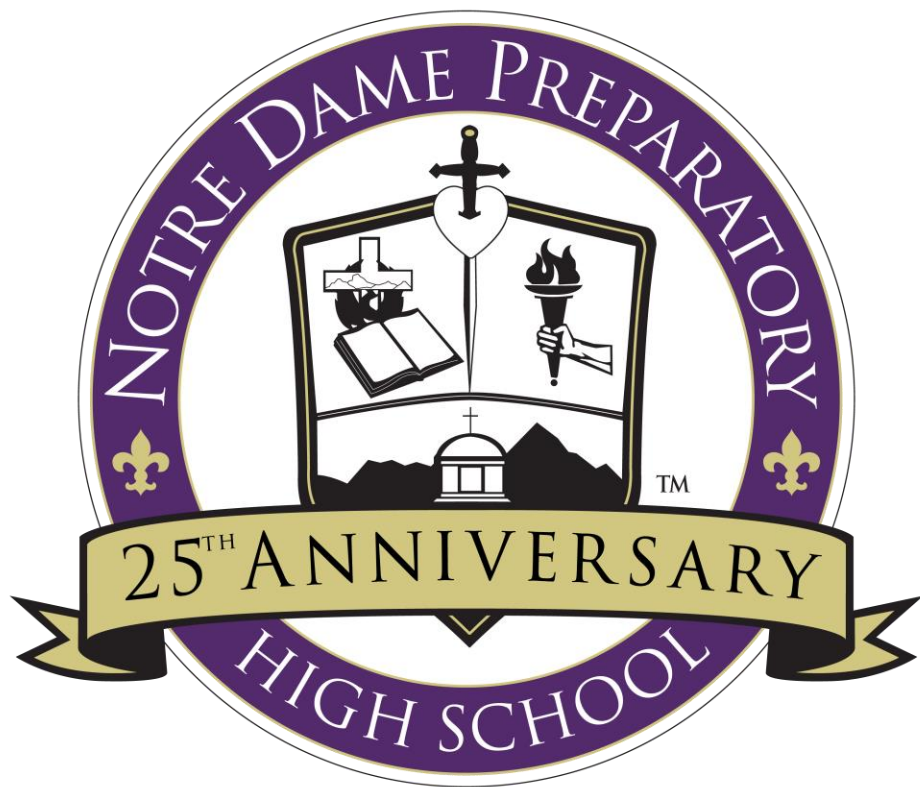




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PARENT NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 2026

Mrs. McMorrow
Grades 10 - 12
Last names A – F

Mrs. Larson
Grades 10 - 12
Last names G – L

Mr. Beneze
Grades 10 -12
Last names M – R

Mrs. Clark
Grades 11 - 12
Last names S - Z

Mrs. Kunitzer
Grade 9
Last names A - Ke

Mrs. Meyer
Grade 9
Last names Kh - Z

Mrs. Jody Kim
Administrative Assistant

COUNSELING TEAM

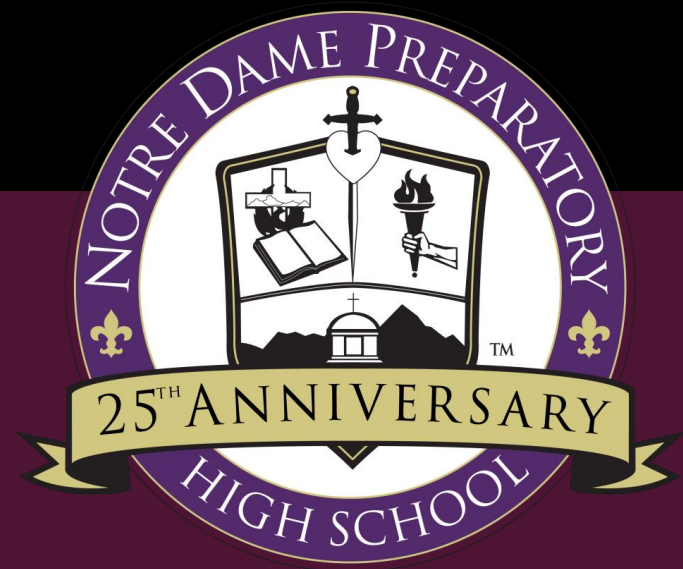
Strengthening students
mind, body and soul

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT

ROOM 407

BREAKOUT TOPIC:

HONORS AND AP CLASSES
DUAL ENROLLMENT
CURRICULUM PATHWAYS
APPEAL PROCESS



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

APPEAL PROCESS

- The appeal process is a required step for students who ...
 - did not earn a pure A both semesters in an on-level class and who want to access an honors level course.
 - or want to continue in an honors level but did not earn a B or higher both semesters in their current honors level class.
- How the appeal process works:
 - Initiated by either the counselor or student
 - Orange form completed by student first then counselor completes separate form with data from grades and HSPT scores.
 - Requires Department Chair approval

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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

CURRICULUM PATHWAYS:

MATH, SCIENCE AND ENGLISH

If I start in Algebra I, how do I reach Calculus by senior year?

If I start in BioMed I and want to stay in this track, how do I meet graduation requirements for lab sciences?

Can I take AP Seminar if I am not in STA?

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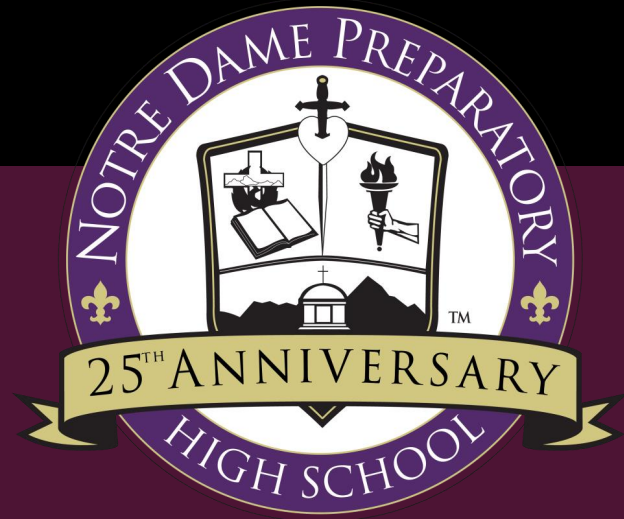
ROOM 502

BREAKOUT TOPIC:

GPA

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CLASS OF 2030

GRADUATING WITH DISTINCTION



GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

You will hear the acronym GPA often over the next 4 years. Your GPA is used for:

- College admissions and scholarships
- Identifying National Honor Society candidates
- Academic achievement
- Much more!

GPA is an average score calculated based on your final semester grade for each class and the weight of the courses you are taking.

A	93 – 100%	4.00
A-	90 – 92%	3.67
B+	87 - 89%	3.33
B	83 - 86%	3.00
B-	80 - 82%	2.67
C+	77 - 79%	2.33

C	73 - 76%	2.00
C-	70 - 72%	1.67
D+	67 - 69%	1.33
D	63 - 66%	1.00
D-	60 – 62%	0.67
F	0 - 59%	0.00

Example: Sally Saint takes 8 classes. One class is an honors class. Her weighted GPA would be 3.69 (Calculated by adding up the points and dividing by the number of classes.

English: B (84%) = 3.00

Social Studies: B+ (88%) = 3.33

Math: B (83%) = 3.00

Science: A- (90%) = 3.67

Honors Spanish: A (97%) = 4.00 + .50 honors weight = **4.50**

PE: A (95%) = 4.00

Theology: A (96%) = 4.00

Art: A (93%) = 4.00

Total **Weighted** Points = $29.5 \div 8 = 3.69$ **weighted GPA**

Total Unweighted Points = $29.0 \div 8 = 3.625$ simple GPA

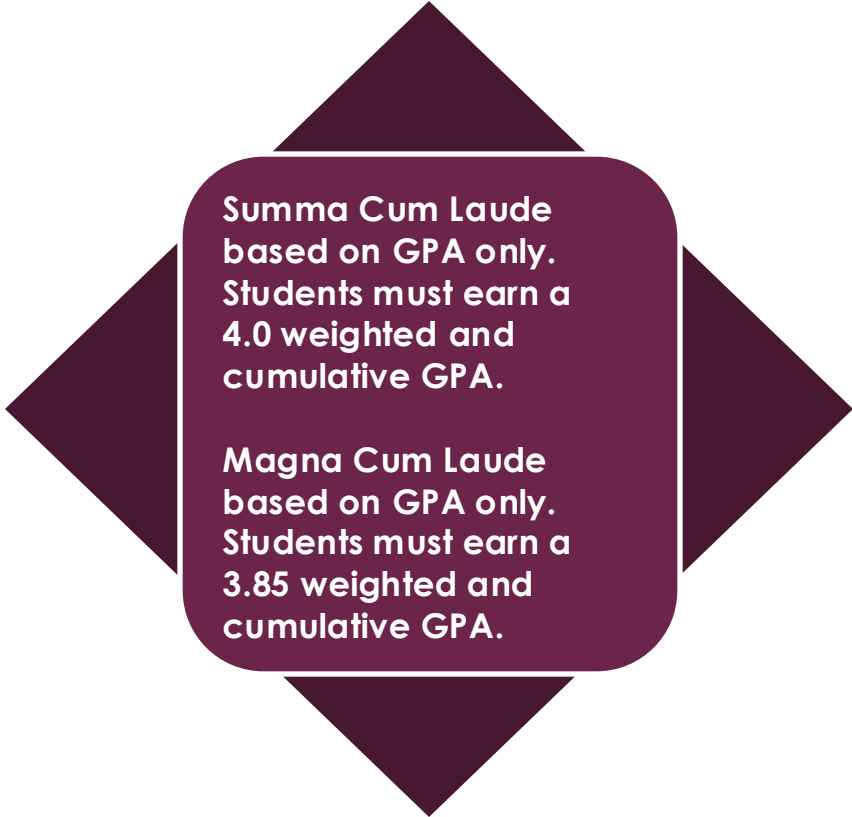


GPA GAME

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2030

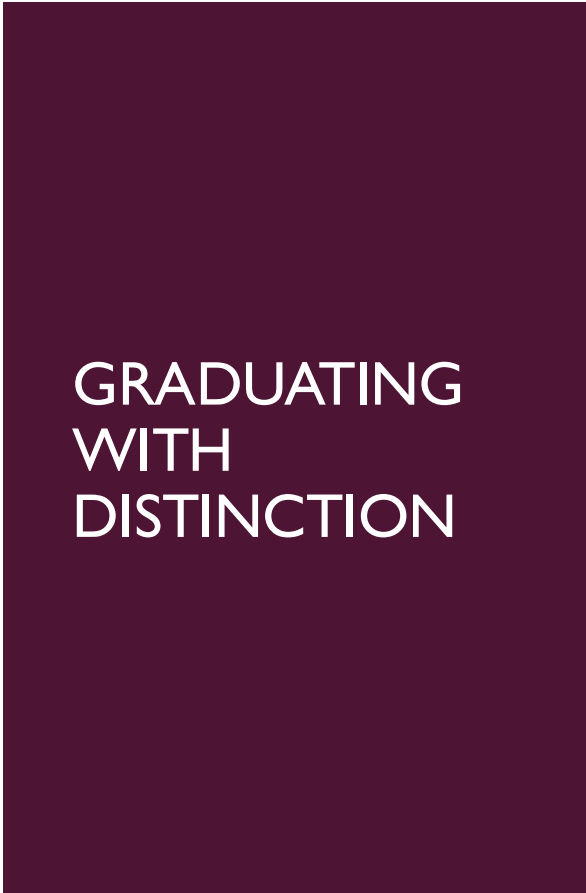
- To receive an NDP Diploma, a student must complete **thirty-two (32)** credits total; **thirty (30)** academic credits and **two (2)** Christian Service credits.

Discipline	Required Credits	Notes
Theology	4	
English	4	
Math	4	
Science	3	
Social Studies	4	
World Language	3	Must be sequential and in the same language.
Fine Arts	1	One year-long or two semester fine arts courses in the same discipline may be recommended.
Personal Fitness/Health	1	
Electives	5.5	
Intro to Finance	0.5	The Intro to Finance Course is designed for juniors and seniors.
Christian Service	2	
Total	32	



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.



GRADUATING
WITH
DISTINCTION

GRADES: THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

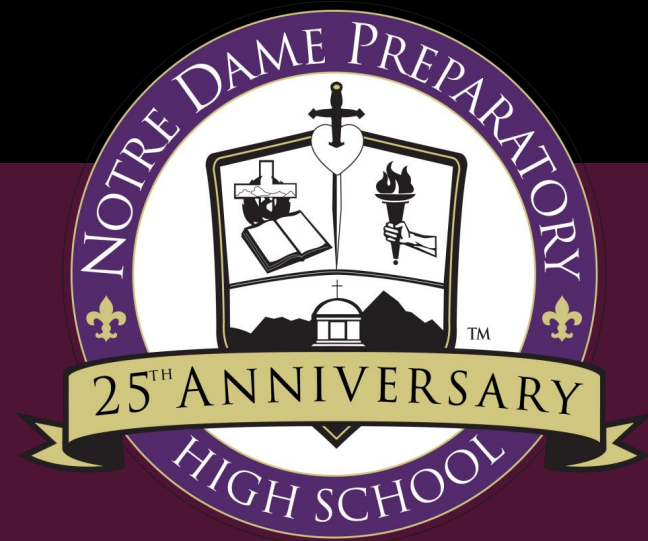
- Freshman grades DO appear on official transcripts
- Encourage your student(s) to:
 - Meet with their teacher
 - Explore tutoring (if possible/available)
 - Extra practice on their own
- Parents can access their student's grades through Canvas.

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT

ROOM 408

BREAKOUT TOPIC:

STANDARDIZED TESTING:
PSAT 8/9, PSAT, SAT, ACT



Standardized Testing Journey

9th Grade

- PSAT 8/9 on campus

10th Grade

- PSAT
- Practice ACT
- AP

11th Grade

- PSAT
- Practice ACT
- SAT
- ACT
- AP

12th Grade

- SAT
- ACT
- AP

Sophomores and Juniors take the PSAT at NDP (required).

New for 2026/2027: Freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 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 student receives their test results, they can connect with Khan Academy to get free personalized study recommendations.

Once test results are available to students, they may set up a meeting with their counselor to review the results. Parents are welcome to attend the review session as well.

PSAT: NATIONAL TESTING DAY OCTOBER 28, 2026

WHY PSAT 8/9?

The PSAT 8/9 is a standardized assessment from the College Board designed for 8th and 9th grade students as part of the SAT Suite of Assessments. It serves as an early benchmark to measure college and career readiness skills before students take the PSAT/NMSQT in 10th grade and the SAT in 11th or 12th grade.

- **Baseline measurement:** Shows where students stand academically at the start of high school.
- **Growth tracking:** Schools use results to monitor progress over time.
- **Early identification:** Helps identify strengths and weaknesses to address before higher-stakes tests
- **Fully digital,** taken via the **Bluebook** app on a computer
- **Adaptive testing:** Each section has two modules; the second adjusts in difficulty based on performance in the first.
- **Reading & Writing:** 54 questions, 64 minutes (~71 seconds per question).
- **Math:** 44 questions, 70 minutes (~95 seconds per question).
- **Total:** 98 questions, 2 hours 14 minutes (plus a 10-minute break)
- **Calculator:** Permitted throughout the Math section; on-screen Desmos graphing calculator available.
- **Accommodations:** Available for students with disabilities; must be arranged through the school before the deadline

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT

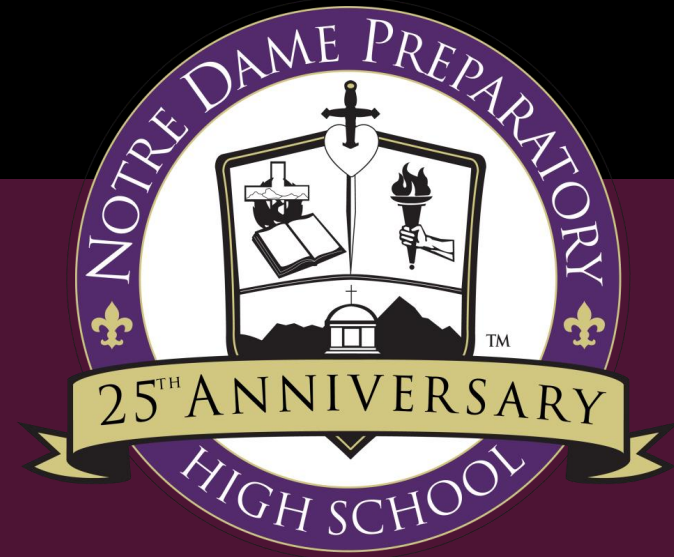
ROOM 501

BREAKOUT TOPIC:

SCOIR

MAJORCLARITY

CAREER GUIDANCE NETWORK



SCOIR – A QUICK OVERVIEW

- College and career readiness software provider
- Offers access to information regarding colleges and universities both domestically and abroad
- Key document management system: recommendation letters, transcripts, and anything else a college would require a counselor to send
- All freshman students will receive access information in class to create a student account using their NDP school email.
- **Parents:** A link to create a parent SCOIR account can be found here [Parents - Notre Dame Preparatory](#), scroll to the bottom and select the card for SCOIR. Once there, directions: “Click here” to login or set up your account. Questions email your student’s counselor.

Parent/Guardian Overview

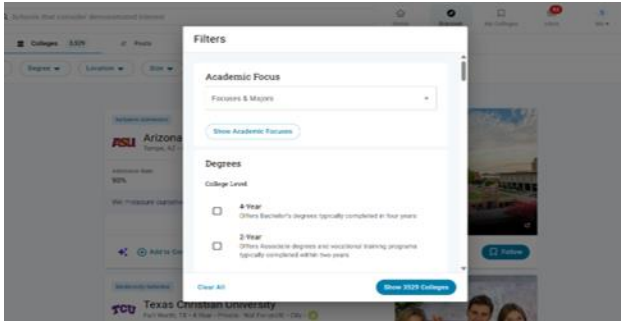


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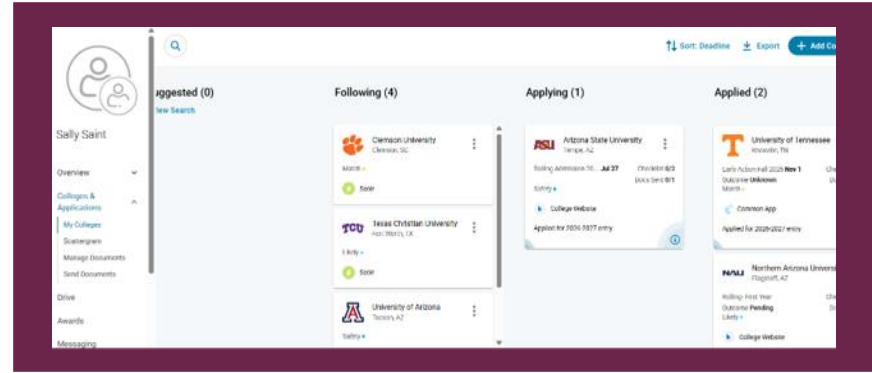
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PARENT/GUARDIAN
OVERVIEW

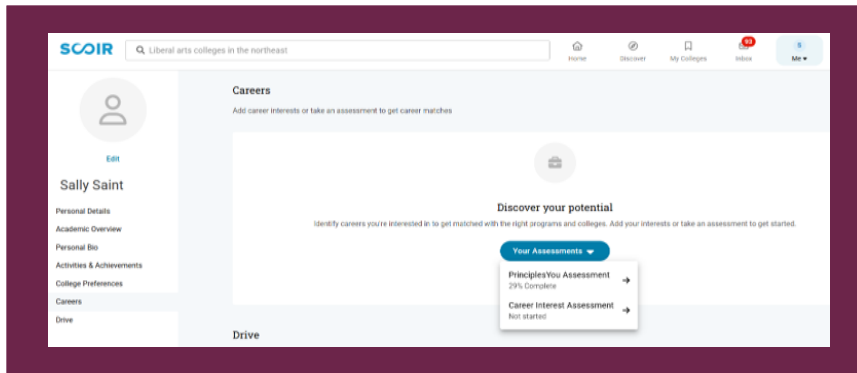
SCOIR: (SOME) KEY FEATURES



Search for colleges.



Build a college list for *Following*, *Applying* and *Applied*.



Students can also take *Character and Career Assessments* to start the major/career discovery process.

SCOIR – “DISCOVER” FEATURE

The **Discover Tool** is primarily a tool to help a student build their initial college list based on parameters set using selected filters customizing their individual college search. Detailed information about each individual college can be found simply by clicking on the name of each college. Information such as acceptance rate, cost of attendance and top majors to name a few.

The screenshot displays the SCOIR Discover feature interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Schools where I can study abroad". Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs: "For You", "Colleges" (selected), "Posts", "Events", "Programs", and "Careers". The "Colleges" tab shows a count of 3,529. Below the navigation tabs, there are filter buttons: "Academic Focus", "Degree", "Location", "Size", "Setting", and "All Filters". A "Relevance" button is also present. The main content area displays two college profiles. The first profile is for the University of Miami, labeled "Highly Selective". It includes the university's logo, name, location (Coral Gables, FL), and type (4-Year, Private, Not For-profit, Suburban). Below this, there is a table with the following data:

Admission Rate	Average SAT / ACT	Undergraduate Students
19%	1400 / 32	13,250

Below the table, there is a description: "A private research university with 12,000+ undergraduate students from... More". To the right of the profile, there is a video player showing a mascot named Alex Westover. The second profile is for the University of San Diego, labeled "Moderately Selective". It includes the university's logo, name, location (San Diego, CA), and type (4-Year, Private, Not For-profit, City). Below this, there is a table with the following data:

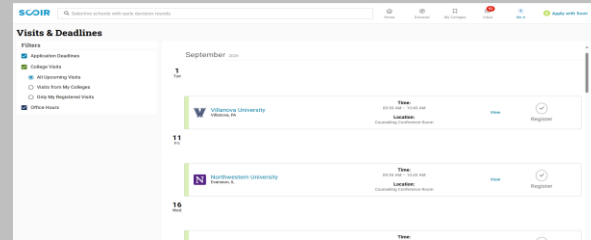
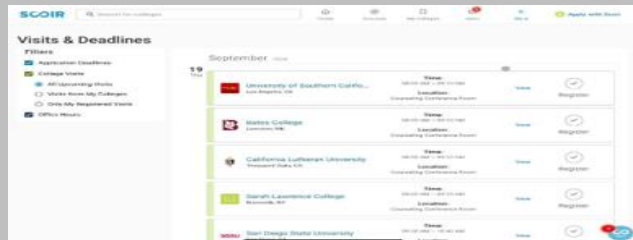
Admission Rate	Average SAT / ACT	Undergraduate Students
52%	0 / 0	5,851

Below the table, there is a description: "#1 Most Beautiful Campus (The Princeton Review) More". To the right of the profile, there is a video player showing a mascot.

SCOIR: COLLEGE VISITS...HOW TO SIGN UP



- From the Home Page select ME, select *Visits & Deadlines*.
- Select specific College Visit and select *Register*.



SCOIR - ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

The screenshot shows the SCOIR web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SCOIR logo, a search bar for schools, and icons for Home, Discover, My Colleges, News, and a user profile icon labeled 'Me'. Below the navigation bar, the left sidebar contains a user profile for 'Sally Saint' with an 'edit' link, and a list of menu items: Personal Details, Academic Overview, Personal Bio, Activities & Achievements (which is highlighted), College Preferences, Careers, and Done. The main content area is titled 'Activities & Achievements' and includes a '+ Add' button. It displays two sections: 'Work Experience' and 'Athletics'. The 'Work Experience' section lists a job as 'Hostess' at 'Junior' level, working '20 hours/week, 25 weeks/year' at 'Zipp's, a local sports bar'. The 'Athletics' section lists 'Varsity Track' at 'Freshman, Sophomore, Junior' levels, working '10 hours/week, 15 weeks/year', with a description: 'Participated on the Varsity track team beginning in my freshman year. My best events are the 4x400 m relay and the high jump.'

SCOIR

Sally Saint

Activities & Achievements

Work Experience

Hostess
Junior
20 hours/week, 25 weeks/year
Performed hostess duties at Zipp's, a local sports bar.

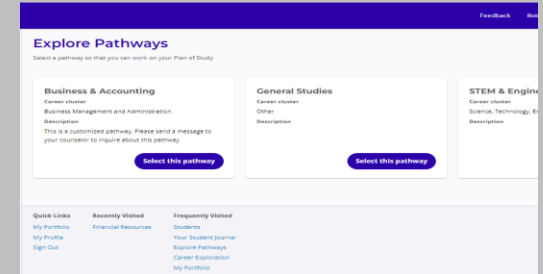
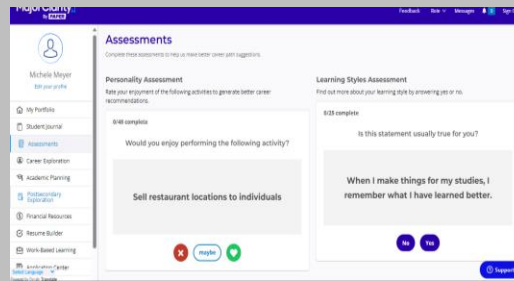
Athletics

Varsity Track
Freshman, Sophomore, Junior
10 hours/week, 15 weeks/year
Participated on the Varsity track team beginning in my freshman year. My best events are the 4x400 m relay and the high jump.

Students should start compiling their list of activities and achievements beginning in 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.



CAREER GUIDANCE NETWORK (CGN)

FORMERLY “COLLEGE
GUIDANCE NETWORK”

CGN connects students and parents with leading college and career experts through live webinars, interactive Q&A sessions, and recorded resources, giving families trusted answers and practical guidance for life after high school.

