College and Post-Secondary Planning Night

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 - Shaz Brown Rustin High School
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AGENDA

7:00 -7:20pm - School Counselor Overview & Presentation

7:20 – 7:50pm – College Admissions Panel Introductions

7:50 – 8:30pm – Questions for the Panel from the Audience

TIMELINE

- ✓ Register for SAT and/or ACT—You should take one of these tests at least twice in junior year if you are planning to attend college
- ✓ Check Individual schools for SAT subjects tests (SAT II) requirements
- ✓ Junior conference: your counselor will schedule a conference with students (3rd marking period)
- ✓ Make list of colleges which interest you. Check websites for majors and other important information
- ✓ Attend college fairs. Be prepared with questions specific to schools in attendance.

JUNIOR TIMELINE

- Visit Colleges over spring break and in the summer
- Sports—If you are thinking of playing Division 1 or 2 sports, access the NCAA Eligibility Center (<u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u>)
- Extra-Curricular Activities—
 continue to participate and look
 for new opportunities; colleges
 look for consistency and depth in
 activities
- Community Service/
 Volunteer Work- participate &
 keep record of these activities

- Use the Naviance program for college planning. (See link on Counseling Department websites)
- Other helpful websites include: www.educationplanner.org

www.collegeboard.com

https://www.princetonreview.com/college-education

https://www.petersons.com/colleg e-search.aspx

SAT vs. ACT

The New SAT has only one reading section and one writing section—the math section is divided into a calculator portion and a no-calculator portions. The sections will always be in the same order. The test will be 3 hours, plus the optional essay. The exact breakdown, in order, looks like this:

Reading: 52 questions, 65 minutes

Writing and Language: 44 questions, 35 minutes

Math: no calculator—20 questions, 25 min; with calculator—38 questions, 55 min

Optional essay: 1 prompt, 50 min

The basic ACT structure and timing is remaining the same, with the exception of the new essay, which will be longer.

English: 75 questions, 45 min

Math: 60 questions, 60 min

Reading: 40 questions, 35 min

Science: 40 questions, 35 min

Optional writing: 1 prompt, 40 min

http://blog.prepscholar.com/the-new-sat-vs-the-act-a-full-breakdown

WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

Naviance is our Career and College search tool offered by the West Chester Area School District to assist students and families in their post-secondary planning.

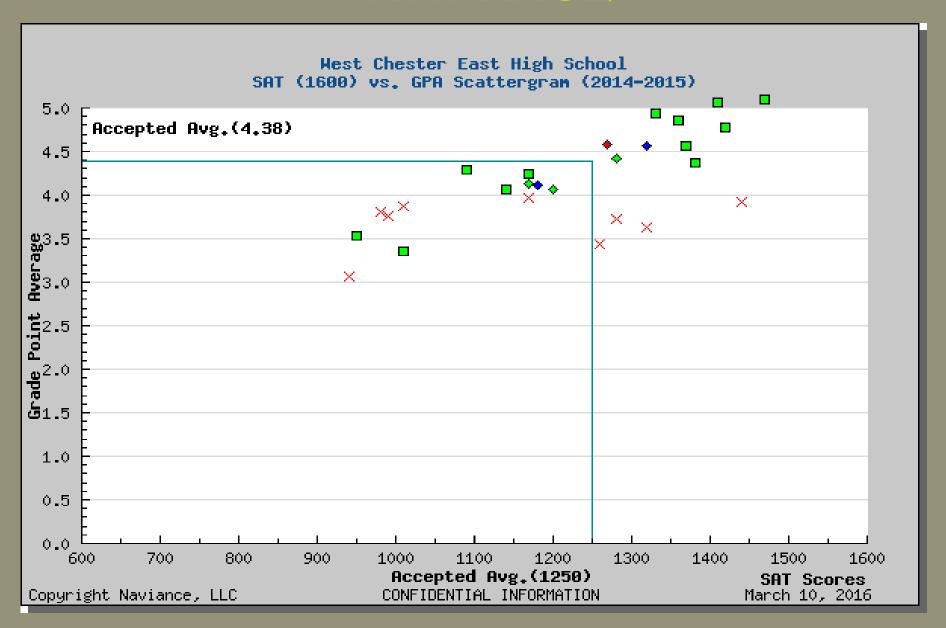
College Searching Tools

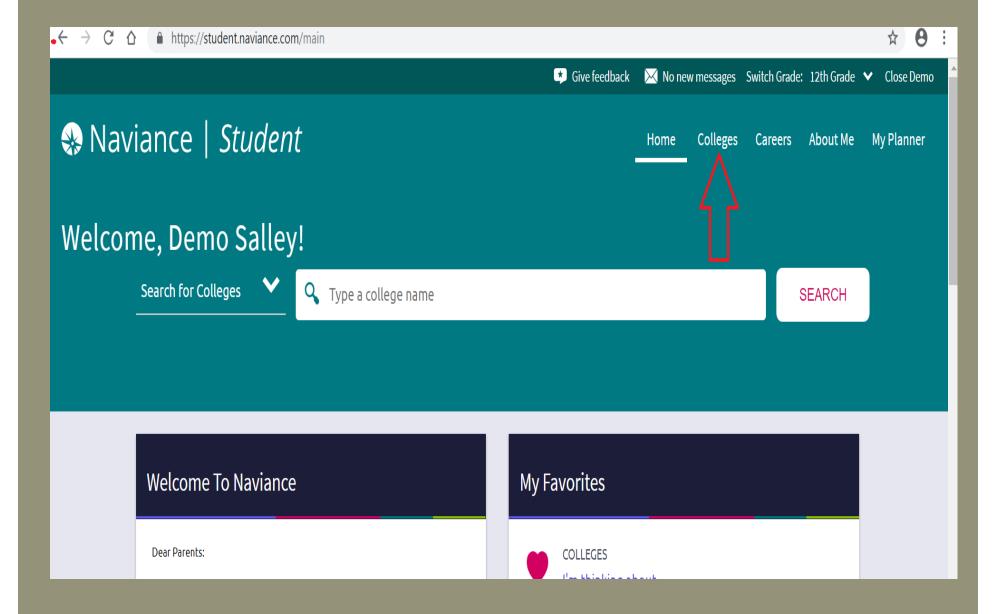
- -Students may access the SuperMatch under the "colleges" tab in order to find schools that match up to 23 different search criteria
- -Database for over 4,000 colleges and universities across the country
- -Save colleges that fit your students' need or pin your favorites so that they show on the top of the page while they search

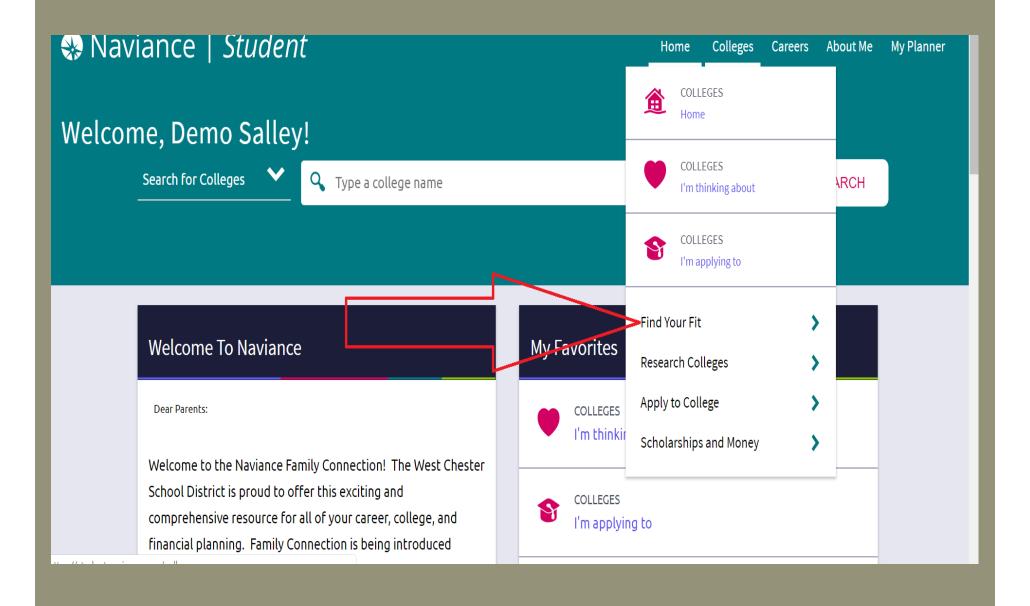
Naviance also provides school counselors with the ability to track progress of individual students, communicate and collaborate with families via the Family Connections page, and create reports, send transcripts and collect data for the student population.

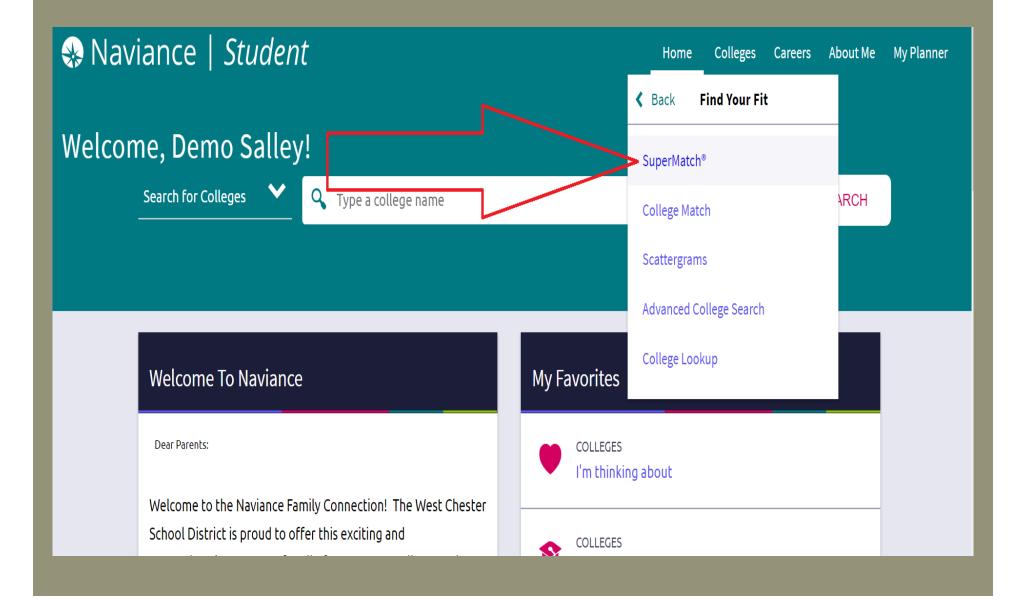
Scattergrams will offer useful data tracking for which students get into certain colleges based on GPA & SAT/ACT scores.

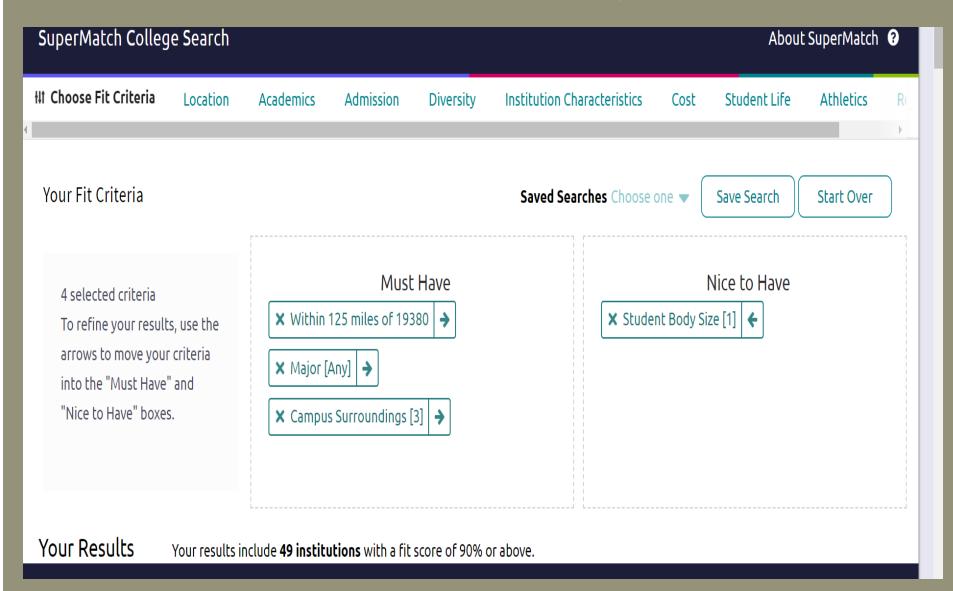
-This feature will allow counselors and students to make accurate decisions on which schools fit into their individual college planning (good match schools, safety net schools, hard-to-reach schools)





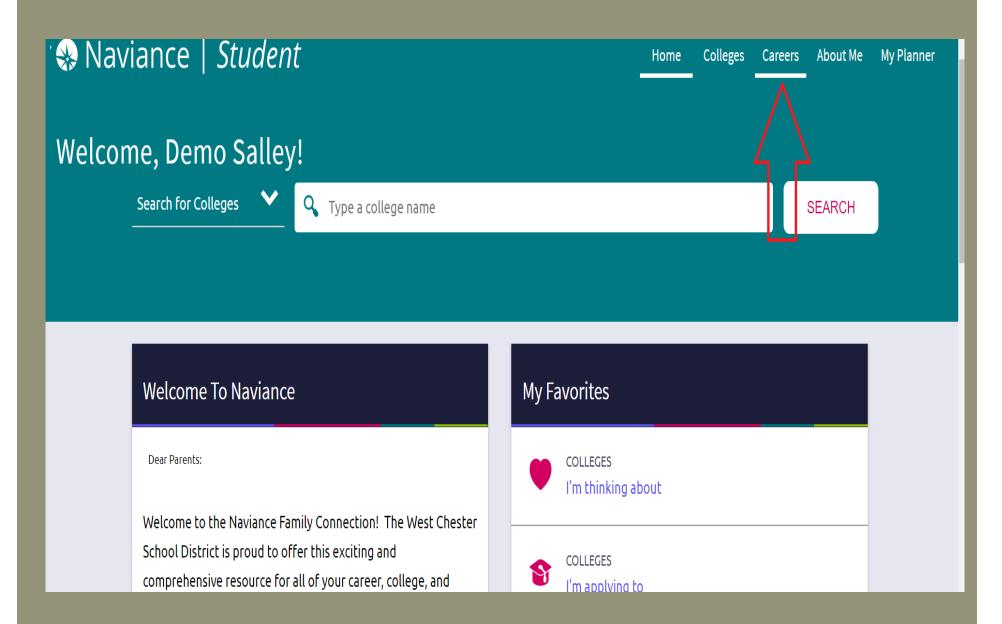


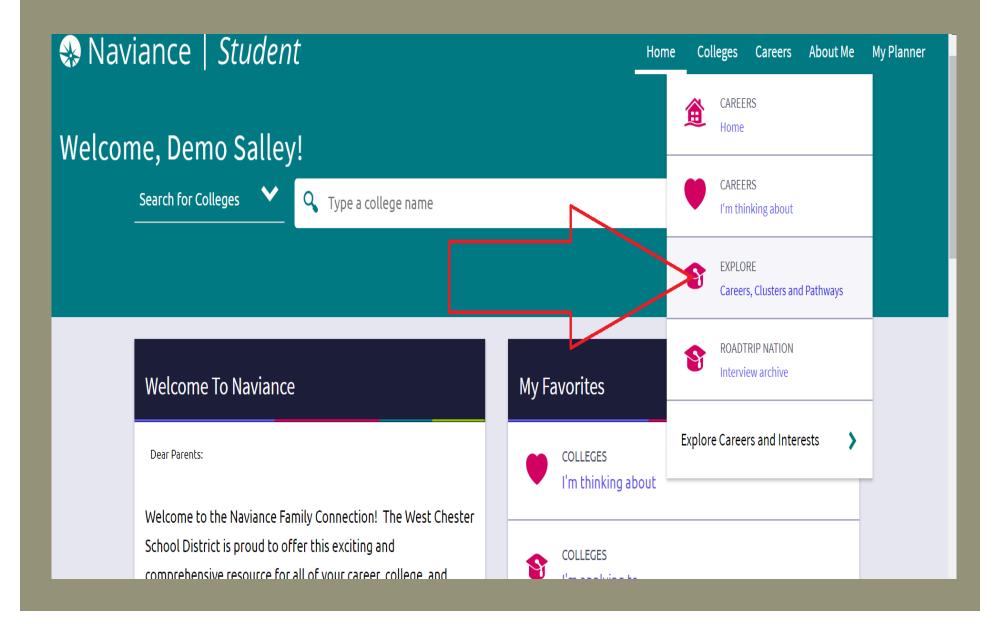




Career Search Tools

- -It is just as important to think about *career* goals as it is to find the best *college* fit.
- -Think in terms of "working backwards". Knowing what career interests they have may help them locate best college/trade school/training for job placement in that field.
- -Career exploration also means knowing what your personality type is and how that fits into your career choices. Naviance offers personality and career inventories students may access.
- -Naviance uses 16 career clusters based on the information gathered from the Department of Labor and Statistics





Find Clusters and Pathways

Career clusters are a way of grouping careers with common features and skills. Careers grouped into the same cluster typically require similar education and training. Exploring clusters can be a useful way to find a good career match, especially if you have general areas of interest but are not sure what specific careers match those interests. Career clusters can also help you better understand how your coursework in school can prepare you for certain types of careers



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WCASD CAREER EDUCATION

Helping high school students form future career plans by linking the knowledge & skills learned in the classroom with those required for success in the workplace.







Guest Speaker

Career

Job Shadows

Series





Mentorships

Internships

OCCUPATION MATTERS

EXAMPLES OF ANNUAL EARNINGS IN GROWTH AREAS OVER \$60,000, BY EDUCATION LEVEL

BD Bachelor's Degree	AD Associates Degree	OJT On the Job Training (includes Apprenticeship)	CTE Career & Technical Education	Certification & Licensure (includes Apprenticeship)
Accountants & Auditors Annual Average Income: \$75,250	Web Developers Annual Average Income: \$72,030	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers Annual Average Income: \$82,340	Construction Trades Supervisor Annual Average Income: \$73,980	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters Annual Average Income: \$60,380
Secondary School Teachers Annual Average Income: \$64,830	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Annual Average Income: \$66,470	Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators Annual Average Income: \$67,730	Carpenters Annual Average Income: \$61,330	Structural Iron & Steel Workers Annual Average Income: \$60,100
Av. Cost: \$80,000 - \$180,000+	\$20,182	\$0 3,000 - \$16,000 if not covere	\$3,520 - \$14,080+	\$800 - \$15,000+
Start earning in 4+ yrs	Start earning in 2+ yrs	Start earning now!	Start earning in 2+ yrs	Start earning in 6+mos!

PFEW

Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week, a 1 week summer mentorship program

✓ provides 11th & 12th grade students with firsthand experience of American free market economics - and not just for prospective business majors!

Students will...

- examine various career occupations & pathways
- gain valuable insight from influential business leaders
- create personal and professional networks
- participate in fun, practical, hands-on learning while experience college dorm life
- attend this week-long event at the subsidized cost of \$295. Space is limited. Please see your school counselor if you need financial assistance.
- earn college scholarships (if attends via standard admissions process)

\$8,000 in savings

\$2,000 annual scholarship (up to 4 years) at Penn College of Technology



\$20,000 in savings

\$5,000 annual scholarship (up to 4 years) at Lycoming College



Welcome to our Panel

- Drexel University- Catherine Campbell-Perna
- Penn State University Jeremy Branch
- Temple University Jim Van Blunk
- Villanova University Carolyn Defant
- West Chester University Lauren Lang
- Widener University Jason Britton
- WCASD Career Education Donna Foley