

Cold Spring Harbor College Application Process Class of 2020



**Tuesday, September 17,
2019**

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Welcome!

This Evenings Agenda

- ▶ Post Secondary Planning
- ▶ Student Responsibilities
- ▶ The College Process and Procedures
- ▶ Common Application, Matching with Naviance
- ▶ Letters of Recommendation
- ▶ Standardized Tests (SAT, ACT, Subject Test)
- ▶ Financial Aid and Scholarships
- ▶ Q&A



Post Secondary Planning

Lets Review...

- ▶ All students have options!
- ▶ It's not where you go, but what you do when you get there
- ▶ Everyone's path will be unique; try not to compare
- ▶ Organizing post secondary planning into steps can reduce stress
- ▶ Our role as school counselors in the process is to advise and support

Student Responsibilities

▶ **Own the Process!**

- ▶ Have you verified the accuracy of your transcript and signed and submitted to guidance the Authorization For Release of Records form?
- ▶ What steps have you taken to research schools and complete applications on time?
- ▶ Have you started working on your college essay?

▶ **Communicate and Monitor**

- ▶ Have you identified your likely, target and reach schools?
- ▶ Have you requested official SAT/Subject Tests/ ACT scores to be sent to colleges and the NCAA?
- ▶ Do you know which schools you are applying to require supplemental essays?
- ▶ Do you know how to utilize Naviance to request recommendation letters and transcripts?

Student Responsibilities

- ▶ Students must maintain senior year grades
 - ▶ Mid-year report (Showing 1st and 2nd marking period grades) will automatically be sent to every college that you applied to.
- ▶ Demonstrated Interest! (Visiting colleges, attending college fairs, emailing admissions, setting up an interview, attending college visits in The Counseling Center.)
- ▶ Student athletes must submit material to NCAA (Naviance Code: 9999)
- ▶ Please inform counselors of all decisions (accepted, deferred, denied, waitlisted)
- ▶ If accepted Early Decision I or II, you must withdraw from all other applications immediately!!
 - ▶ 1st marking period grades will automatically be sent to all EDI and EDII colleges

Documents Students are Responsible for:

- ▶ Applications
 - ▶ Common Application
 - ▶ Coalition Application
 - ▶ SUNY or CUNY Applications
 - ▶ Applications directly on the college or universities website
- ▶ Standardized Tests
- ▶ Personal Statement (650 word max essay)
- ▶ Supplemental essay (Varies per college)
- ▶ Activity Resume
- ▶ Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA, CSS Profile)
- ▶ NCAA forms

College Admission Criteria

- ▶ Transcript
- ▶ Standardized Tests, however there are over 1,000 colleges and universities that are now test optional. You can find a full list at www.fairtest.org *
- ▶ Extracurricular activities
- ▶ Letters of recommendation
- ▶ Essay/ supplemental essay
- ▶ Interview (If offered or required)

*NCAA requires Standardized Tests, even if your college is test optional. Speak to your counselor if this may apply to you.

College Application Procedures

- ▶ **All college application related material will be submitted electronically only after a student has requested their transcript to be sent through Naviance. The material that will be sent to each college from the guidance office includes the following:**
 - ▶ Transcripts
 - ▶ Counselor recommendations and a secondary school report
 - ▶ Early Decision agreement
 - ▶ Mid-year report
 - ▶ Final transcript



Do Not Wait Until The Last Minute

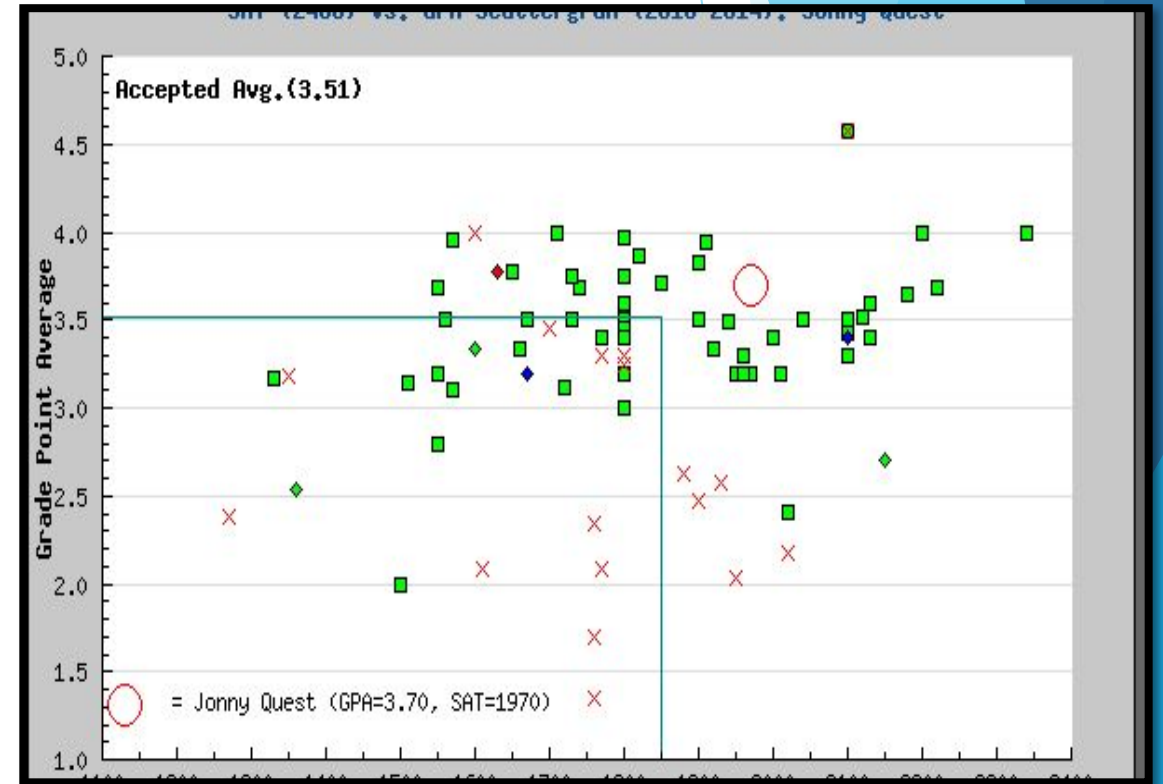
- After submitting your signed authorization for Release of Records Form;
 - You MUST request your transcript at least 10 school days prior to the college application due date.
 - Request your transcript using Naviance.
 - As questions arise, speak with your counselor for help with the process

Identifying Likely, Target, and Reach Schools

- ▶ **Likely school** is one where your GPA and ACT/SAT scores are above the average for admitted students, your biography puts you in a competitive position and you are likely to be admitted.
- ▶ **Target school** is one where chances of admission are 50/50 – the school might accept you, but they also might not, depending on how strong other applicants are during the year that you are applying.
- ▶ **Reach school** is one where the college's admission rate is 30% or lower, there is a significant competition, your GPA and SAT/ACT scores may be below the schools requirements and where chances of admission are unlikely.

Identifying Likely, Target, and Reach Schools

- ▶ Utilize Naviance and all that it has to offer!
- ▶ Under the “College” tab, search a college/university
 - ▶ Once you are on that colleges home page click the tab that says “Admissions”
 - ▶ Scroll down and see the scattergram.
 - ▶ This scattergram will show you how your child falls in comparison to previous applicants from CSH. This scattergram will help you to identify if the school is a likely, target or reach.




College Application Options

- ▶ Regular Decision: “I am interested and if accepted, I might want to attend”
- ▶ Early Action: “I am very interested and if accepted, I may attend but I do not have to attend.”
- ▶ Early Decision(EDI & EDII): “It’s true love, and if accepted, I **MUST ATTEND**, because it is **contractually binding**.”
- ▶ Single Choice/Restrictive Early Action: Very specific to each school. May limit your options with other EA and/or ED applications. You must research each school if you are considering this option. **(Non-binding)**
- ▶ Priority: This application tends to be linked with merit scholarship, scholarships and accelerated programs.
- ▶ Rolling Admissions: “I must apply as soon as possible because applications are reviewed and decisions are made on a rolling basis.”

Common Deadlines in the Admissions Process

- ▶ Early Decision (EDI) is typically on November 1st or November 15th
- ▶ Early Decision (EDII) is typically on January 1st or January 15th
- ▶ Early Action (EA) is typically on November 1st or November 15th
 - ▶ Some southern & western schools have EA deadlines of October 1st or October 15th
- ▶ Restrictive Early Action is usually due on November 1st
- ▶ Regular Decision (RD) is typically on January 1st



Check
your
deadlines!

Please be aware that every college and university sets their own deadline and it is your responsibility to be aware of each deadline!

Common Application FERPA

What is FERPA?

- ▶ FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

How does FERPA relate to your application?

- ▶ FERPA gives you the right to review your letters of recommendation under certain circumstances

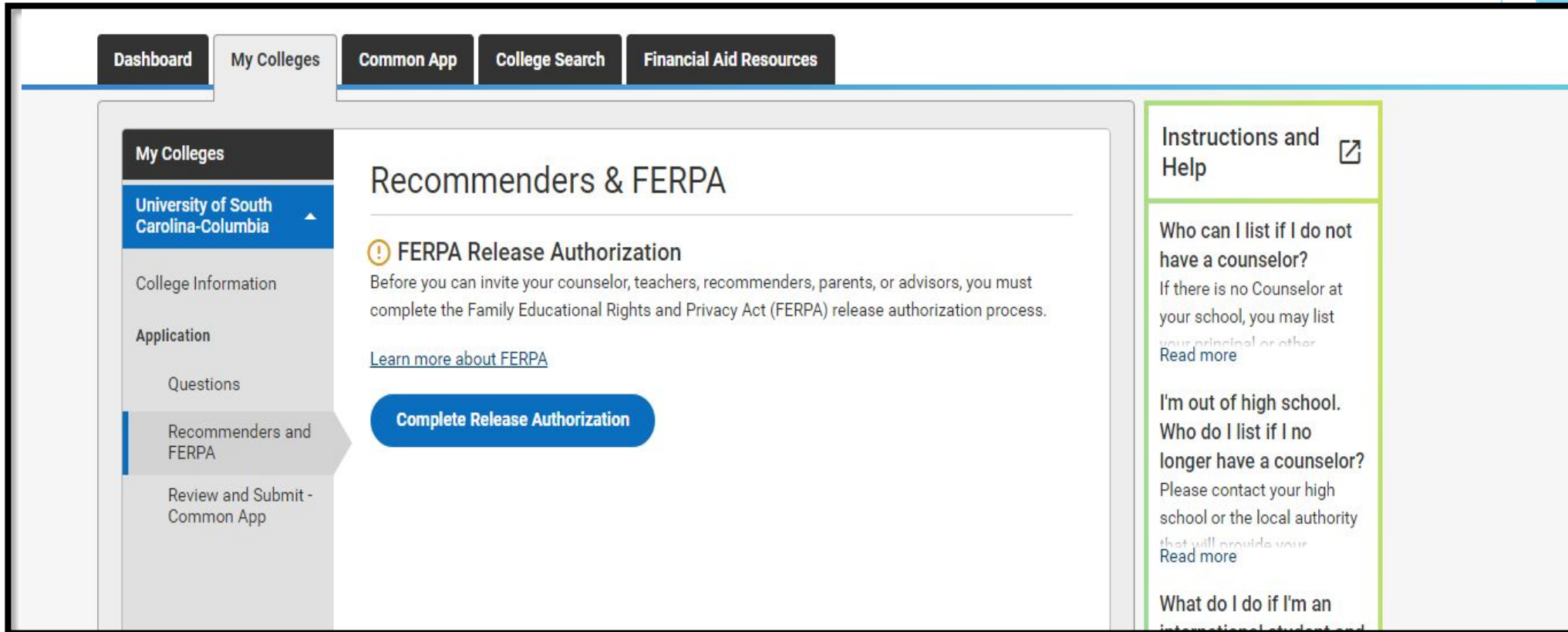
Why are you asked to WAIVE your FERPA rights for LORs?

- ▶ Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.

What happens if you don't waive my rights?

- ▶ You run the risk of teachers/counselors choosing not to write you a LOR. Additionally, college admission offices may devalue the LOR and it could impact your admission.

Common Application FERPA



- After creating a Common Application, you must select the tab “College Search” type in a college name, then towards the bottom click “Search.” Select the schools name and then click “Add”
- After completing these steps, you are able to proceed with Recommendations and FERPA

Common Application FERPA

Release Authorization

Rights and Privacy Act. Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond. We encourage you to learn about FERPA by [reading our FAQ](#). We also suggest discussing FERPA with your counselor, parent, guardian, or other school official to be better informed about your rights.

1. How does FERPA relate to your college application?

- FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.

2. In a moment, you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review confidential letters of recommendation. What should you know about this waiver?

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

3. Still unsure how to respond?

- That's OK. Many students are. Before you move on, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. For more information about FERPA, visit the [Help Center](#).

☒ I have read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.*

Continue

Common Application FERPA

The screenshot shows the 'Release Authorization' window of the Common Application. It contains the following sections and fields:

- Release Authorization** (Window Title)
- FERPA Form** (Section Header)
- ☒ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*
- Please select one: *
 - ☒ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.
 - ☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.
- ☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below.***
- Signature * (Text input field)
- Date * (Text input field with a calendar icon)
- Back** (Button)
- Save and Close** (Button)

Yellow arrows point to the following elements:

- The first checkbox statement.
- The radio button selection area.
- The second checkbox statement.
- The Signature input field.
- The Save and Close button.

Common Application Linking With Naviance

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student interface. At the top, the header includes the Naviance logo and 'Student' label on the left, and navigation links for Home, Colleges, Careers, About Me, and My Planner on the right. Below the header, a welcome message 'Welcome, Laurel!' is shown. A search bar with the placeholder 'Type a college name' and a 'SEARCH' button is present. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a 'Graduation Survey' section with instructions for seniors and a 'Deciding' section with a 'Read more' button. The right column features a 'My Favorites' section with three items: 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about', 'COLLEGES I'm applying to', and 'CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about'. A large yellow arrow points to the 'COLLEGES I'm applying to' link.

Naviance | Student

Home Colleges Careers About Me My Planner

Welcome, Laurel !

Search for Colleges

Type a college name

SEARCH

Graduation Survey

Seniors: Fill out the graduation survey, listed on the left side of the screen under "about me," to update your college admissions decisions and indicate where you plan on attending in September. See your counselor if you have any questions.

Deciding

Read more

My Favorites

- COLLEGES I'm thinking about
- COLLEGES I'm applying to
- CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about

Common Application Linking With Naviance

Colleges I'm applying to

It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.

Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

Manage Transcripts

Compare Me

= extended profile available

REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

REMOVE

| | College | Type | Deadline | | Transcripts | Office materials | Submission Type | | Application | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--|-------------|--|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Binghamton University | RD | Regular Decision | January 15 | no request | Pending | | | Unknown | | MORE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | University of Delaware | RD | Regular Decision | January 15 | no request | Pending | | | Unknown | | MORE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Syracuse University | RD | Regular Decision | January 1 | no request | Pending | | | Unknown | | MORE |

Common Application Linking With Naviance

✕ CloseCommon App Account Matching

Note: Once you match account, your FERPA status can no longer be changed and you cannot unmatch your account.

We're excited that you are ready to apply to colleges. Some colleges allow you to apply with Common App. You can match your Common App and Naviance Student account to track your applications in one place! In just a few short steps, we'll have your accounts matched.

Get Started with Common App

- Create a Common App account on [Common App Online](#)
- Sign the Common App (CA) FERPA Waiver on [Common App Online](#)

Match Your Accounts

Tell us the email address you are using for Common App and your date of birth.

Common App Email Address

Date of Birth

[Match Accounts](#)


TIPS


These tips will help you successfully match your accounts.


- Make sure you use the **email address** that you chose for your Common App account
- Make sure that **last name** on your Naviance Student account matches the last name you used to create your Common App account.
- Make sure the **date of birth** on your Naviance Student account matches the date of birth on your Common App account.


[I don't need this](#)

Success!


 Naviance | *Student*




 **Confirmation**
Successfully matched!



Colleges I'm applying to

 **Your Common App account has been matched.**
Your FERPA status is waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

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College that I'm attending:

N/A

Letters of recommendation

Colleges I'm Applying To (Requesting your transcript)

Colleges I'm applying to

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Manage Transcripts

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REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

REMOVE

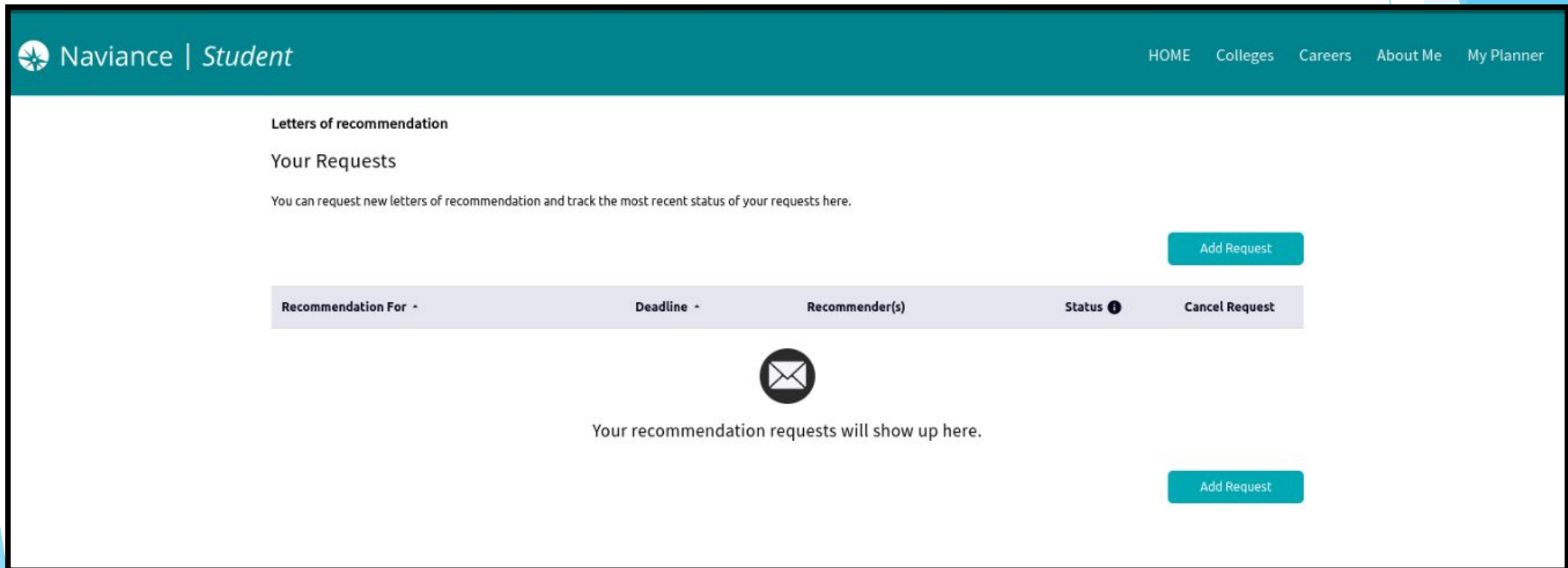
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Letters of Recommendation

- ▶ 2 core-academic recommendations
 - ▶ First, ask each teacher in person
 - ▶ Next, request recommendation through Naviance
 - ▶ Understand that some schools may only accept 1 teacher letter of recommendation, so make sure if you want a specific teacher to write on your behalf, you are specifying this on Naviance.
- ▶ 1 counselor letter of recommendation
 - ▶ Each counselor will write on behalf of their students and forward all letters to all Common Application colleges and non Common Application Colleges where applicable

Requesting Recommendation Letters on Naviance

- ▶ Under the “College” tab
 - ▶ My college section, select, “Letters of recommendation”
 - ▶ “Add request”



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Naviance | Student


HOME Colleges Careers About Me My Planner

Letters of recommendation

Your Requests


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Add Request

| Recommendation For | Deadline | Recommender(s) | Status | Cancel Request |
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Add Request

Requesting Recommendation Letters on Naviance

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
Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

CancelSubmit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*



Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

☐ Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

☐ All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

3000 characters remaining

CancelSubmit Request

* Indicates a required field

Requesting Recommendation Letters on Naviance

Letters of recommendation

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2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

☒ All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list ⓘ
*Select only if you have no preference for which teachers will meet the recommendation requirements for each college

☐ Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

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3000 characters remaining

* Indicates a required field

All Applications?

Or...

Just to a
specific college?

Where do you want this LOR to go?

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*

Submit Request

- ☐ All current and future colleges I add to my *Colleges I'm Applying To* list **i**
*Select only if you have no preference for which teachers will meet the recommendation requirements for each college
- ☒ Choose **specific** colleges from your *Colleges I'm Applying To* list

Standardized Test Submittal

- ▶ **You must submit your SAT and or ACT scores directly from ACT or College Board to each college/university**
- ▶ SAT score report
 - ▶ www.collegeboard.com
 - ▶ College Board customer service (866) 756-7346
- ▶ ACT score report
 - ▶ www.act.org
 - ▶ ACT customer service (319) 337-1270
- ▶ AP scores
 - ▶ www.collegeboard.com/apcentral
 - ▶ AP customer service (888) 225-5427
- ▶ Cold Spring Harbor High School Code: 331437

Self Reporting Transcript & Test Scores

- ▶ Some colleges ask applicants to self-report:
 - ▶ Transcript grades for each course
 - ▶ Unweighted GPA
 - ▶ Weighted GPA
 - ▶ SAT, ACT, AP, and Subject Test Scores
- ▶ Admission is contingent on verification of all self-reported data
- ▶ Be honest and consult with your counselor if you have any questions.

Financial Aid

CSH Financial Aid Night- Wednesday, September 25th at 7pm in the PAC

- ▶ CSS/ Financial Aid Profile
 - ▶ The **CSS Profile** is an online application that collects information used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid.
 - ▶ Some colleges may require the CSS Profile from both biological/adoptive parents in cases of divorce or separation.
 - ▶ You may complete the CSS Profile as early as October 1st, 2019
 - ▶ <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - ▶ Federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study. In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.
 - ▶ Available beginning 10/01/2019
 - ▶ www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships

- ▶ Naviance > Scholarships (updated frequently)
- ▶ <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- ▶ <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- ▶ <http://finaid.org/>
- ▶ Religious organizations, employer, cultural organizations, service organizations may offer scholarships
- ▶ Merit scholarship: awarded by the university/college in recognition of achievement, usually in academics, athletics and or the arts



Special Considerations

- ▶ NCAA <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- ▶ Portfolio Requirements <https://nationalportfolioday.org/>
 - ▶ Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition...
 - ▶ May have to upload through SlideRoom www.slideroom.com
- ▶ Audition Deadline
 - ▶ Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
 - ▶ May have to upload through SlideRoom
- ▶ Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services
 - ▶ ACT accommodations (319) 337-1332
 - ▶ SAT accommodations (844) 255-7728

Application Bootcamp

- ▶ Application and Naviance help for students
- ▶ Run by The Counseling Center faculty
- ▶ 1x per day, Tuesday to Friday
- ▶ Rotating Periods
- ▶ Students come during free periods or lunch
- ▶ No RSVP Needed!
- ▶ Visit The Counseling Center or Naviance for the frequently updating schedule



The Counseling Center
631-367-6840

Mr. Justin Arini
Director of Guidance
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