Cold Spring Harbor
College Application Process
Class of 2019

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

This Evenings Agenda

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

Post Secondary Planning

- 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 you 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/SATII/ 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

▶ **Demonstrated Interest! (Visiting colleges, attending college fairs, emailing admissions, setting up an interview, attending college visits in the guidance office.)**

▶ **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.

▶ **Student athletes must submit material to NCAA**

▶ **Please inform counselors of all decisions (accepted, deferred, denied, WL)**

▶ **If accepted Early Decision I or II, you must withdraw from all other applications immediately!!**

   ▶ 1st marking period grades will automatically be sent to al EDI and EDII colleges

Documents Students are Responsible for:

- **Applications**
  - Common App
  - Coalition Application
  - Applications directly on the college or universities website
- **Standardized Tests**
- **Personal Statement (600 word essay)**
- **Supplemental essay (Vary 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 letters

- Essay

- Demonstrated interest

- Interview (If offered or required)

College Application Procedures

▶ **All college application related material will be submitted electronically through our Naviance/Family Connection, only after a student has requested from Naviance to send their transcript to a college. The material that will be sent to each college from the guidance office includes the following:**

- ▶ Transcripts
- ▶ Teacher recommendations and evaluation forms
- ▶ 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 schools days prior to the college application due date.**

Applications

http://www.commonapp.org/

http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/

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**: "I'm very interested, and you're the one and only school I may apply to early." *(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 Deadline 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 schools have EA deadlines of October 15th

▶ **Restrictive Early Action is usually due on November 1st**

▶ **Regular Decision (RD) is typically on January 1st**

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

Coalition Application

▶ The application is completed online and can be accessed by logging onto http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/ . Some schools will accept the Coalition Application in addition to other applications, such as the Common Application, while other schools are exclusive and therefore require students to use the Coalition Application only.

▶ This platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their application to numerous institutions. There are currently over 130 college and universities that use the Coalition Application.
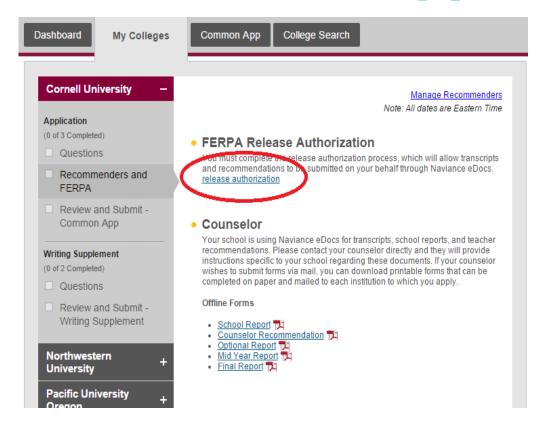
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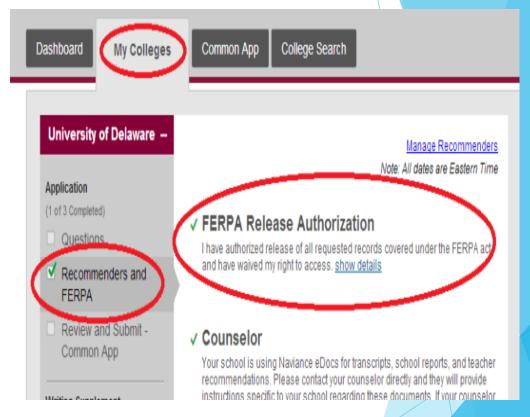http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/members-new.html

The Common Application

- **https://www.commonapp.org/**

- **More than 750 colleges accept the Common Application**

- **Members of the Common App:**
  https://www.commonapp.org/explore-colleges

- **You make one application, one essay and you can use and send to multiple colleges**

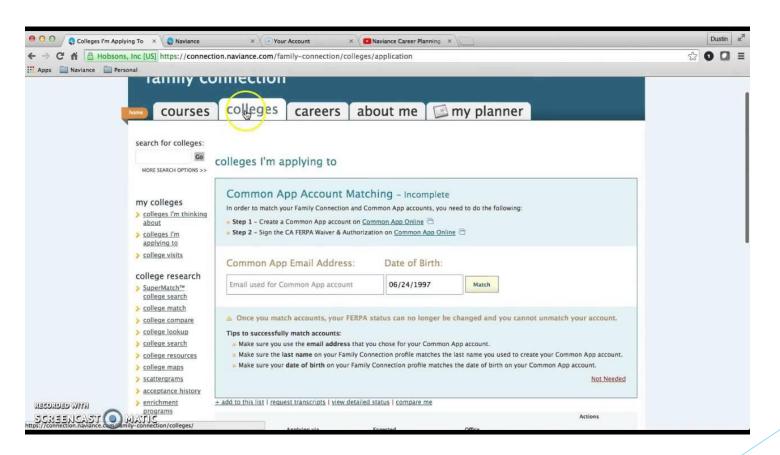- **Various deadlines, application fees and supplement essays**

Common Application FERPA

- **After creating an account on 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 Recommenders and FERPA**

Common Application Matching
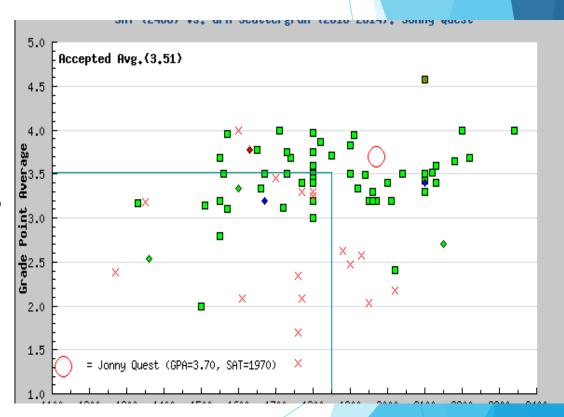# With Family Connection
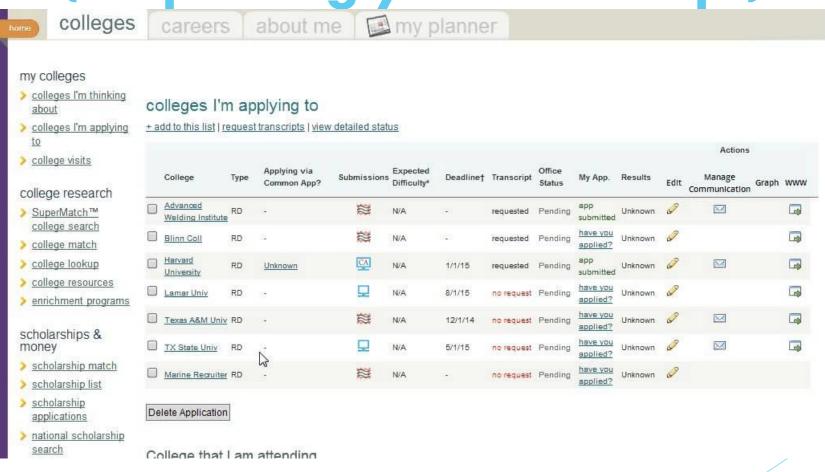
Identifying Likely, Target, AND Reach Schools

▶ *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 low, there is a significant competition, your GPA and SAT/ACT scores are 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 scatter gram 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.

Colleges I'm Applying To (Requesting your transcript)

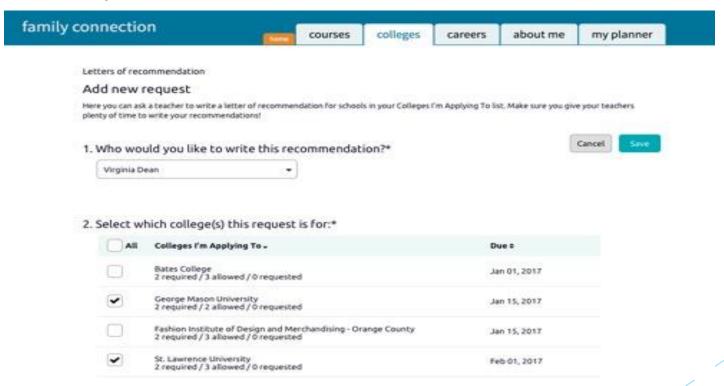# Letters of Recommendation

- **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"

Standardized Test Submittal

► **SAT score report**

- ► www.collegeboard.com
- ► College Board customer service (866) 756-7346
- ► Cumulative or Score Choice

► **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 CEEB**: 331437

Financial Aid

- **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, 2017
  - ttps://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 10/01/2017
  - www.fafsa.ed.gov

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

Scholarships

- 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/?DB_OEM_ID=9600

▶ **Portfolio Requirements**

- ▶ Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition...
- ▶ May have to upload through SlideRoom

▶ **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

Thank you for attending!