

WELCOME PARENTS!

CAN YOU HEAR IT?

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GET READY!

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS STARTS NOW!

BUT FIRST: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS! FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PLAN DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 years of Bible, English, Math, Science, Social Studies (gov/eco)
- 2 years of Language other than English
- 1.5 years of electives
- 1 year of Fine Art, PE
- .5 (semester) of speech
- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
 - 96 hours
- DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES
 - ENGLISH 12 (ONLY IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY IN ENGLISH 11 DUAL CREDIT)
 - LIFE SCIENCE
 - US GOVERNMENT
 - DUAL CREDIT MEETING IN SPRING
 - PARENT MEETING WILL BE HELD TO EXPLAIN PROCESS AND COURSE OFFERINGS THROUGH LE TOURNEAU
 - STUDENTS CAN TAKE UP TO TWO ONLINE DUAL CREDIT CLASSES SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR; MUST HAVE A 3.0 GPA
- AP CLASSES
 - AP CALCULUS
 - AP PHYSICS
 - AP PRECALCULUS



SERVICE ACADEMIES: PROCESS BEGINS NOW!

- EXCEPT FOR THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY, STUDENTS MUST BE NOMINATED TO BE ACCEPTED INTO ANY SERVICE ACADEMY
- NOMINATIONS CAN BE FROM:
 - U.S. SENATOR
 - U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
 - THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (CAN NOMINATE APPLICANTS TO ANY ACADEMY EXCEPT THE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY)
 - FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ACADEMIES, VISIT:
 - US MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

SERVICE ACADEMIES

NOMINATED BY

U.S. SENATOR

John Cornyn

Ted Cruz

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

20th Congressional District: Joaquin Castro

21st Consgressional District: Chip Roy

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE US (except for the Merchant Marine Academy)

Websites:

US Coast Guard Academy:

860-444-8270

https://uscga.edu/

US Merchant Marine Academy

516-726-5800

http://www.usmma.edu/

Websites:

US Military Academy

845-938-4011

http://www.usma.edu/

US Naval Academy

410-293-1000

http://www.usna.edu/

US Air Force Academy

800-433-9266

http://www.usafa.af.mil

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

REGISTER WITH NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER OR NAIA



















QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT. . .

- What is most important to you when looking for a university?
 - Religious or secular?
 - Private or public?
 - Local church community
 - On campus Christian organizations
 - Location? In Texas or out of state?
 - Size? Class size/student-teacher ratio
 - Cost?
 - Housing options
 - Extracurriculars? Internship opportunities
 - Are they test-optional regarding SAT/ACT?
 - Do they have your major?
 - Academic requirements
 - Family alumni

INVESTIGATE!

- Visit college websites
- <u>CampusReel</u>
- Contact admissions offices
- Use SCOIR's
 College Search;
 CollegeBoard's
 Big Future



SCOIR: ONE STOP SHOP

- YouScience
 - Students completed this aptitude assessment last week; identified their strengths, talents, and work habits; suggested careers and majors
- Discover
 - Research Colleges
 - Students can enter specific requirements: major, location, test scores, admission rate, school type, campus setting
- My Colleges
 - Following- indicates schools the student is researching
 - Applying- indicates schools the student is applying to
 - Applied-indicates schools the student has applied to
 - SCOIR notifies counseling office so we can send transcript and rec letters
 - We ask that students follow up with an email to Mrs. Hawkins verifying SCOIR sent email
- Teacher Recommendations

BIG FUTURE: RESOURCE ON COLLEGE BOARD

There are more than 2,000 colleges in the United States. Find the right college for you.

Filter by location, major, and more.

Search for colleges

Already have a school in mind?

Look up a college by name Q

AS STUDENTS BEGIN THEIR SEARCH: FINDING A GOOD FIT

ACCEPTANCE RATE	• COMPARE SAT/ACT SCORES WITH ADMITTED STUDENTS • COMPARE GPA WITH ADMITTED STUDENTS
FIND ACCEPTANCE RATE INFORMATION	 College Website <u>Cappex</u>, <u>College Data</u>, <u>Mark Moody's</u> <u>Quick/Dirty College List Builder</u>
DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR?	 1ST GENERATION TO ATTEND COLLEGE HOOK/UNIQUE STORY LEGACY (FAMILY HAS ATTENDED IN PAST) EXCEL IN A SPORT GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

DEMONSTRATE INTEREST

DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES

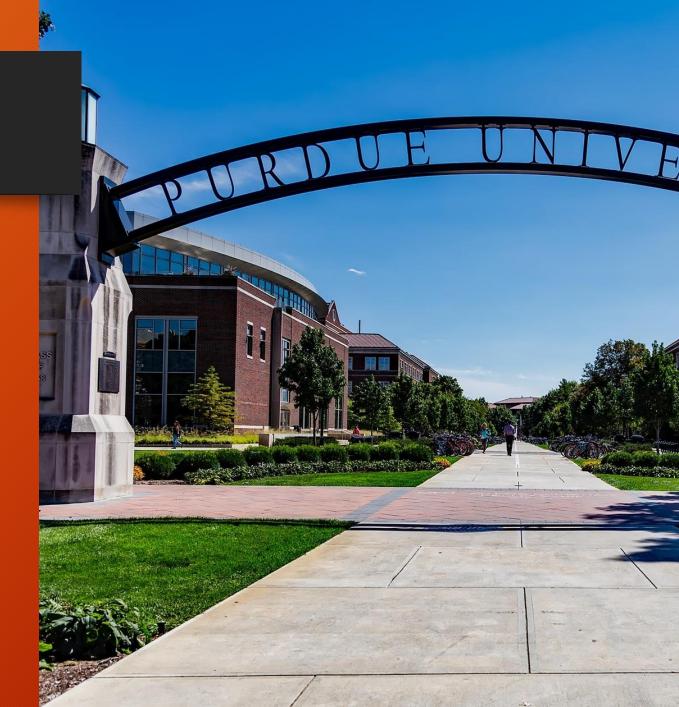
- Find out the majors offered
- How difficult is it to change majors
- Do students have to live in a dorm their freshman year
- Can students have a car their freshman year
- EMAIL OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS WITH QUESTIONS THAT CAN'T BE FOUND ON THEIR WEBSITE—SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (Ask what they are best known for)
- ATTEND THEIR VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS (WWW.NACACFAIRS.ORG)
- ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS

College Fair! November 17!



VISIT THE CAMPUS!

- Email or call the admissions office for a campus tour
- Students have 4 days of excused absences to visit colleges this year!!
- Take advantage of holidays, spring break, Interim Week, summer
- Prepare for your visit by looking at the college's website
- Have your list of questions to ask
 - meal plans
 - housing options
 - safety record
 - extracurriculars
 - internships
 - retention rate
 - Honors programs
- Take notes for each college and take pictures
- Notice the surrounding environment/city
- Talk to current students



PREPARING FOR THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

ACTIVITY SHEET/RESUME

STRONG GRADES THIS YEAR

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

- GOAPPLYTEXAS.ORG: USE FOR ALL TEXAS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES (and some private schools)
- COMMONAPP.ORG: USE FOR OUT OF STATE SCHOOLS AND SOME PRIVATE TEXAS SCHOOLS

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH ESSAY TOPICS ON APPLICATIONS

CONSIDER TEACHERS FOR RECOMMENDATON LETTERS

SELECT TEACHERS WHO CAN HIGHLIGHT DIFFERENT STRENGTHS

RESUME TIPS



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PERSONAL ESSAY

Juniors will be selecting an essay topic in their English class!

Offers insight into what makes your child unique

Should not repeat what can be found on transcript or application

Opportunity to share student's dreams

Talk about something they have had to overcome

Explain how some event helped shape who they are

Goal: A good story, well told. So personal, no one else could have written it. So personal, if the essay were left in a classroom, everyone would know whose essay it was.

RESIST THE TEMPTATION...to help too much

WALKING THE WALK: PROVERBS 3:5-6



TOP 10% RULE



- Students must still apply, submit SAT/ACT scores (if required), and meet all deadlines
- Students should give 100% effort to their personal essay
 - for scholarship consideration
 - could determine program of choice (major)

EXCEPTION: UT AUSTIN

- UT automatically accepts the top 6% of students in their senior class
- 75% of admitted students are in the top 6%

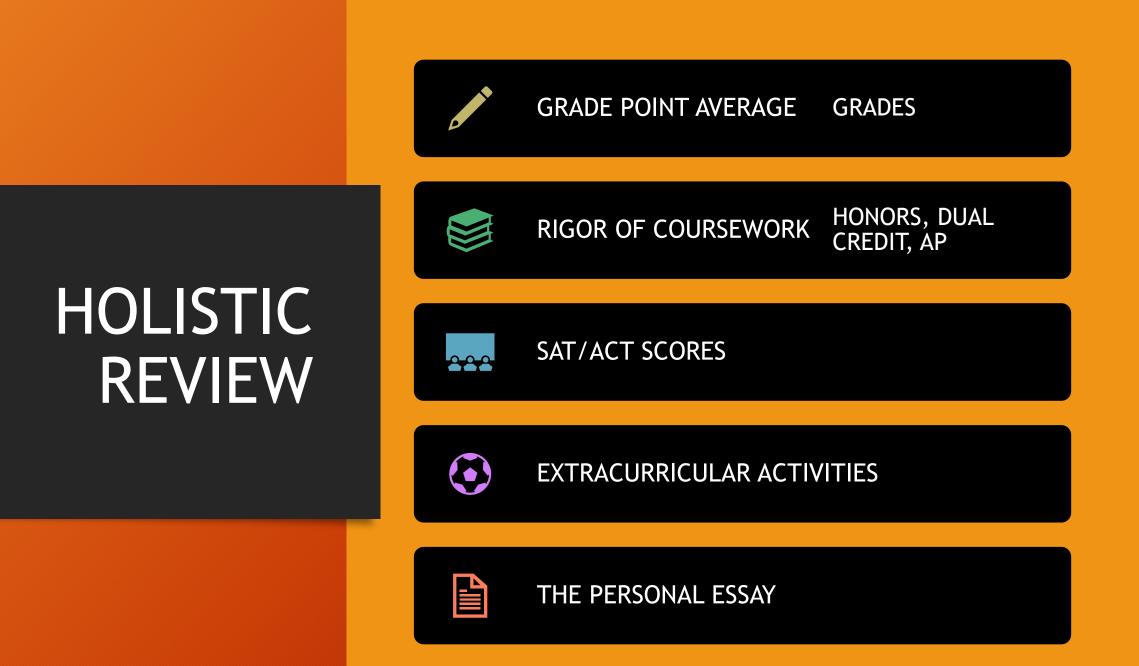
SACS: A LIMITED RANKING HIGH SCHOOL

- SACS RANKS THE TOP 10% AND THE TOP 6% TO COMPLY WITH TEXAS LAW
- JUNIORS WILL LEARN IF THEY FALL INTO ONE OF THESE CATEGORIES AT THESE TIMES:
 - END OF JUNIOR YEAR
 - BEGINNING OF SENIOR YEAR
 - JANUARY OF SENIOR YEAR

DON'T WORRY!

- THE OTHER 90% GET ACCEPTED TO A COLLEGE, TOO!
- MANY SCHOOLS OFFER AUTOMATIC ADMISSION TO STUDENTS IN THE TOP 25% WITH CERTAIN SCORES ON SAT/ACT





ANATOMY OF THE APPLICATION

TYPES OF APPLICATIONS:

- GOAPPLYTEXAS.ORG
- COMMONAPP.ORG
- COLLEGE's OWN APPLICATION

PARTS OF APPLICATION:

- BIOGRAPHICAL
- ACTIVITIES/HONORS/AWARDS (Resume/Activity Sheet)
- COLLEGE SELECTIONS
- REQUIRED ESSAYS FOR EACH COLLEGE
- INTEREST IN SCHOLARSHIPS

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

SAT/ACT SCORES (IF SCHOOL IS NOT TEST OPTIONAL)

TRANSCRIPT OR SRAR (SELF-REPORT OF ACADEMIC RECORD)

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS (NOT ALWAYS REQUIRED)

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION (REQUIRED FOR MOST SCHOOLS ON COMMON APP)

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

SAT

- Offered several times each year
- Measures skills in Math and Evidenced Reading & Writing
- Can earn between 200 800 points Reading/Writing section & 200 - 800 points on Math section

ACT

- Offered several times each year
- Measures skills in 4 areas: English, math, reading, and science
- Can earn score from 1 36 on each section of test
- Gives a composite score that is average of 4 scores; ranges from 1 36
- Questions are more curriculum based
 on what you have learned

Register for SAT and/or ACT exams

- SAT offered at SACS!
 - <u>April 25, 2023</u>
- Registration opens November 15th!
- Register before December 9th
 deadline!
 - <u>https://payit.nelnet.net/form/A</u> <u>Hjpnfev</u>
- Select 4 schools to receive scores! Free if done at time of test.

- Register for the <u>ACT</u>
 - April 15: register by March 10
 - June 10: register by May 5

Preparing for SAT and ACT

- Review PSAT exam from October—find out which questions were missed and why
- Link PSAT to the Khan Academy
- Use Khan Academy for online tutorials
- Other Resources:
 - www.testprep.com
 - www.princetonreview.com
 - www.Kaplan.com
 - www.powerprep.com
 - www.satpractice.org
 - https://morethanateachersa.com



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TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO SUBMIT SCORES AS PART OF THEIR COLLEGE APPLICATION

NO PENALTY FOR NOT SUBMITTING THE SCORES MOST COLLEGES STILL ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SUBMIT SCORES AS IT CAN HELP WITH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

TSIA2: Texas Success Initiative Assessment

- College placement test used to determine college readiness
- Does your child need to take it?
 - Required by community colleges unless SAT/ACT scores exempt them
 - 4-year universities will let student know if need to take it
- EXEMPT IF:
 - Qualifying scores on the SAT or ACT
 - SAT: 480 > Reading/Writing Section; 530 > Math section
 - ACT: 23 Composite score; 19 or > on English & Math sections

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

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INVITE TWO TEACHERS VIA SCOIR EMAIL (SPRING) 02

GIVE THEM A COPY OF RESUME: • SHARE STRENGTHS, INTERESTS, TALENTS, LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND FUTURE PLANS 03

GIVE THEM A TIMELINE FOR COMPLETING LETTER AND UPLOADING TO SCOIR (END OF MAY)

THE DETAILS. . .



GOAPPLYTEXAS.ORG: USE FOR TEXAS SCHOOLS

GATHER THIS INFORMATION BEFORE STARTING:

- Copy of transcript, test scores
- College admissions scores
- Copy of resume/activity sheet
- Contact information of parents and counselor
- Parent employment information
- Essay/personal statement ready

• STEP 1: CREATING A PROFILE

Student will receive a username via email WRITE THS DOWN! AND PASSWORD before moving on

• STEP 2: BEGIN THE APPLICATION

- Follow the directions to "Start a New Blank Application".
- Choose the appropriate template (4 yr/2 yr)
- Select "Target University" from drop down menu. Complete this step for each Texas school applying to.

STEP 3: PERSONAL/EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

- High school, Dual Credit classes taken, graduation date, senior year classes
- Social security number is optional, but recommended to include it
- Some schools are now requiring the SRAR (Self Report of Academic Record)

GOAPPLYTEXAS.ORG (con't)

• STEP 4: ACT/SAT SCORES

• Student is asked to provide scores, but colleges still want students to send the official scores directly from Collegeboard.org or ACT.org. Some schools are still test-optional. If scores are strong, recommended to send them as they might qualify students for scholarships.

STEP 5: EXTRACURRICULAR/EMPLOYMENT

• List clubs, teams, employment (paid/unpaid). Include clear description of each activity. Emphasize leadership positions. List awards, honors, distinctions received in high school.

• STEP 6: SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH COLLEGE

- My Applications:
 - Student needs to check each school for its supplementary questions or requirements
 - Click the + to view the different parts of the application and click the DONE button when each section is completed
 - When all sections are completed, student will be given the option to submit.
 - Pay attention to each college's deadline application.

GOAPPLYTEXAS.ORG (con't)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- SOME COLLEGES OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION THROUGH GOAPPLYTEXAS
- IF OFFERED, THERE WILL BE A "SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION" BELOW THE "ADMISSIONS APPLICATION"
- THIS SECTION IS OPTIONAL BUT SHOULD BE COMPLETED IF STUDENT WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THAT UNIVERSITY.

SPEAKING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- Posted on SACS school website
- Shared with students on TEAMS
- FASTWEB.COM
- www.scholarships.com
- www.schoolsoup.com
- www.cappex.com
- www.studentscholarships.com

SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION LEGACY

- ONE OF THE LARGEST STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
- GIVES OVER \$2 MILLION A YEAR IN SCHOLARSHIPS
- APPLICATON OPENED OCTOBER 17
- DEADLINE: DECEMBER 16, 2022
- CRITERIA:
 - HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS LIVING AND ATTENDING SCHOOL IN BEXAR OR WEBB COUNTIES WITH PROVEN LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, DEMONSTRATED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND A COMPETITIVE TRANSCRIPT.
- SELECTED STUDENTS MUST ATTEND A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN TEXAS
- PREFERENCE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND A SCHOOL WITH A RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION
- APPLY NOW

COMMON APP

• Accepted by many private universities and out of state public universities. Some Texas schools are now using it.

• <u>4 Sections of the Common Application</u>:

- The DASHBOARD: gives general information about colleges student is applying to (Application deadlines, current progress, supplemental materials that are required)
- MY COLLEGES: provides the list of colleges student selected to apply to, asks student to assign counselor/teachers to write recommendation letters, supplemental information is completed in this section
- COMMON APP: main part of the application
- COLLEGE SEARCH: place to add colleges to the application

COMMONAPP.ORG

CREATE ACCOUNT AS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT

- Use new login credentials using a personal email address that student will have access to after graduating
- Use a professional log in, not something cutesy
- Complete registration information-use legal name as it appears on official school transcript
- Select "Create Account"

COMMONAPP.ORG (Con't)

ADD COLLEGES

• Use the College Search Tab

INVITE COUNSELOR AS A RECOMMENDER

• Use counselor's email

• INVITE TEACHERS AS RECOMMENDERS

- Do not include teacher's email. Teachers' rec letters will be sent via SCOIR
- ESSAYS
 - Check the writing section of the Common App tab to see the table that lists each college's requirements

CHOICES, CHOICES, CHOICES!

• 1 REACH SCHOOL: Who knows? Miracles do happen!

CHOOSE

BE

INTENTIONAL

- 3 TARGET SCHOOLS: You have what they want, and you would like to attend if admitted
- 1 SAFE SCHOOL: No way you wouldn't get admitted and you are OK attending

• EACH APPLICATION HAS A FEE

FAQ'S

DUAL CREDIT HOURS

- STUDENTS EARN 3 HOURS OF COLLEGE CREDIT EACH SEMESTER:
 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION
 - ENGLISH LITERATURE
 - US HISTORY
 - US GOVERNMENT
- STUDENTS EARN 4 HOURS OF COLLEGE CREDIT:
 - LIFE SCIENCE

RANK SCALE

- WE ARE A NON RANKING SCHOOL
- WE USE A 4.3 GRADE POINT SCALE

DEADLINES MATTER!



APPLICATIONS

BE AWARE OF EACH UNIVERSITY'S APPLICATION DEADLINE

PLAN TO SEND IN APPLICATION 3-4 WEEKS AHEAD OF ACTUAL DEADLINE OR SOONER!

SOME UNIVERSITIES HAVE PRIORITY DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN MAJORS-DO YOUR HOMEWORK! (Engineering has had mid-October deadlines for some schools)

TRANSCRIPTS

MUST INDICATE IN SCOIR THAT YOU HAVE APPLIED TO A COLLEGE BY MOVING IT TO THE 'APPLIED' COLUMN

IF SCHOOL REQUIRES TRANSCRIPT, WE WILL KNOW TO SEND IT ONCE COLLEGE HAS BEEN MOVED TO "APPLIED" COLUMN

SAT/ACT SCORES

SCORES ARE SENT DIRECTLY FROM COLLEGEBOARD AND ACT—HIGH SCHOOLS CANNOT SEND SCORES!

DON'T SEND SCORES UNTIL YOU HAVE SENT YOUR APPLICATION!

TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS WILL NOT REQUIRE SCORES

TERMS TO UNDERSTAND

EARLY ACTION/EARLY DECISION:	•EARLY DECISION: BINDING AGREEMENT! COMMITTING TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY AND MUST WITHDRAW ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS. •EARLY ACTION: APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED EARLIER (USUALLY NOVEMBER), BUT STUDENT IS NOT COMMITTING TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY WHEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION.
ROLLING ADMISSION:	• ADMISSION DECISIONS ARE MADE AS THE APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED; USUALLY WITHIN 4 - 6 WEEKS
REGULAR ADMISSION:	• APPLY IN FALL; HEAR DECISION IN SPRING, AROUND MARCH, APRIL
WAITLISTED:	• STUDENT WILL BE RECONSIDERED IF A COLLEGE HAS MORE ROOM (ACCEPTED STUDENTS DIDN'T ENROLL). CAN IMPROVE CHANCES BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
DEFERRED ACCEPTANCE:	• STUDENT IS NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR REJECTED; DECISION IS POSTPONED. CAN SEND MORE INFORMATION: IMPROVED GRADES, STRONG RECOMMENDATION LETTER, HIGHER SAT/ACT SCORES

TO DO LIST:

NOW:

• START RESEARCHING

- PLAN TO VISIT
 SCHOOLS
- BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE ESSAY TOPICS ON APPLICATIONS
- WORK ON RESUME

SPRING:

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- TAKE THE SCHOOL
 DAY SAT IN APRIL
- POLISH RESUME
- ASK TEACHERS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
- REVISIT ESSAYS; POLISH; PROOFREAD

TO DO LIST: PART TWO

1) PICK UP TRANSCRIPT AT END OF MAY
 2) COMPLETE ESSAY IN JUNE/JULY
 3) COMPLETE SRAR IF REQUIRED
 4) START APPLYING!
 APPLICATION OPENS AUGUST 1ST !

SUMMER

CONTINUE APPLYING TO SCHOOLS LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FAFSA: OPENS OCTOBER 1ST RESEARCH THE PRIORITY DEADLINES FOR SCHOOLS

FALL

BOTTOM LINE: REDUCE ANXIETY



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YOUR HELP YOU

FIND A SCHOOL YOUR CHILD LIKES, CAN GET IN TO, AND HAS THEIR MAJOR HELP YOUR CHILD WITH TIME MANAGEMENT REGARDING APPLICATION PROCESS 03

DON'T LET THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS OVERWHELM YOUR HOUSEHOLD 04

BE SMART ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE GETTING YOUR INFORMATION. MOST HELPFUL? GO TO THE SOURCE! COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICES

COMMUNITY COLLEGES: A Good Option for Some Students

- Consider a community college if:
 - Your child has struggled academically in high school
 - Your child isn't sure of his/her career path
 - Your child isn't emotionally ready to leave home
 - You would like to save money
 - Your child would like to get ahead by going to summer school after graduation

DID YOU KNOW?



THE FASTEST GROWING SECTOR OF JOBS WILL REQUIRE ONLY AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE



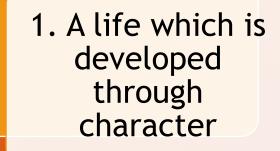
83% OF WORKERS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREES OR TECHNICAL TRAINING WILL HAVE THE SAME OR HIGHER ANNUAL EARNINGS AS A 4 YEAR DEGREE GRADUATE!



CAREERS THAT PAY:

Drafting, Plumbing, Nursing, Computer Graphic Artists, Paralegals, Computer Science technicians, Electronic/engineering technicians

AND. . . LET'S REMEMBER WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT:



2. Service which is demonstrated by helping others 3. A career which develops the necessary skills for the workforce

SCARY STATISTICS!

- 52 70% OF ALL BORN AGAIN STUDENTS ATTENDING NON-CHRISTIAN COLLEGES NO LONGER IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS BORN-AGAIN, AND/OR HAVE NOT ATTENDED A CHURCH SERVICE IN MORE THAN A YEAR
- 2 4% OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY WALK AWAY FROM THE FAITH DURING THEIR COLLEGE YEARS. (Barna Group)

3 CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS ARE AGNOSTIC OR ATHEISTS
 - •65% of faculty in most public and private/non-religious colleges don't identify as Christians
- LACK OF LIKE-MINDED FRIENDS
- LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN A MINISTRY OR LOCAL CHURCH
 - Dr. Steve Henderson, Senior Fellow of the Association for Biblical Higher Education

DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF:

GETTING	CONNECTED TO A LOCAL CHURCH • Make this a part of your campus visit—finding a church!
FINDING	CAMPUS CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS • (Question to ask on the campus tour)
SEEKING	CHRISTIAN FACULTY MEMBERS

MOST IMPORTANTLY. . . REMIND KIDS: OUR GOD IS IN CONTROL

- JEREMIAH 29:11
 - For I know the plans I have for you. . .

• ROMANS 8:28

• We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

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