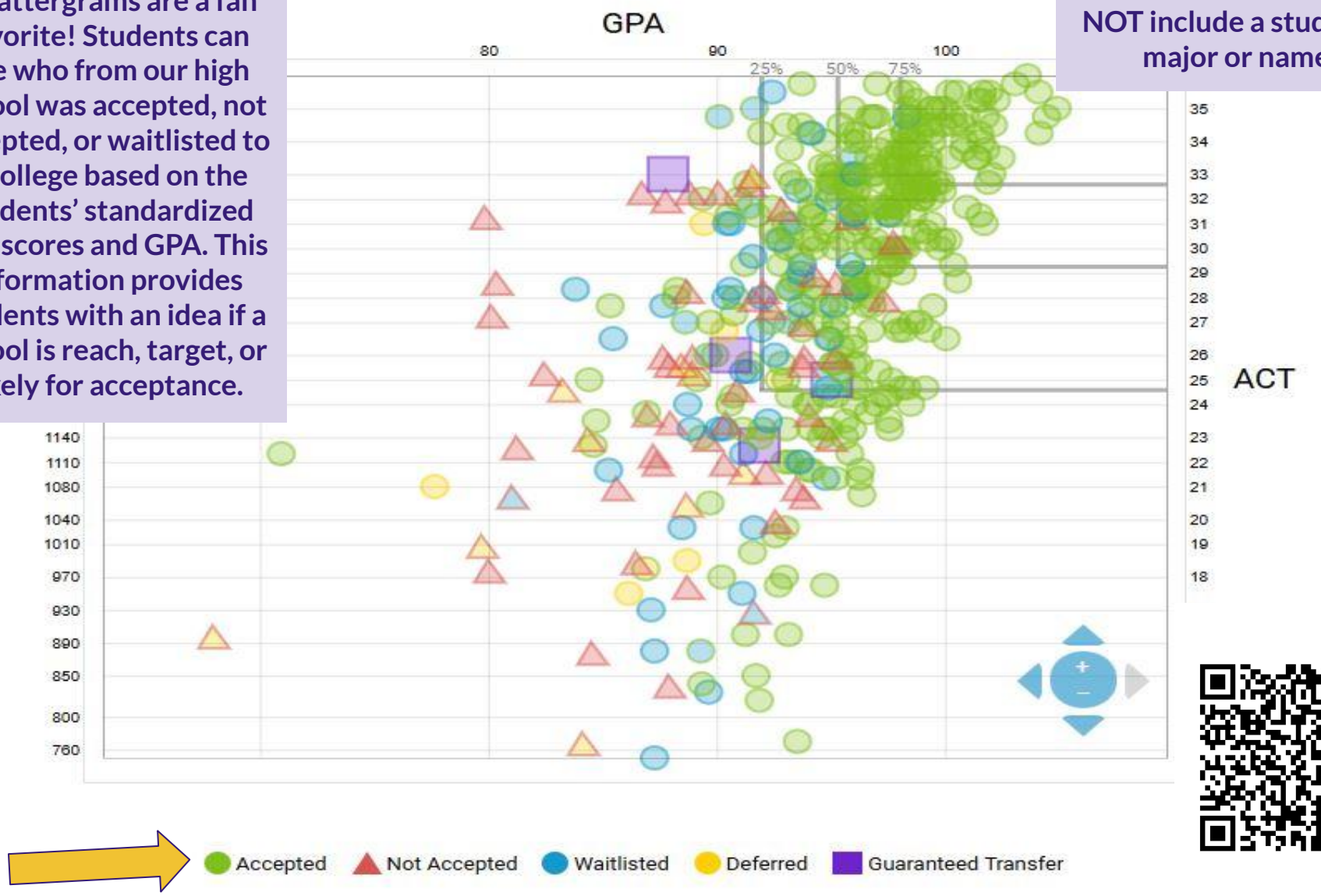
*Students will then begin receiving news and updates in their inbox from the colleges like open house information, tour dates, and admissions and application information.



Scattergrams

*Scattergrams are a fan favorite! Students can see who from our high school was accepted, not accepted, or waitlisted to a college based on the students' standardized test scores and GPA. This information provides students with an idea if a school is reach, target, or likely for acceptance.

*The information will NOT include a student's major or name



Rutgers University (New Brunswick)

Add to Compare | Following

New Brunswick, NJ

4-Year | Public | City

Overview | Academics | **Admissions** | Cost & Aid | Student Life

*Scattergrams can be found under the admissions tab when you click on a college

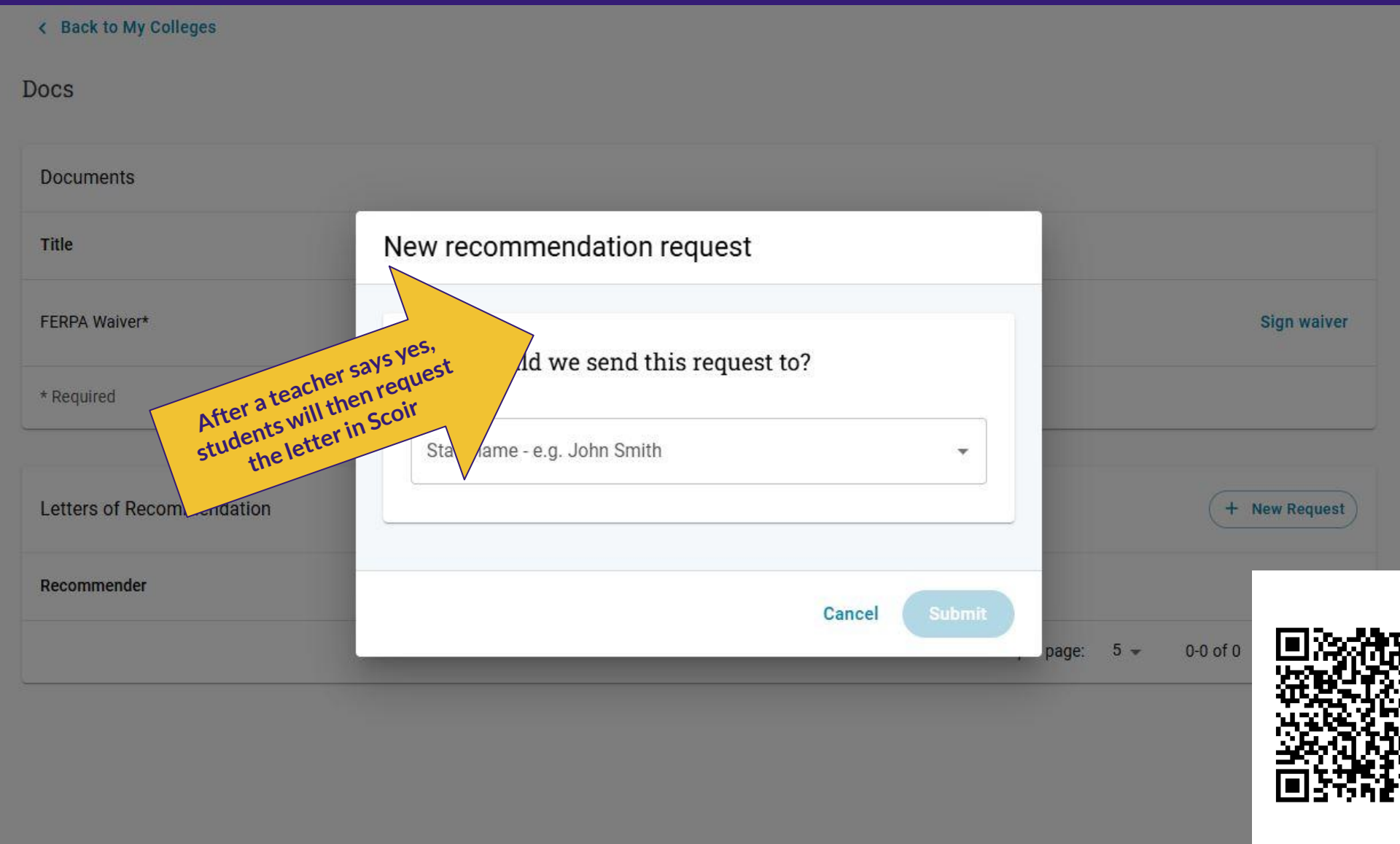
Admitted Student Statistics

View Scattergram

Requesting Teacher Recommendations

- It is the student's job to ask TWO teachers for recommendations by the end of this school year
  - Recommendations must be asked for in-person
    - Ideally, students should ask 2 different content teachers who know them best as a STUDENT
- Students CANNOT put anything in Scoir yet. Formal requests in Scoir will available in MARCH

Letters of Recommendation Request



Mrs. Casey Buffolino - Senior Support Counselor

- Meet with 11th graders in June
- Meet with 12th graders throughout the Fall
- Topics include applications, procedures, etc.

A College List Should Be a Balanced Mix of:

Reach Schools	Target Schools	Probable Schools

How Colleges Review Applications

- What is considered in a holistic review?
  - Level of rigor
  - Grades in college prep classes
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Essay(s)
  - Activities, talents, level of commitment
  - Standardized test scores

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

EARLY ACTION

- apply early, find out early
- can apply elsewhere
- not binding: can still choose another school
- indicates strong interest

EARLY DECISION

- apply early, find out early
- apply ED to only one school
- binding: obligated to go if admitted & withdraw other applications
- indicates strong interest
- no chance to compare financial aid offers

REGULAR DECISION

- apply by deadline & find out in spring
- deadlines vary
- commit by May 1

ROLLING ADMISSION

- application open until college meets capacity
- apply when you wish, though there may be priority deadlines
- find out in a few weeks

College Visits/Fairs

- Get on campus! Sign up for formal tours & info sessions right on a college campus.
  - Visit a college's admissions website for more information
- College Rep Visits (Beginning September 2026)
- MTHS College Fair (October 2026)
- NACAC College Fair & NJACAC College Fair

Looking Ahead…What to Expect

- Common App available in August 2026-*Crush the Common App* Workshops with Ms. B in August
- Common App Essay Prompts- End of February/ Early March. Save your thoughts in a Google Doc
- Junior Meetings– June 2026***MAKE SURE TO RSVP****
- Senior Meetings- September 2026 ****MAKE SURE TO RSVP****
- Senior Parent Night- September 2026
- Students will receive their cumulative GPA and class rank September 2026

Financial Aid

- The Financial Aid presentation will be during the College Fair in October
- Scholarship Search Tools can be found directly on our school website
- MTHS Senior Awards (Begins February 2027)
- FAFSA should be completed in Fall/Winter of Senior year. It is also a state mandated graduation requirement

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Q&A for tonight

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