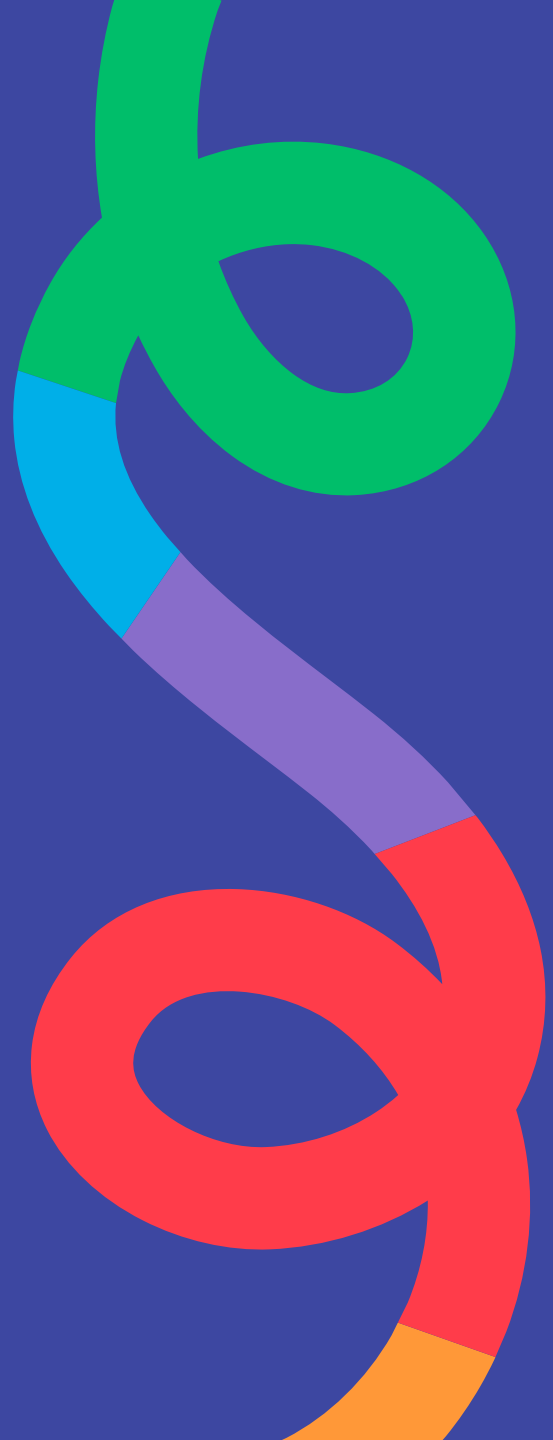
SENIOR YEAR CLASS OF 2027

Post High School Planning:

College Applications, SchooLinks, Resources

TODAY WE WILL TALK ABOUT:

- Wellness & Managing Stress
- Post High School Options
- The Application Process
- SchooLinks & HSBP
- Senior Blitz
- Upcoming Events & Dates



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COLLEGE & CAREER ADVISOR

Career Exploration

RS Help

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HS Beyond Plan

College Visits

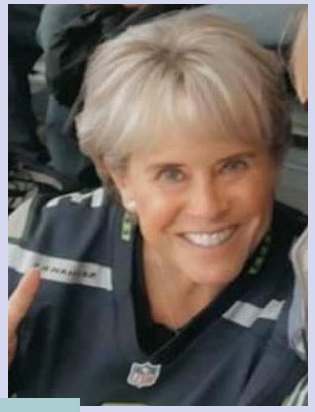
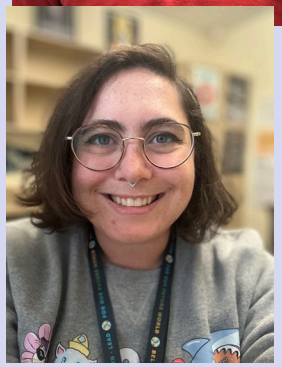
Workshops, Parent Nights, 1-1 Meetings, Resources



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Rachel Althouse

BEFORE WE GET STARTED....

What questions do you hope we answer?

Write down a few questions so we can be sure to answer them today!





SENIOR WELLNESS!



Senior Year Challenges

- Applications – acceptance, rejection
- Fear of saying good-bye to high school life
- Keeping up with academic demands
- Unsure of the future
- Burn out

Counseling and Wellness Center

- Place to destress during the day
- Meet with counselor
- MHAT/YES counselor referrals
- Mindfulness activities
- Build skills for life after high school
- Virtual Wellness page on website

TIPS FOR MANAGING SENIOR YEAR STRESS

- **Organization ~** Create a system, set a weekly time to work on apps, etc
- **Self Care ~** Joy, fun and relaxation are important and contribute to success
- **Realistic Expectations ~** Perfection is not realistic or healthy



SENIOR SUPPORT

Senior Blitz! Starting September 21st through October

Financial Aid – SchooLinks Lesson TBD

FAFSA/WASFA support – Wed (Oct-Dec)

Application Help - Email Mr. Rios for appointment

College App Workshop or SAT – Super Wednesday, Oct 7th

SENIOR BLITZ

- 1-1 Meeting with your counselor
- Review grad requirements
- Discuss post high school plans
- List of next steps
- Get questions answered
- Running Start students – watch for email to book appointment

SUPER WEDNESDAY:



SAT or
College App Workshop

Counselors, Mr. Rios, and English teachers will be available on Wednesday, October 7th from 8:30-11:00am in the library for help with:

- **Personal Essay**
- **SchooLinks**
- **Letters of Recommendation**
- **Common App**
- **Q&A**

SAT FOR SENIORS ~ OCT 7 (SUPER WEDNESDAY)

$60.00 VIA TOUCHBASE **WATCH FOR AN EMAIL TO REGISTER**

All Washington **public and private** universities **are test optional**. Does your college need it?? Check college websites to find out

If needed, order ACT/SAT scores directly from the testing agencies. **BSD does not send test scores to colleges**

Can send FREE reports to 4 colleges when you sign up at the test.

The ACT

SAT

POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

Trade School & Apprenticeships

Vocational education to learn technical skills in a specific area

Service

Update your resume, explore options, interest/aptitude test

Military

Take the ASVAB Test and talk with Mr. Rios

Employment

Update your resume in SchooLinks, interest/aptitude test

Gap Year

We recommend applying to schools now and defer your acceptance

UNDECIDED??

That is okay! Here are some ways to get more information:



- Explore careers in SchooLinks
- Talk with mentors, employers, etc
- Make appointment with Mr. Rios

COMMUNITY & TECH COLLEGES



Go to www.sbctc.edu to research and find the right match. There are 34 C/T options in WA

Apply after January 1, 2027, for fall. Check the college website for priority deadlines. BC's priority deadline is in mid-May

Register to take a placement test, if needed (English and math)

No SAT/ACT or World Language needed

Meet with an academic advisor at the college to discuss career path, degree options, and classes

Many offer Bachelors degrees

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

September / October

Begin...
- Plan, prepare, organize
- Start SchooLinks
- Start Common App
- Teacher/Counselor LOR tasks
- Wed Work Sessions
- SAT (Oct 7th)
- Budget your time!



November/December



Submit...
- Early deadlines begin Nov 1
- Review, edit essays
- Check for accuracy

January



Regular Decision and City Colleges
- City Colleges – apps open Jan-Feb
- Regular decision deadlines Jan – Mar

Spring

Results and Decisions
- Admission results Feb – April
- May 1 – Commit and pay deposit
- Celebrate your hard work and look forward to your future!



GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM

GAP

The GAP program works with the following colleges:

- WSU
- WWU
- EWU
- CWU
- Evergreen State
- UW Tacoma
- St. Martins
- PLU (Needs 3.30 GPA)

BSD student requirements:

- 3.0 minimum GPA
- Meet yearly CADRs (academic college requirements)
- Be on track to graduate
- Apply to the institutions

More information may be found here!

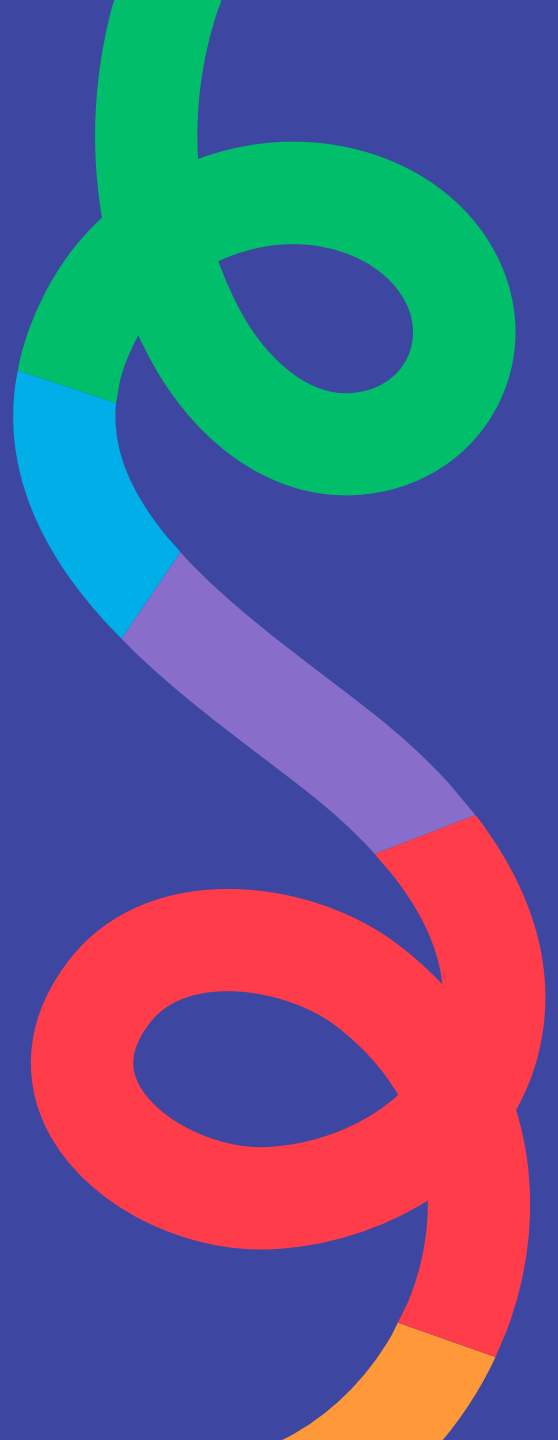
EARLY DECISION VS EARLY ACTION

Early Decision

- May apply to only one ED school
- Binding - If accepted, you must enroll (legal contract)
- Difficult to compare financial aid packages and scholarships
- Increases chances of admission for strong students

Early Action

- Can apply to more than one school
- Acceptance is non-binding
- Easier to compare different financial aid and scholarship packages
- May increase chances & admission decisions are made earlier



APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- The application (profile, essay, activities)
- Transcript
- FERPA waiver – multiple places
- Scores (if applicable)
- Letters of recommendation (if required)
- Fee waivers
- Portfolio (if applicable)

TRANSCRIPT CHECK

Look For:

- ✓ **Teacher Grade Change?**
- ✓ **Retook a class?**
  - ❑ Make sure it is listed
  - ❑ Find original class and see if it has ZERO credit
- ✓ **Original Credit class Online?**
  - ❑ It should be listed with credit but no grade
- ✓ **Previous School?** – check for accuracy



Make a note of any errors on your transcript and email errors to your counselor

SEND TRANSCRIPTS

- Official Transcripts
  - Official transcripts will be sent to all colleges listed in SchooLinks
  - If your college requires paper transcripts – you need to order from Ms. Huynh in the Counseling Center
- Unofficial transcripts are in StudentVue in the documents section

FERPA WAIVERS

Protects the privacy of students

Waive your rights and sign the FERPA to allow your transcripts and letters of recommendation to be sent

Email your signed FERPA Waiver to huynhm@bsd405.org

Sign FERPA in 3 places: CommonApp; SchooLinks; Paper

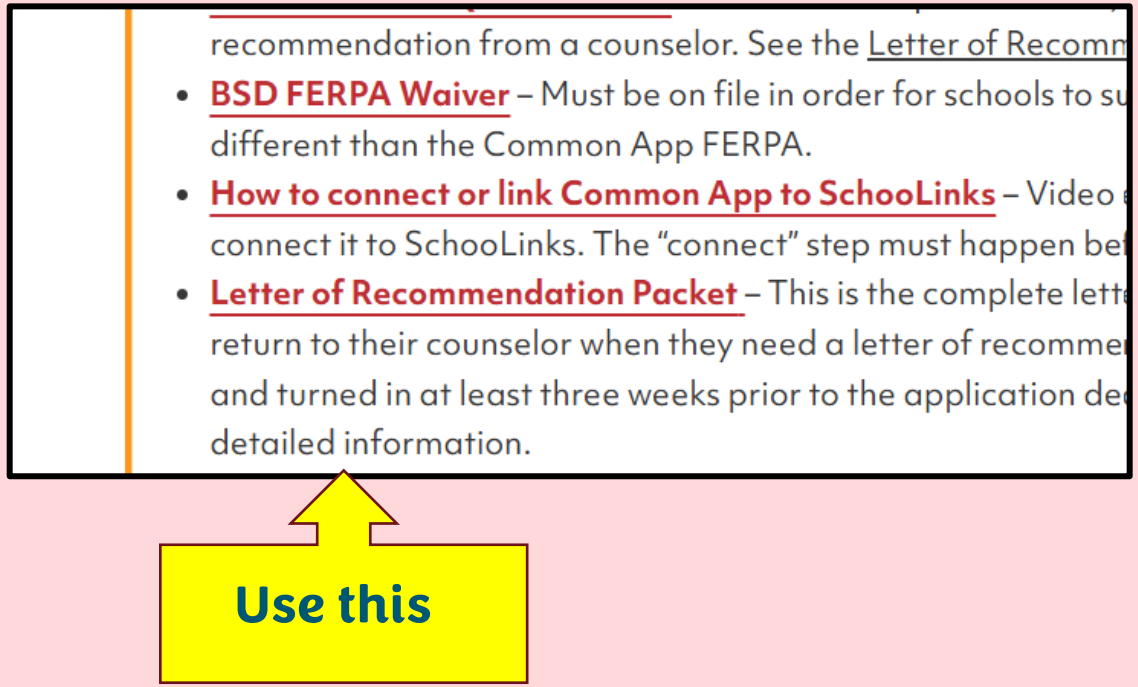
We cannot send your transcripts & LORs without it

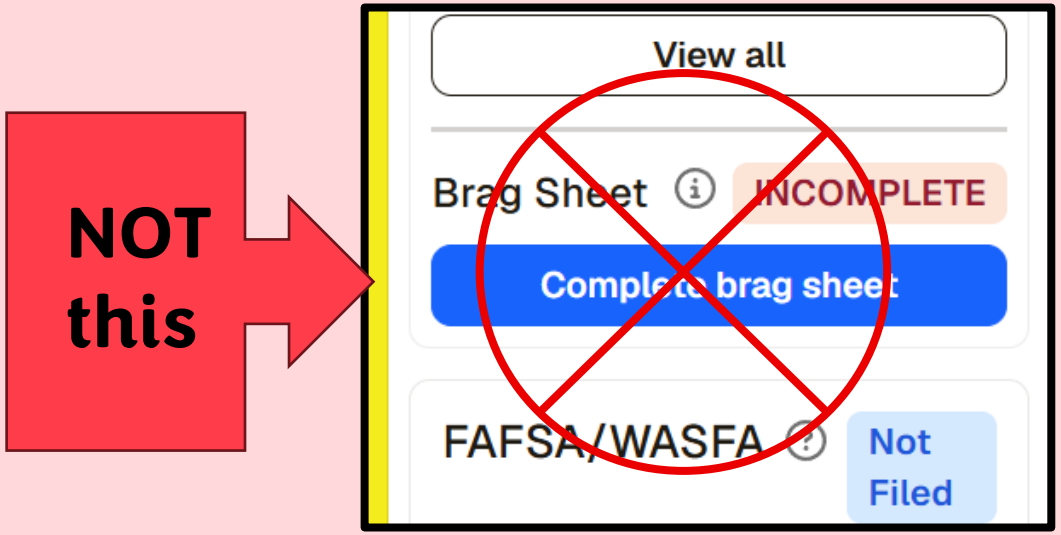
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Counselors	Teachers
Student Tasks: • Determine if your colleges **require** a counselor LOR • Complete LOR **Packet 3 weeks** prior to first deadline • Note – you do NOT need to invite counselors in SchooLinks	**Student Tasks:** • **Ask teacher** if they will write a letter for you • Ask them what they need from you • List them as a recommender in SchooLinks • Note – **Only ask 1-2** teachers!

COUNSELOR LORS

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COUNSELOR LOR

PACKET DEADLINES

College Application Deadline	Counselor LOR Packet Due
October 15	September 18
November 1	October 2
November 15	October 16
November 30 / December 1	November 6
December 15	November 13
January 1 or Later	November 20

UW SEATTLE REMINDERS



- ❑ Apply now via Common App
- ❑ No transcripts or letters of rec accepted (unless applying to UW Honors Program or specifically requested by UW)
- ❑ Take your time with your application. Applying early won't give you an advantage. Focus on strong senior year, essays & activities
- ❑ Deadline: Nov 15th
- ❑ Admission notifications between March 1st – 15th



Professional

- Error free application
- Social Media – Be aware that your social networking pages may be reviewed

Unique

- What makes you different, unique and amazing? (90% of applicants are great student)
- Choose recommenders who know you

Accurate

- Answer the prompt(s)
- Review before submitting
- Use your legal name that matches your transcript (and SAT)

Fee Waivers - If you have F/R lunch- check fee waiver in SchooLinks

How Do I Actually Apply?

Common Application

- Start with Common App
- **"Match" Comm App to SchooLinks**
- All documents sent to colleges through SchooLinks

NON-Common Application (UC, Georgetown, etc)

- Add to SchooLinks
- School documents sent through SchooLinks
- Colleges have their own application portals

OKAY, TIME FOR SCHOOLINKS, BUT FIRST A PAUSE....

Who has a question that has not yet been answered?

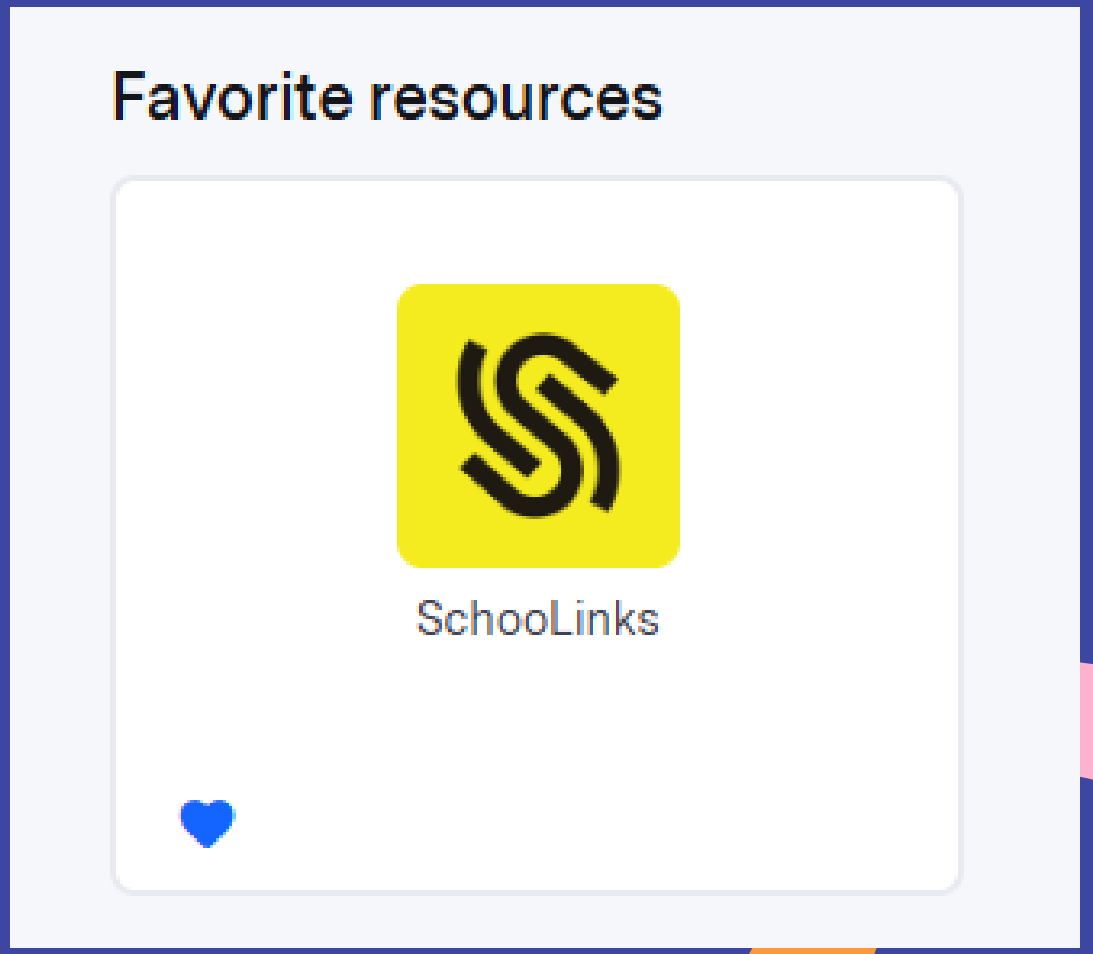


WELCOME TO SCHOOLINKS!

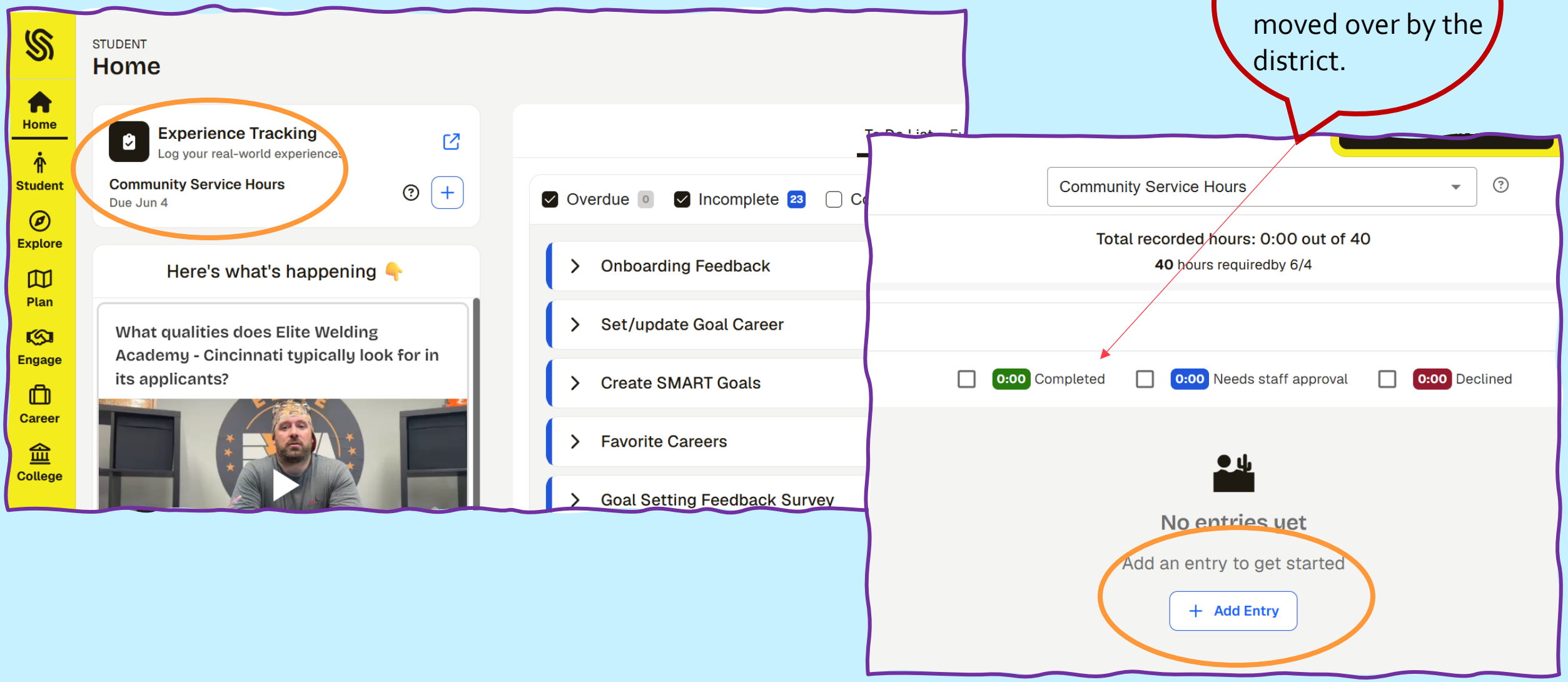
Get out Laptop

Open Clever

Find SchooLinks and Favorite



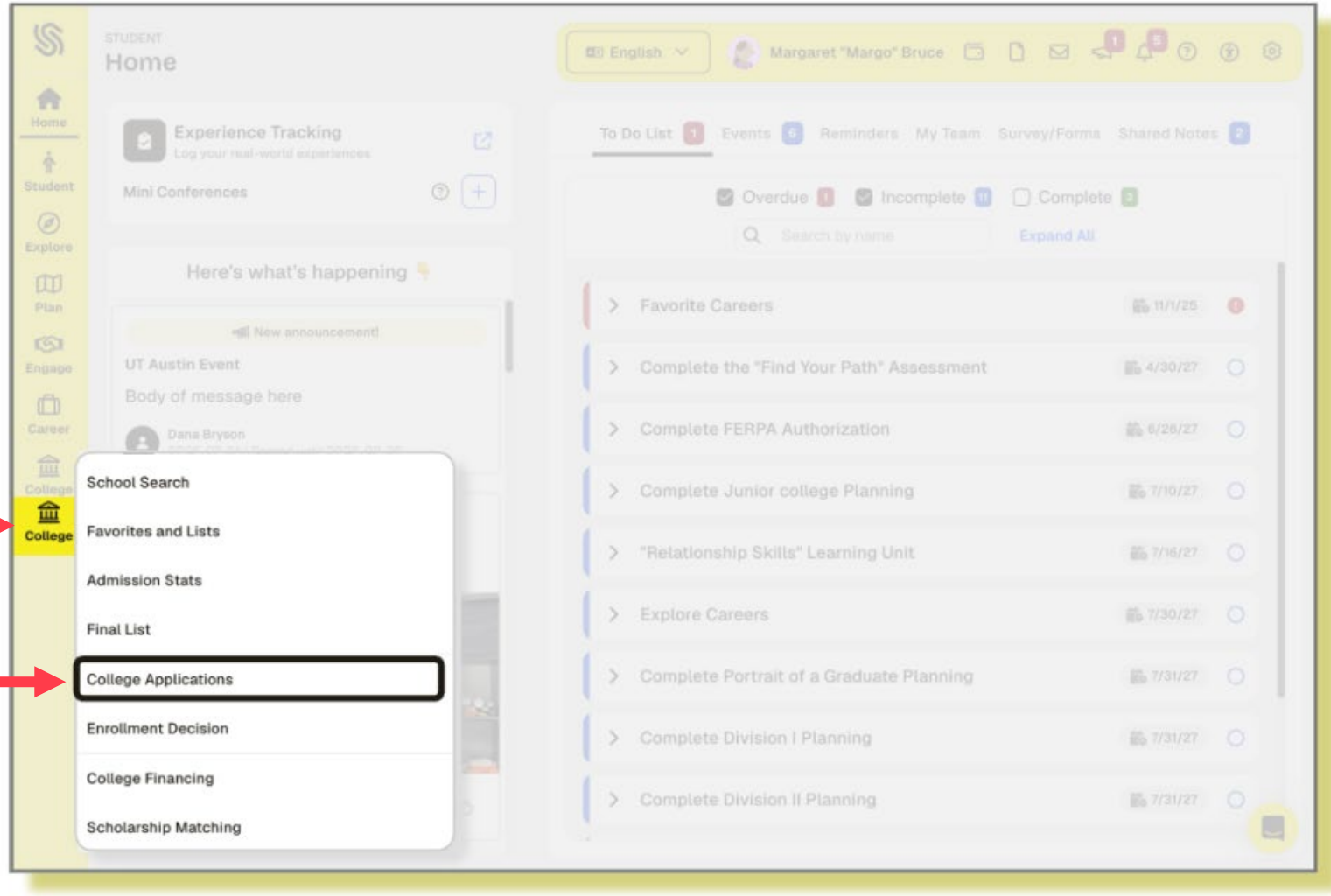
ENTERING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS



COLLEGE APPLICATION MANAGER

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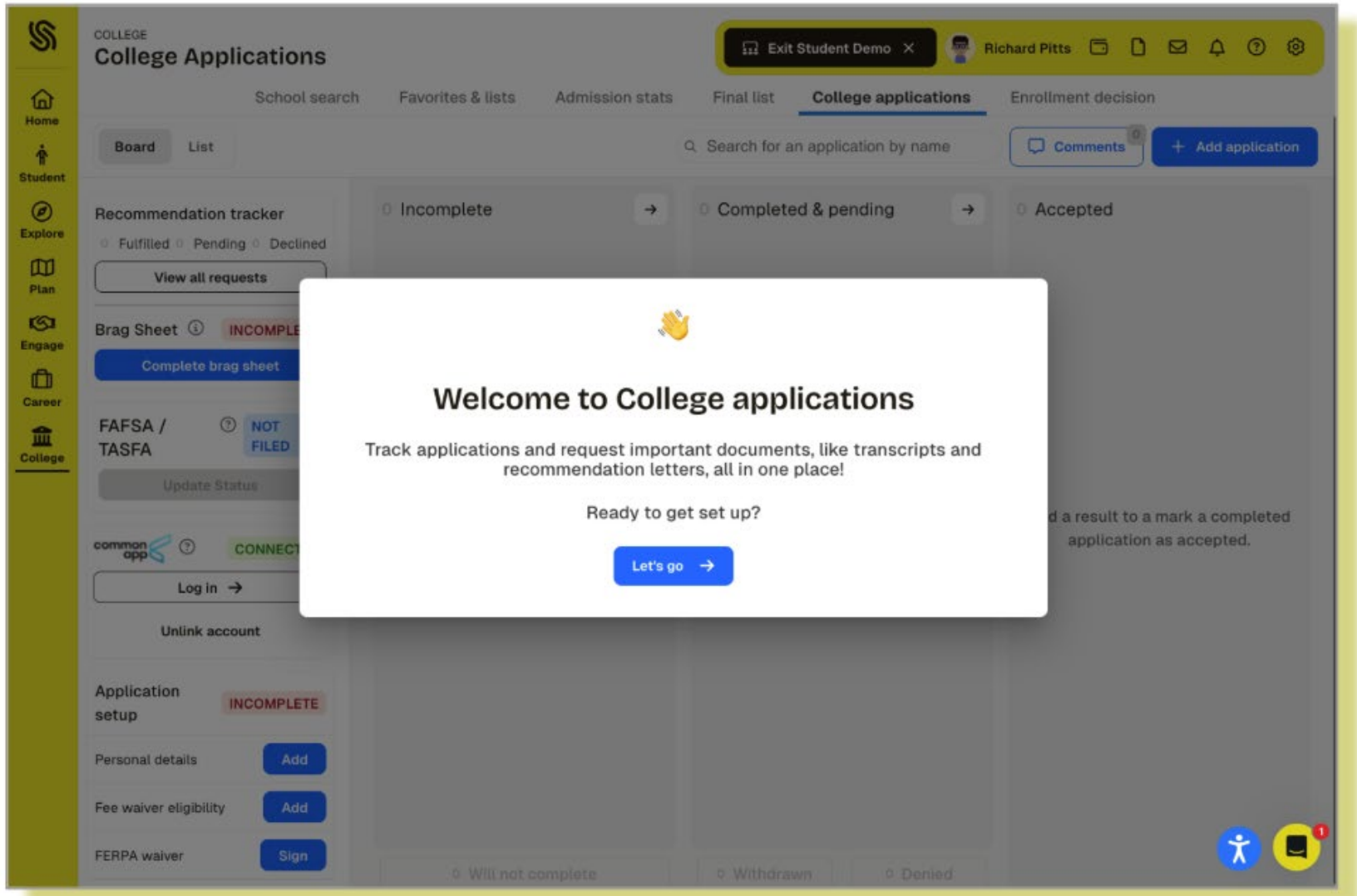
Click **College** in the side navigation bar, then select **College Application Manager.**

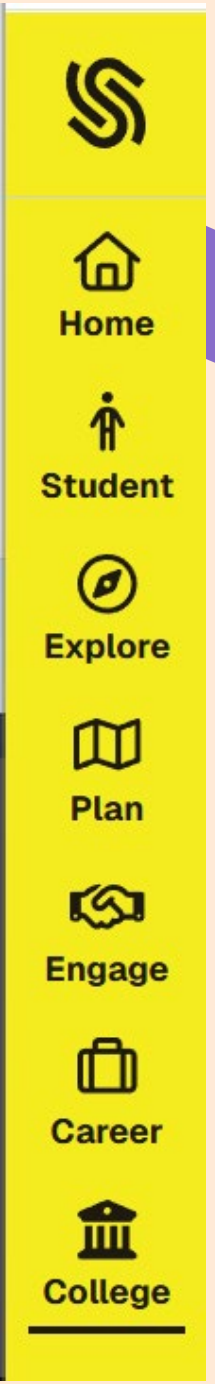


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Click **Let's go** on the Welcome to College Applications window





SCHOOLINKS

INITIAL STARTUP

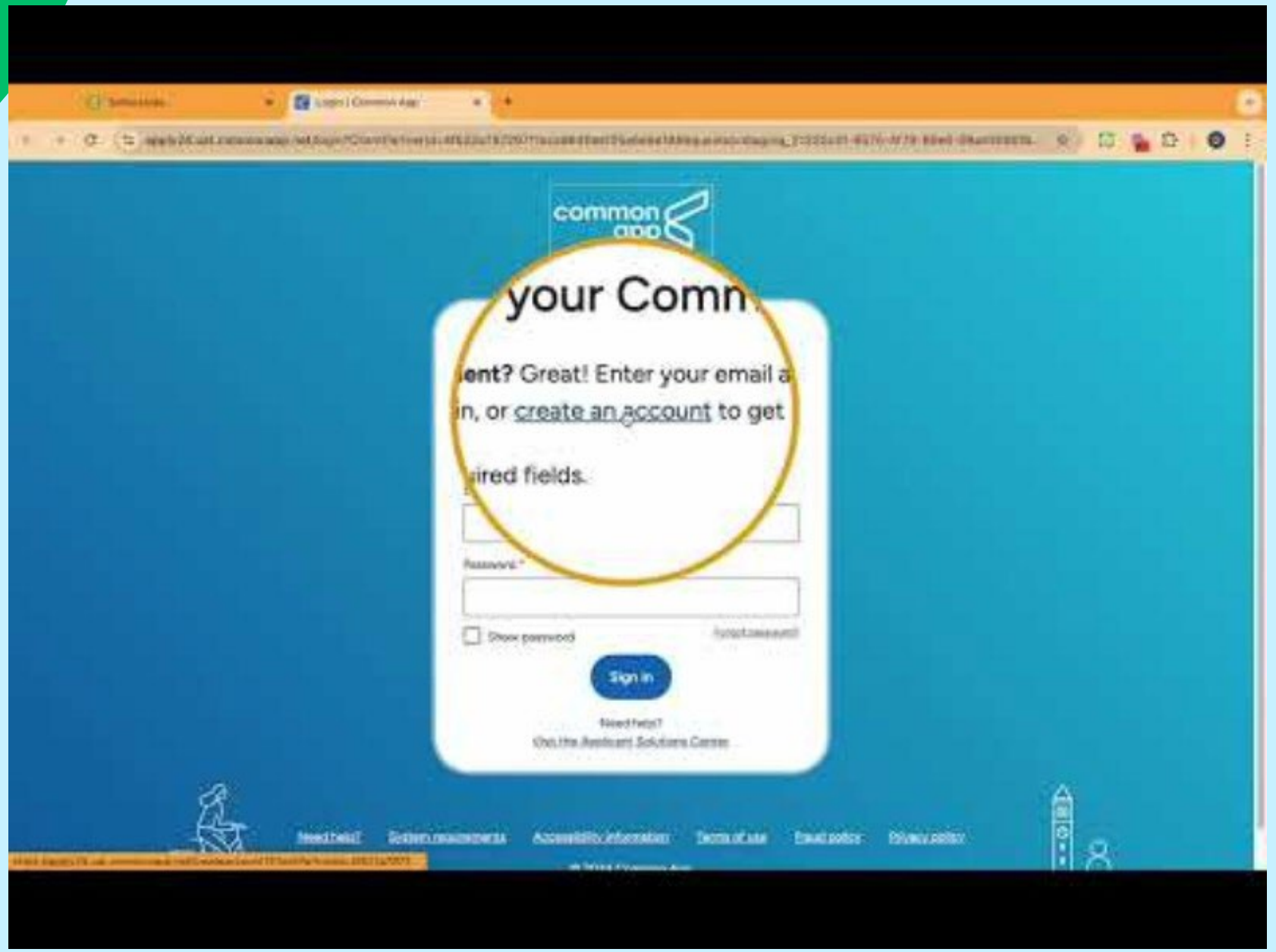
1. **Complete the Startup:** Enter your basic details, such as your birthdate and address

2. **Sign the FERPA Waiver:** Read and sign the privacy waiver regarding your recommendations to unlock the manager

HOW TO LINK

SCHOOLINKS TO COMMON APP

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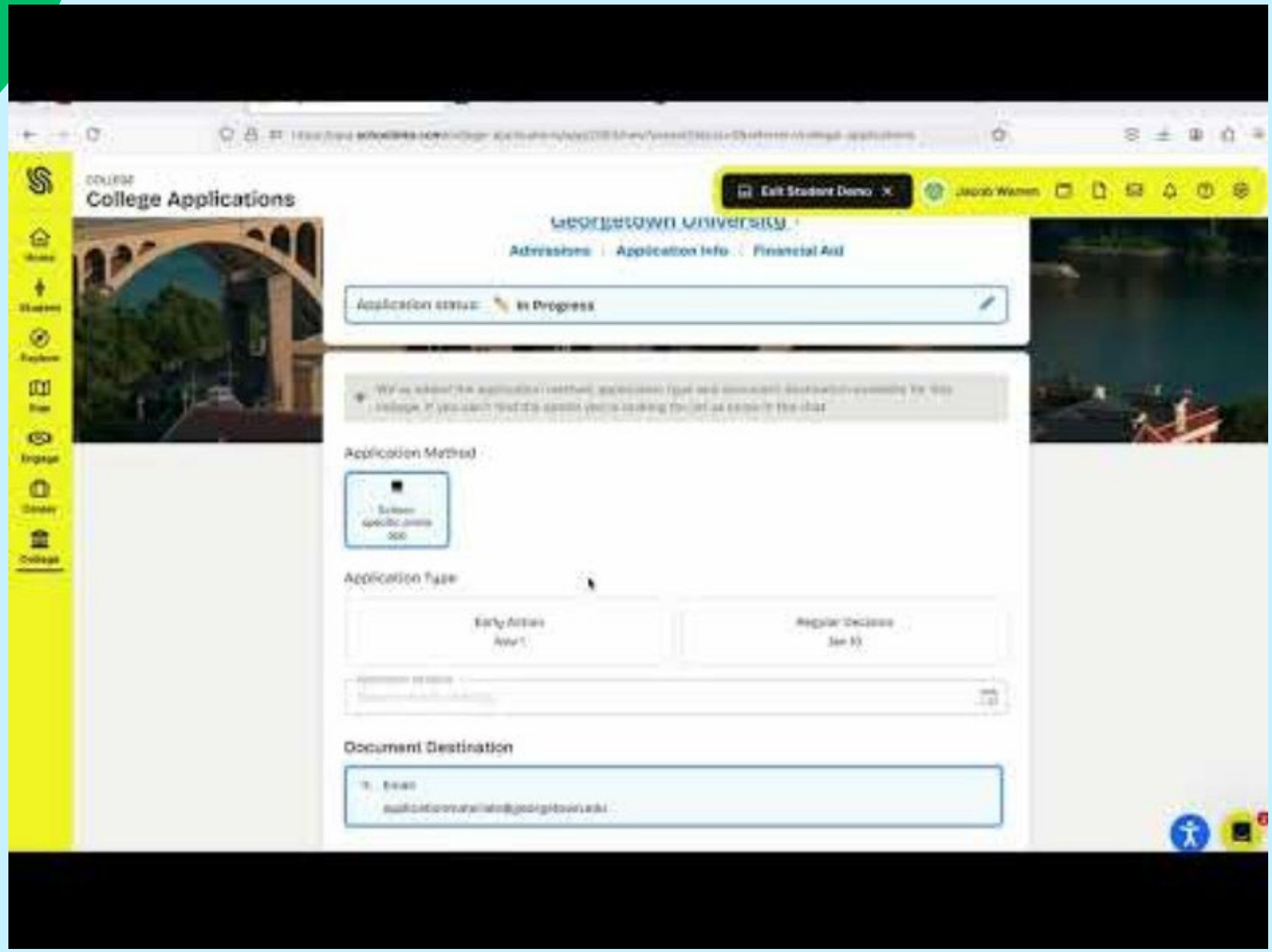


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HOW TO ADD

NON COMMON APP COLLEGES

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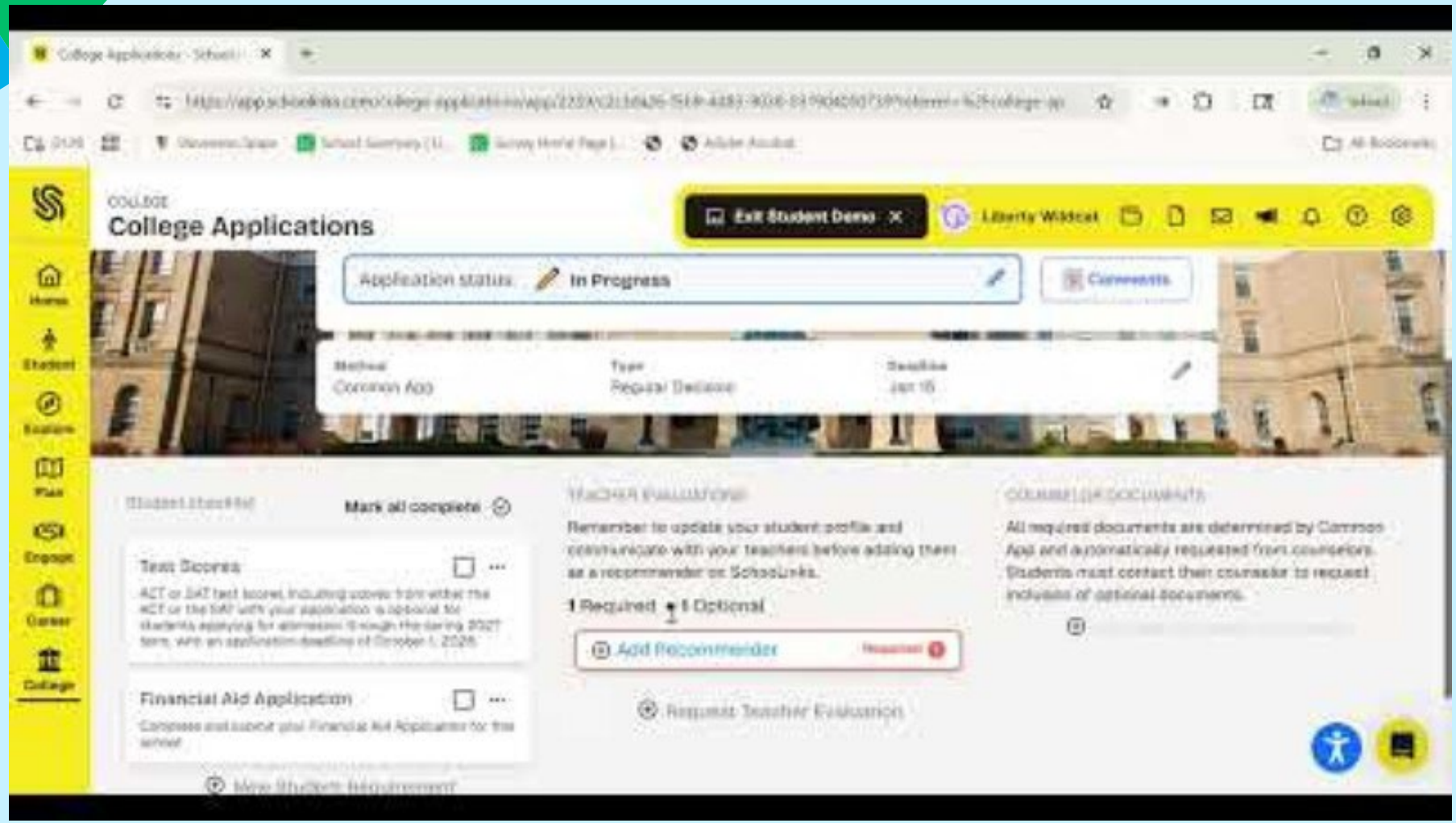


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HOW TO

ADD TEACHER RECOMMENDERS

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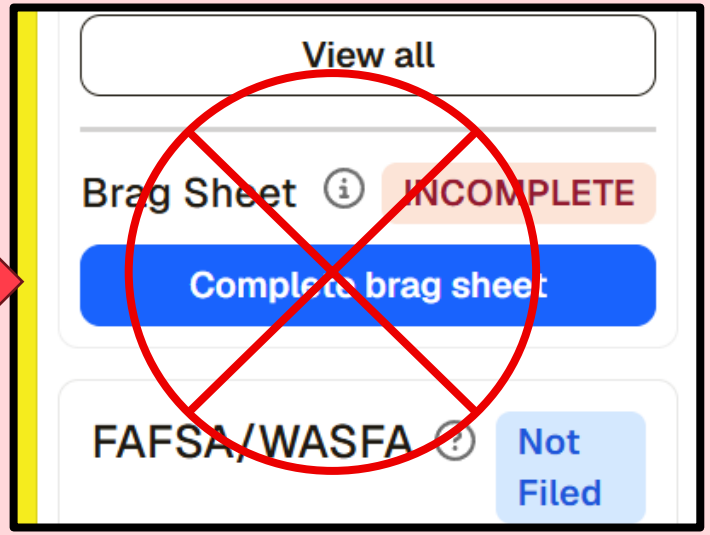
Reminder!!

recommendation from a counselor. See the Letter of Recomm

- **BSD FERPA Waiver** – Must be on file in order for schools to su different than the Common App FERPA.
- **How to connect or link Common App to SchooLinks** – Video connect it to SchooLinks. The "connect" step must happen bef
- **Letter of Recommendation Packet** – This is the complete lette return to their counselor when they need a letter of recomme and turned in at least three weeks prior to the application dea detailed information.

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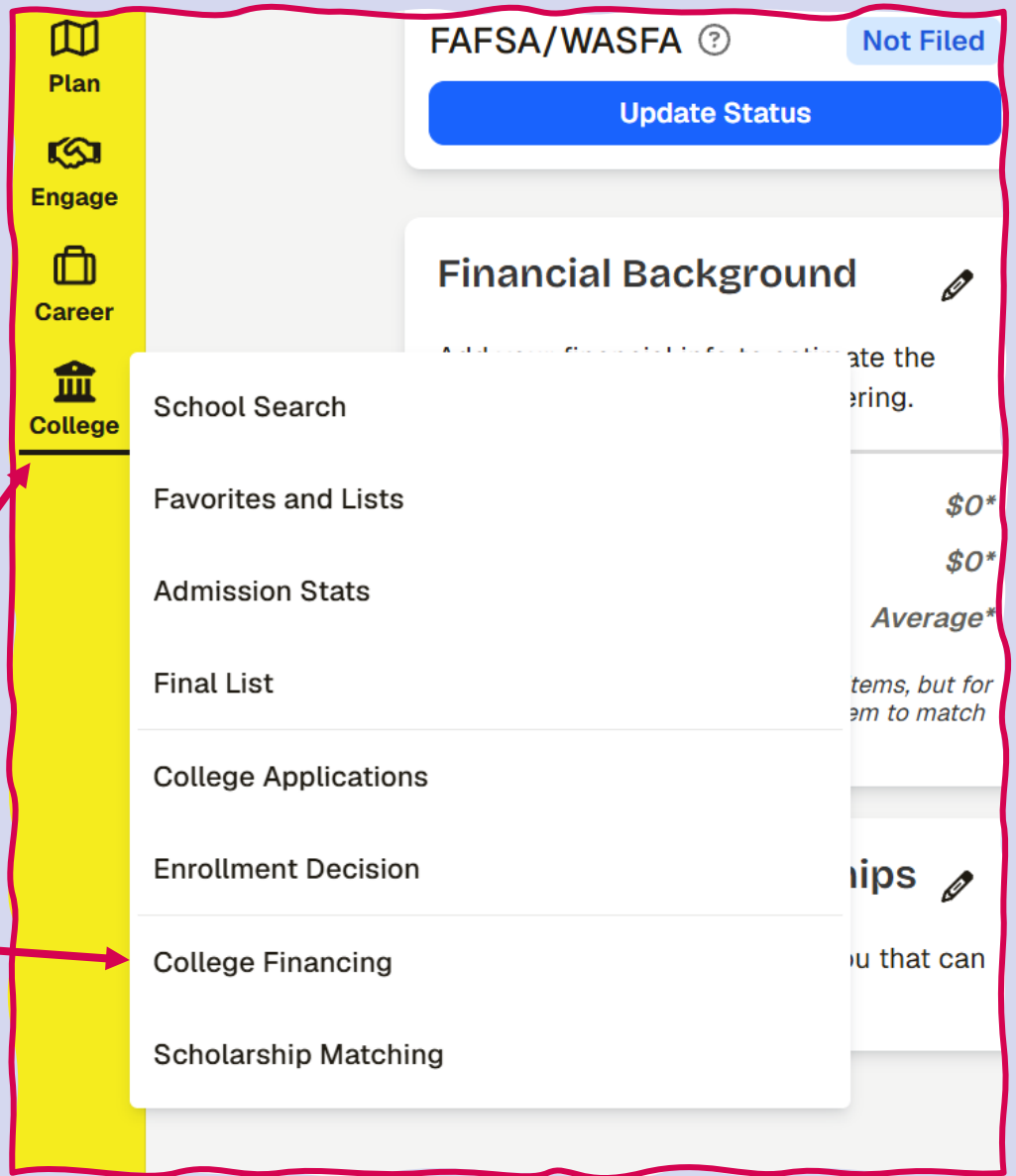


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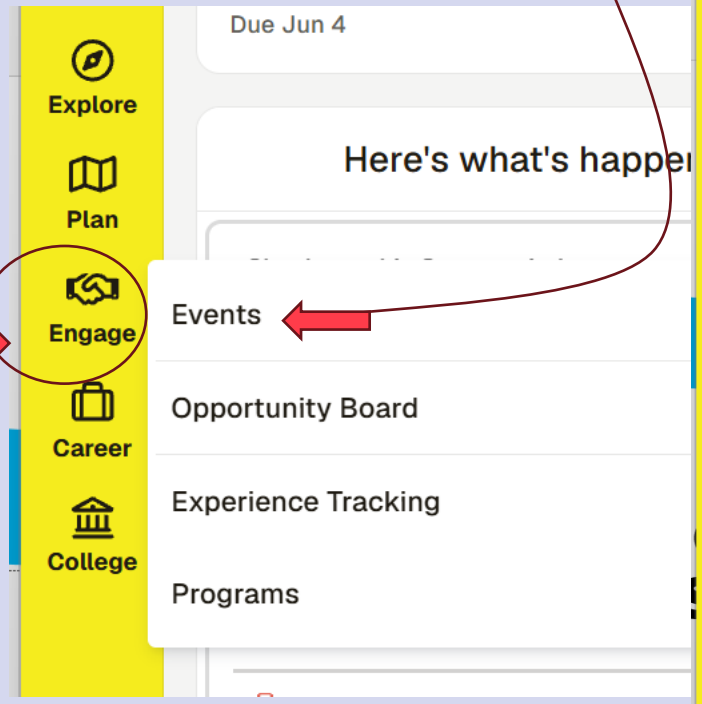
SchooLinks Financial Aid lesson will be available soon!

If you want to research on your own...

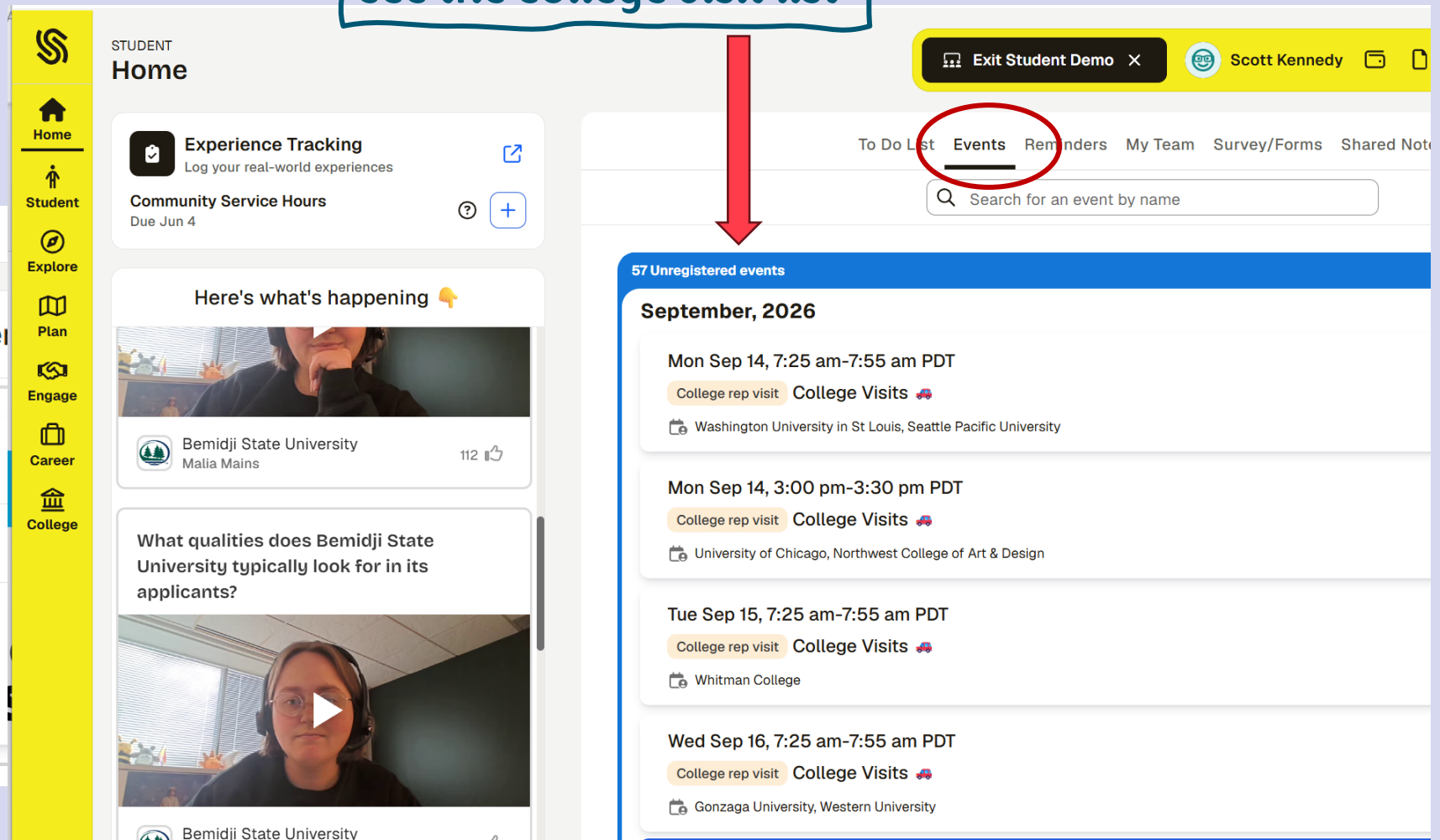


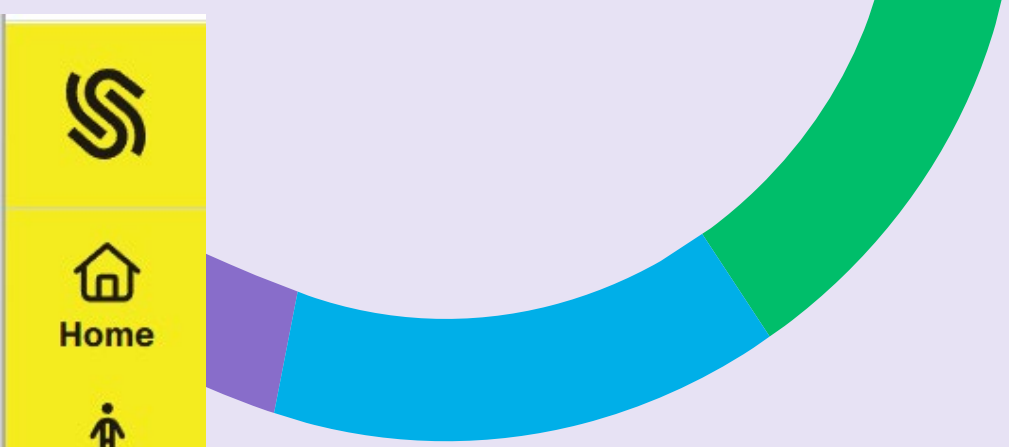
COLLEGE VISITS

1. Click “Engage”
2. Then “Events”



In “Events”, you can see the college visit list





SCHOOLINKS WORK TIME!

ALL students must complete "Onboarding" tasks in SchooLinks.
Once that is done, you have options for your work time:

Option 1: Research Colleges

Option 2: College Application Tasks

Option 2: Community Service – Enter Hours

Option 3: High School and Beyond Tasks

Option 4: Work on apps in **Common App**

FAQS

What is the Senior class size?	· There are 530 Students in the Senior Class
Are GPA's weighted or unweighted? What is my class rank?	· All GPA's are unweighted and we do not rank
How do we request a letter of recommendation from our counselor?	· Fill out LOR packet and give to counselor Counselor Letter of Recommendation Packet
What do I do if I still need help picking colleges?	· Email Mr. Rios to set meeting - Riosf@bsd405.org
How do I send my SAT/ACT scores (if required)?	· Students order score reports directly from College Board and/or ACT website
When is my Senior Blitz appointment?	· Starting September 21st: Look out for an invitation or contact your counselor to set up an appointment

RESOURCES

- Your Counselor ☺
- Mr. Rios!
- SchooLinks (Clever, SchooLinks)
- NHS Counseling “Applying to College” Webpage
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
- Washboard – Scholarship match
- OtterBot Great source of info about financial aid, college planning and reminders OtterBot | WSAC