CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

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PURPOSE / LESSON OBJECTIVE

- GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS USING GUIDED WORKSHEETS AND WEBSITES.
- THIS WILL HELP YOU LEARN WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE, LEARN ABOUT RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU AND FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING A DECISION.
- HELP YOU GAIN CONFIDENCE IN YOUR DECISION MAKING SKILLS.



PRE TEST



THE BIG PICTURE

WHAT'S AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?



TIME TO GET UP :)



1. PICK THE PATH YOU'RE LEANING TOWARD AND HEAD TO THAT SPOT IN THE ROOM.

2. THEN, LIST OUT WHAT MATTERS MOST WHEN CHOOSING BETWEEN THE OPTIONS IN YOUR CATEGORY.

FACTORS IN BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE IN ROTC WHILE IN COLLEGE!

- ADMISSIONS CHANCES
- CAMPUS LIFE
- LOCATION WUE
- SIZE
- MAJOR/MINOR OFFERINGS
- CAREER/ INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- COST
- SPORTS
- EXTRACURRICULAR OFFERINGS

FACTORS TO CONSIDER FOR MILITARY

- BRANCHES HAVE DIFFERENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES
- PAY IS THE SAME ACROSS BRANCHES
- CULTURE
- DURATION
- WHERE IS THE TRAINING?
- TAKE THE ASVAB
- TALK TO RECRUITER FROM ALL BRANCHES







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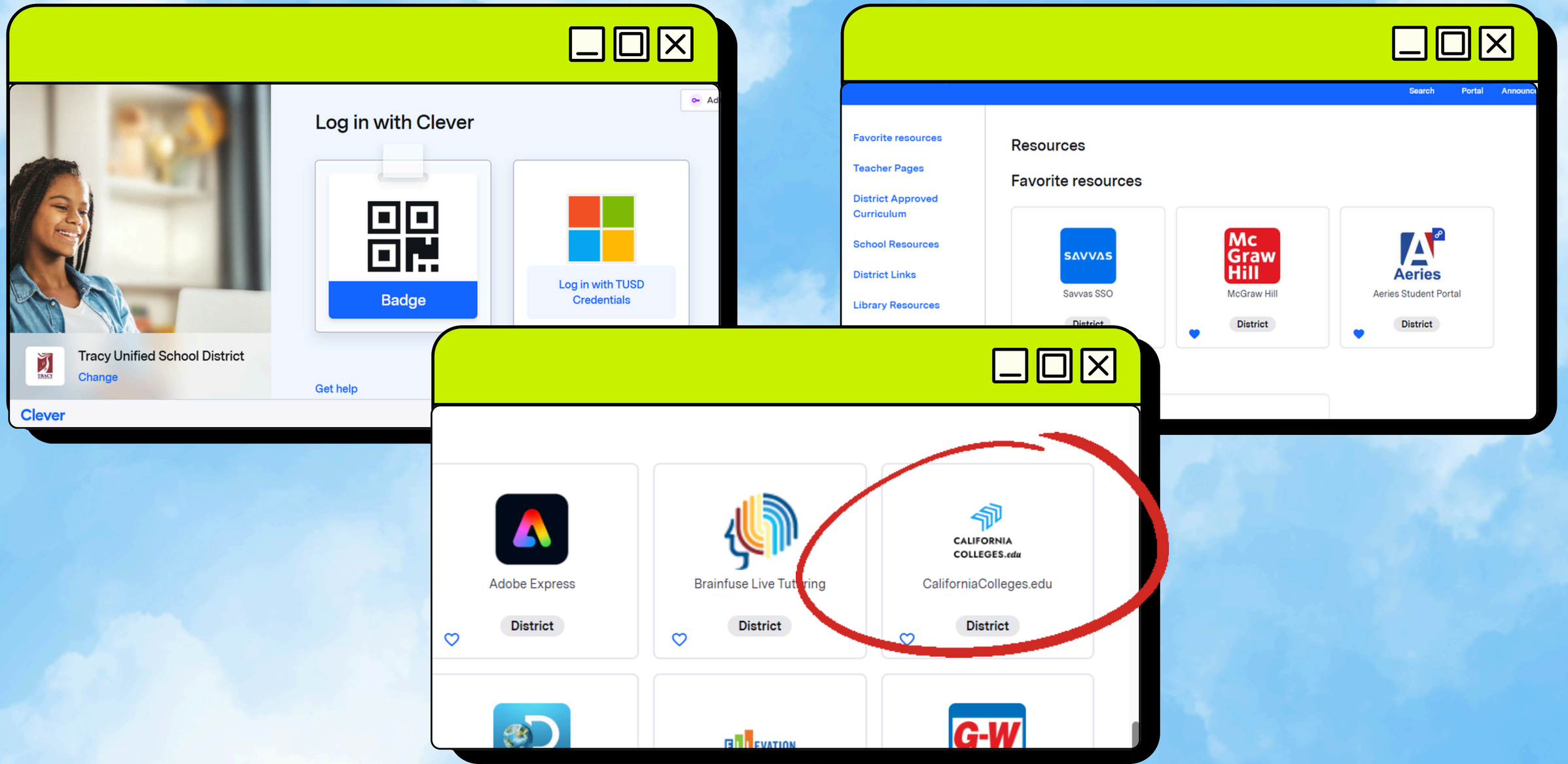


FACTORS TO CONSIDER FOR TRADE/APPRENTICESHIP

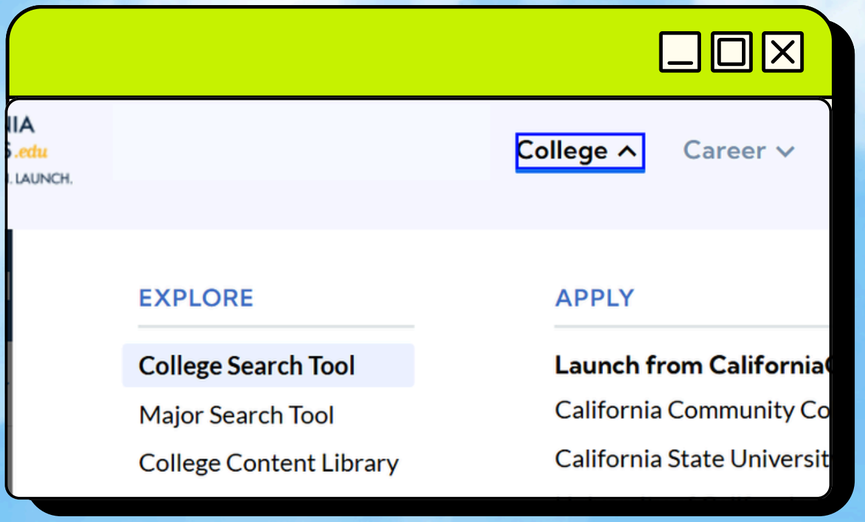
- COST/FINANCIAL AID
- LENGTH OF PROGRAM
- JOB PLACEMENT
- EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK
- POTENTIAL SALARY
- DISTANCE FROM HOME
- UNIONS
- BENEFITS

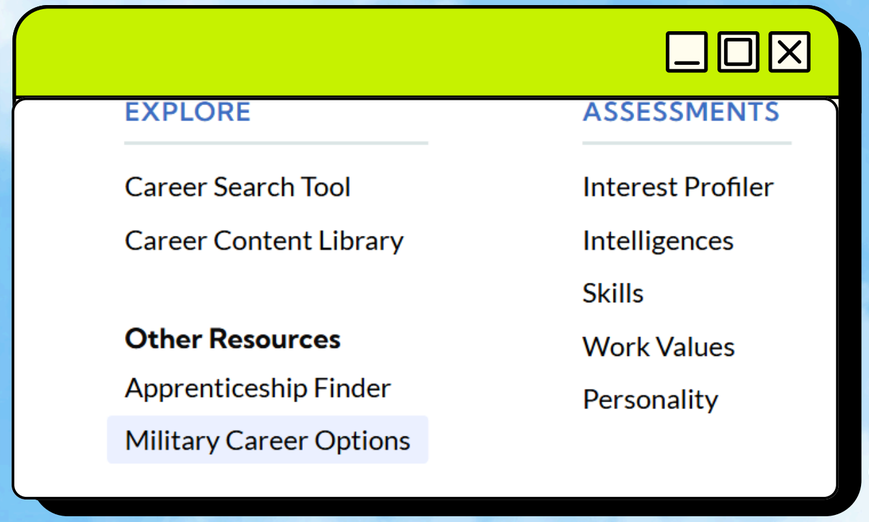


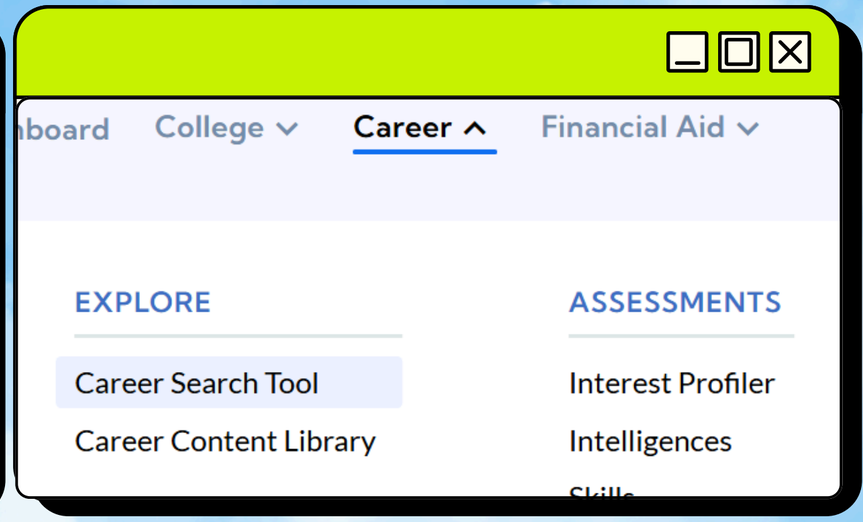
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COLLEGE



MILITARY



CAREER/TRADE



RESEARCH!

COLLEGE (PURPLE SHEET):

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR WORKSHEET USING THE RESOURCES ON CALIFORNIA COLLEGES. THE TOP OF YOUR WORKSHEET LISTS SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO LOCATE THE COLLEGE SEARCH TOOL.

COLLEGE #1 NAME: Chico State

Important Factor: Location

What did you find out?: only a few hours from Tracy, tons of creeks + rivers, lively downtown

Important Factor: Major / Academics

What did you find out?: offer BS in Ag Science + Master of Ag Education (#12 Ag Degree in Nation)

Important Factor: Cost / Tuition

What did you find out?: Tuition: $6,838 per semester

EXAMPLE

MILITARY (GREEN SHEET):

ON CA COLLEGES, CLICK ON CAREER AND SELECT MILITARY CAREER OPTIONS. FOR MORE INFO, NAVIGATE TO OUR COLLEGE AND CAREER PAGE ON THE TRACY HIGH WEBSITE. THERE ARE SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS LISTED ON YOUR WORKSHEET.

Military Branch #1: Navy (SEAL)

Important Factor: Training / Length

What did you find out?: 56 weeks initial training / 18 months intensive training ("brutal")

Important Factor: Requirements

What did you find out?: good eyesight, pass ASUAB, pass physical exam for divers, good study habits

Important Factor: Location

What did you find out?: can be anywhere! Desert, urban, mountain, woodlands, jungle, arctic etc.

EXAMPLE

TRADE (PINK SHEET):

ON CA COLLEGES, CLICK ON CAREER AND SELECT APPRENTISHIP FINDER OR CAREER SEARCH TOOL. FOR MORE INFO, NAVIGATE TO DIR.CA.GOV. THERE ARE SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS LISTED ON YOUR WORKSHEET.

PROGRAM/CAREER #1: ABC NorCal (Electrician)

Important Factor: Length of Program

What did you find out?: 60 months - 5 years

Important Factor: Cost

What did you find out?: no tuition fee, just need to purchase tools / wage info shared during first class

Important Factor: Location

What did you find out?: classes held in Livermore, work sites in NorCal (typically close to residence)

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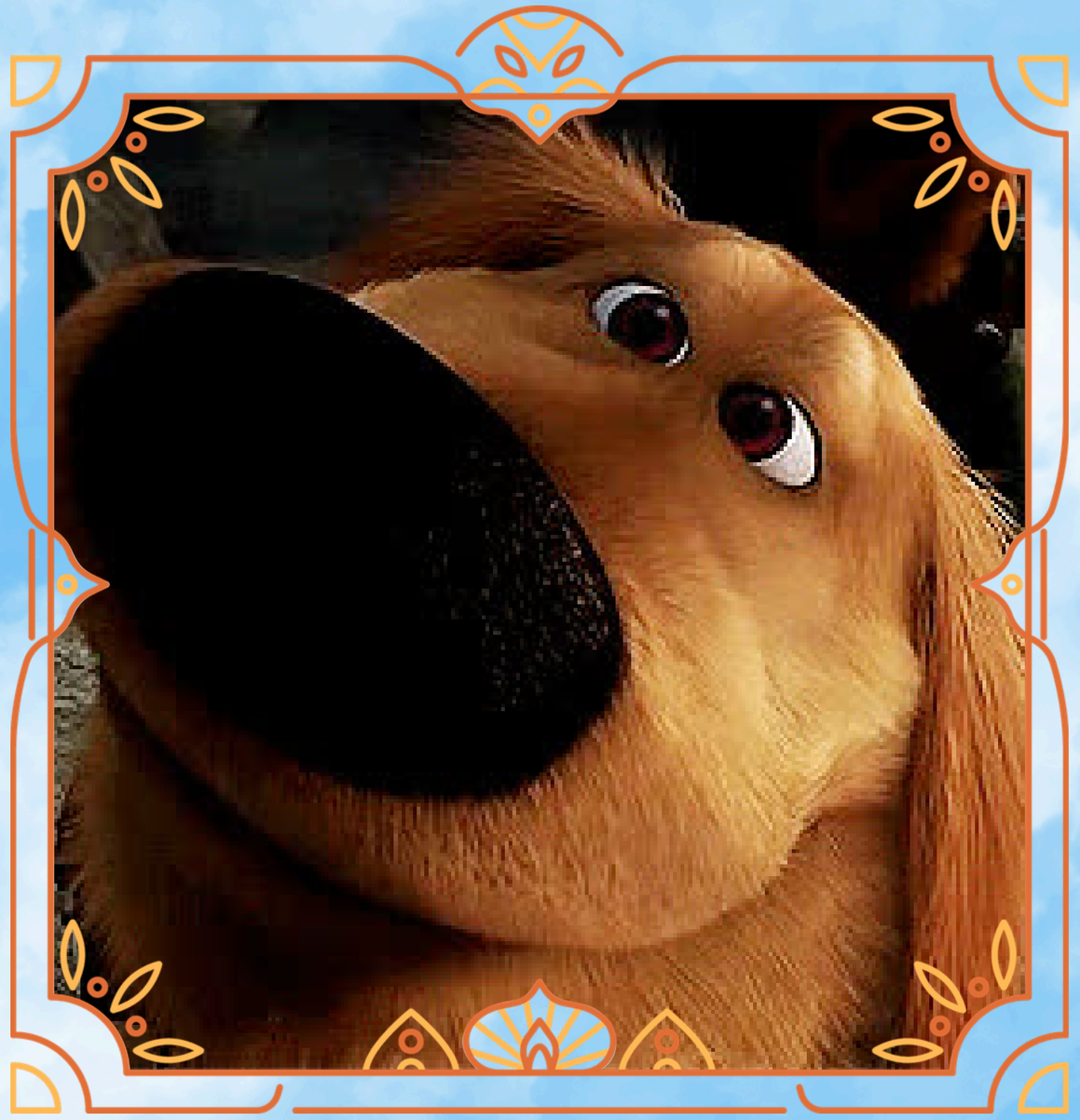
BE SURE TO HEART ❤️
OR FAVORITE AT LEAST TWO
POTENTIAL COLLEGE, CAREERS, ETC.

YOU



COLLEGE
OR
CAREER

WHAT DID YOU FIND?



COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

(A104)

- WORK PERMITS
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- JOB APPLICATION ASSISTANCE
- CCC PAGE ON THS WEBSITE

MRS. PRICE



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ASVAB TEST DATE IS NOV 4TH

THE ASVAB IS GREAT FOR HELPING STUDENTS GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHICH CAREER FIELD MIGHT SUIT THEM BEST. IT MEASURES A PERSON'S ABILITY TO PERFORM WELL IN VARIOUS TYPES OF JOBS. THE ASVAB IS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE MILITARY. ANYONE CAN TAKE THE ASVAB, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO JOIN THE MILITARY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR THE ASVAB, SCAN THE QR CODE AND FILL OUT AN ACTIVITY FORM.

PREPARING FOR SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

PREPARING FOR SENIOR YEAR

BEFORE SUMMER

- ☐ Meet with your counselor to make sure you are meeting graduation requirements.
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to make sure you are meeting college entrance requirements.
- ☐ Talk to teachers about letters of recommendation. Complete your brag sheet.
- ☐ Take the ACT and/or SAT (may be required for many private and out of state colleges)
- ☐ Finalize your plans for after high school.
- ☐ Options can include community college, trade school, vocational school, military service, 4 year college, employment or something different.

DURING SUMMER

- ☐ Volunteer, take on an internship or gain work experience.
- ☐ Research and apply for scholarships.
- ☐ Create your FSA ID on studentaid.gov (student and parent/guardian).
- ☐ Update your brag sheet.
- ☐ Work on resume.

COLLEGE SPECIFIC

- ☐ Finalize your college list and majors. Be sure it's a balanced list.
- ☐ Visit colleges in person or virtually.
- ☐ Determine if you are going to apply Early Action, Early Decision or Regular Decision.
- ☐ Review college cost by using Net Calculators on college websites. You can also find this on CalforniaColleges.Edu.

ATHLETE SPECIFIC

- ☐ Create your NCAA and/or NAIA accounts.
- ☐ Make sure you are meeting NCAA and/or NAIA requirements.
- ☐ Keep working on your fitness routines.
- ☐ Check in with coaches.

UNPREPARED SENIOR



PREPARED SENIOR



POST TEST

