Senior Meeting 2023

WC East Counseling Department



Agenda:

- SAT, ACT Update & Test Optional
- College Fairs & Virtual Tours
- College Rep Visits
- To review The College Application Process
- To review the Naviance system that seniors will use in the process of
 - college applications/post secondary planning
- To discuss various pieces of the college application/transcript request for NCAA
- Career Education Update

Individual Senior Conference

- Individual senior conferences will take place in the fall as quickly as possible
- Stay tuned for how to sign up for a time slot
- Senior conferences will provide information related to post-secondary planning

SAT, ACT Update & Test Optional

- 1,450+ US colleges and universities announced they are moving to a test-optional policy, and more will surely follow.
- Despite the change in policies, high school students and their parents are asking, "Does test optional really mean test optional?" The answer, simply put, is: YES - National Association for college Admission Counseling
- ► Updated List of Colleges who are TEST OPTIONAL:
 - https://www.nacacnet.org/news-publications/newsroom/test-optional-means-testoptional/

Fee Waivers - SAT & ACT

Fee Waivers: Fee waivers are available for those students who meet eligibility requirements for SAT I, SAT II, ACT, and for cooperating post-secondary schools (admission fee waiver). Please see your counselor if you receive free/reduced lunch or feel you may qualify for a waiver.

SAT & ACT Dates

SAT 2023-24 Dates

- Oct 7, 2023
- Nov 4, 2023
- Dec 2, 2023
- March 9, 2024 (Digital)
- May 4, 2024 (Digital)
- June 1 2024 (Digital)

achieve more SAT ACT

ACT 2023-24 Test Dates

- October 28, 2023
- December 9, 2023
- February 10, 2024
- April 13, 2024

Sending Scores

- If you decide to take a ACT/SAT test, please note that Students are responsible for sending their own SAT/ ACT scores through <u>www.collegboard.com</u> or <u>www.actstudent.org</u>
- Counselors do not have access to sending scores

PACAC Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling -

- Virtual tours of numerous colleges over multiple nightly presentations
- FREE for students
- <u>https://www.pacac.org/c</u>
 <u>ollege-fairs-recordings</u>

PACAC College Fairs for all Pennsylvania Students

The Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling (PACAC) will once again be partnering with StriveScan.

StriveScan hosts college fairs and virtual college admission programs nationwide, with over 300,000 students and 2,000 colleges and universities participating.

To sign up to attend a PACAC college fair through StiveScan click <u>www.StriveFair.com</u>.

More information for the 2023-2024 PACAC College Fairs will be posted soon on www.pacac.org !

Local College Tour Links

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Penn State:

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Golden Rams



"V" for Villanova

 West Chester: <u>https://www.wcupa.edu/_admissions/SCH_ADM/selfVir</u> <u>tualTours.aspx</u>

https://admissions.psu.edu/pennstate/campuses/uni

- Villanova: <u>https://virtualvisit.villanova.edu/</u>
- Temple: <u>https://admissions.temple.edu/visit/virtual-</u> <u>visit/main-campus-tour</u>
 - Widener: <u>https://www.youvisit.com/tour/wideneruniversity?pl</u> <u>=v&m_prompt=1</u>







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Virtual and In Person College Rep Visits

- See the schedule of College Visits via Naviance
- Sign Up for visit by clicking the "More Info" link
- Click "Register"

What's New

- University of Richmond will be visiting your school on Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 8:20 am more info
- Automotive Training Center-Exton will be visiting your school on Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 9:07 am more info
 - Towson University will be visiting your school on Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 11:13 am more info



Key Terms for Applications

- Rolling Admission: No deadline date but rule of thumb is get the application in as early as possible, avoid the rush.
- Early Decision: An admission decision is a <u>binding</u> agreement between student and the college. (Materials must be submitted by <u>Nov 1 or Nov 15</u> depending on the college)
- Early Action: Same timeline as Early Decision but <u>not binding</u>. Very competitive poll of applications.
 - If considering applying under ED or EA discuss with your counselor first. What is the best strategy?
- Priority filing: Some colleges have an early submission date for things like scholarship consideration

Naviance -How to Apply, Request Letters of **Recommendation & More**

Student | Student

Link to Naviance: https://student.naviance.com/wceast

Application Process

- 1. Students need to access their Naviance account and frequently check your email
- 2. Login: 21smitha/password: one used to access district student account
- 3. Add your college in Naviance under "applying to" and click "request transcript"
- 4. Request letters of recommendation from teachers via Naviance (speak to them in person ahead of time)
- 5. <u>Fifteen</u> school days are required to process all transcript requests. This is a max guarantee. Apply early.
- 6. Students need to use <u>full legal</u> name on their applications.

Welcome to Family Connection

Please use your school email address up to the @ symbol for username and 7 digit student ID for password

e-mail	
password	
remember me	
Log In	
forgot your password?	need additional help?



Saves Colleges by "Liking" Them on Naviance

Naviance	Home Self-Discovery Careers C	olleges Planner
College Home	Research Colleges	Apply to College
Find Your fit	Colleges I'm Thinking About	Colleges I'm Applying to
SuperMatch College Search	College Visits	Manage Transcripts
College Events	College Resources	Letters of Recommendation
Scattergrams	Acceptance History	Test Scores
Advanced College Search	Enrichment Programs	
College Lookup	College Maps	

- You can like schools by clicking the heart and it will turn pink.
- Liking a school does not mean you are applying there. You still need to apply for the counselor to send your needed paperwork.
 Access your liked schools under the "I'm thinking about" header



High Point University ♥ High Point, NC, United States | www.highpoint.edu

The following slides show HOW TO REQUEST SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION PROCESS



Step 1 -Click Colleges Tab

Home Self-Discovery

f-Discovery Careers

Colleges

Planner

College Home Find Your fit

Naviance

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SuperMatch College Search

College Events

Scattergrams

Advanced College Search

College Lookup

Research Colleges

Colleges I'm Thinking About

College Visits

College Resources

Acceptance History

Enrichment Programs

College Maps

Apply to College

Colleges I'm Applying to

Manage Transcripts

Letters of Recommendation

Test Scores

Step 2 - Click colleges I'm Thinking About



Step 3 - Check colleges applying and then Click Move to Application



Step 4

Choose Application Deadline: regular, early decision, etc.)

How you are submitting your application

Check if you have submitted your application Then click Add Application



Step 5: Click "Colleges I'm Applying To"



Step 6: To Apply, Click the "+" sign Search for colleges Colleges I'm applying to + Manage Transcripts Application Milestones III Compare Me + REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS **REMOVE** ★ = extended profile available College that I'm attending: \checkmark Update N/A Letters of recommendation Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the letters of recommendation section, accessible from Show Me How

Step 7: Select Initial Transcript Request

X Cancel

Request College Application Transcript

Use this form to request transcripts for your college applications. You can request additional transcripts, such as midyear transcripts later using Add Transcript Request from your application list. Any existing transcripts requests for the chosen college application/s will not be undone. You can check the status of any transcript request in Manage Transcripts.

What type of transcript are you requesting?



Unofficial SAT Scores

Unofficial ACT Scores



After you complete the prior steps your

screen will look like:

Colleges You are Applying to Screen:

On this page, you will be able to:

*See a list of colleges that you have already applied to, the status of requested materials, type of application and deadline date *Add new colleges you are applying as you submit

Colleges I'm applying to Search for colleges							for colleges		
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+ = extended profile available									
	College	Туре	Deadline		Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type 🚺	Application	
	American University	RD	Regular Decision	January 15	no request	Pending	?	Unknown	MORE !
	Bryn Mawr College	RD	Regular Decision	January 15	no request	Pending	?	Unknown	MORE 1

Reminder...

Before counselors send transcripts, you MUST see on Naviance:

Transcript - Requested

Application - Submitted

**The required 15 school days to process requests does not start until both of the above are done In the Colleges "Home" tab, you may access a variety of items including:

*Colleges you are applying to *Letter of Rec/Requests *A listing of upcoming College Rep visits *Scholarship information and search tools



Common Application A great resource for multiple schools

- Your common App account will be linked to your Naviance account.
- Once you fill out your demographic information it will ask you to complete your <u>FERPA waiver (see next slide)</u>. Once this is done you will be able to link your common application to Naviance.
- Some schools have supplemental essays on Common App, so pay attention to specific needs per college

Common App

- Naviance-Family Connections does NOT take the place of the Common Application.
- You will still need to register and complete your Common App on the Common App website. You will then be directed to Naviance-<u>Family Connections</u> to request teacher recommendations, secondary school reports, and transcripts.
- Naviance-Family Connections and the Common App are being used together to form a very powerful and easy-to-use college research and application system.
- YOU SHOULD REGISTER WITH COMMON APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO). REGISTER FOR "COMMON APPLICATION" ON THE COMMON APP WEBSITE-WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG.

See your counselor if you need help getting started with Common App.



FERPA Waiver - How to Complete -Steps 1 through 4

- Login to Common Application website
- Click "My Colleges" tab
- Click on any college/university on your list
- Click "Recommenders and FERPA"

My Colleges Dashboard My Colleges Christopher Newport University College Information Application Questions Recommenders and FERPA Review and Submit -

Common App

Recommenders & FERPA

College Search

FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

Financial Aid Resources

Learn more about FERPA

Common App

Complete Release Authorization



FERPA Waiver - How to Complete -Steps 5 through 8

- Read/Scroll down "Release Authorization" click that you understand the FERPA explanation and hit "continue"
- Read and check off that you acknowledge what the FERPA Form entails and hit "save and close"
- It is HIGHLY suggested that you "Waive" your right to review all recommendations
- Fill in name and date, then hit "Save and Close"

Release Authorization

FERPA Form

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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: *

Signature *

- 8 Lwaive 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.*

Date *

Save and Close

FERPA Waiver - Completed Screen Example



Common Application - Support

- Below is a link to access a step-by-step guide on completing the Common Application:
 - https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students



Application guide for first-time students

Get tips and best practices to give yourself the best chance at success.

Apply now

If you use the Common App...

- You will need to <u>match</u> your Naviance and Common Application accounts
 - The next slide will visually show you where to match accounts via Naviance
 - ► Under the "Colleges I'm Applying To" header
 - Prior to matching accounts
 - Make sure your FERPA is complete on the Common Application website

For Additional Support, please visit: <u>https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students</u>



Students Need To...

- Fill out the "Student Profile" sheet and return it to their School Counselor (shown on next slide)
- This sheet helps create a more inclusive robust letter sent off to colleges
- Students need to request a letter of recommendation via Naviance to complete this process
 - ► Naviance
 - Colleges Tab
 - Look under Apply to College
 - Letters of Recommendation Tab
 - Click "Add Request"
 - Select teacher/counselor from drop down
 - Send professional message in text box
 - ► Hit submit



Student Profile - For Counselor Recommendations

Student Profile Sheet (Required for Counselor Letter of Recommendation, due no later than October 4)

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Intended Major/Career Path:

Colleges you wish to apply to:

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What extracurricular/academic or personal activities have been the most meaningful to you? Why? Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

<u>Civic Engagement</u> (colleges want people who care about others, not just themselves) List volunteer activities, clubs & activities at East, church/religious involvement, groups outside of school, and anything you may have done in the community. Be specific with volunteer hours as some scholarships require a certain number of hours to meet the criteria. *What was most meaningful? Which taught you about yourself or others?* Don't just create a list, *discuss what you have done* or participated in over your time in high school. *Colleges care more about why you do what you do, than what you do.*

Leadership (how will you enhance the quality of life on campus for the students around you and show you are a future leader of tomorrow?)

Examples of effective leadership skills include honesty, the ability to delegate, a sense of humor, the ability to communicate clearly and with confidence. A leader should also be able to keep others motivated and have a sense of creativity to handle unexpected problems and take advantage of opportunities. Give examples where you have demonstrated these skills.

Resilience/Obstacles Overcome (how well do you handle adversity/challenges?) Resiliency is the ability to "bounce back" from a difficult situation. How have you been able to

Link to sheet: https://www.wcasd.net/Domain/4871

Scholarships

- Students should check their school counseling website and email accounts regularly for scholarship bulletins containing organizational and institutional scholarships sent by the counseling office.
- You will be able to search Scholarships in Naviance as well
- Students can also find many scholarship applications on the Counseling Center Schoology page
- www.fastweb.com & www.collegeboard.com and other free internet based scholarship sites are great resources.
- Do a search on Apps site on smart phones; wide range of resources

Scholarship Websites

► Naviance

- Under "Colleges" tab
- Fastweb.com
- Cappex.com
- Scholarshipmonkey.com
- Collegenet.com
- Collegeexpress.com
- Guaranteed-scholarships.com
- Studentscholarships.org
- Goingmerry.com

Scholarship Databases

- Here are a few databases where you can search for scholarships and refine your search with keywords, such as incarcerated, low income, single-parent households, overcoming unique obstacles:
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund: <u>hsf.net</u>
- United Negro Scholarship Fund: <u>uncf.org/</u>
- U.S. Department of Education Scholarship Search: <u>www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships</u>
- Department of Defense Education Activity: <u>http://www.dodea.edu/students/financialaid.cfm</u>

Scholarship Bulletin

Direct Link to WC East Counseling Monthly Scholarship Bulletins:

https://www.wcasd.net/domain/6869



MENU

New Student Registration

Parent Portal

Menus

Schoology WCASD Google Apps

<u>Home > Counseling Dept</u> Scholarship Bulletins

NCAA Clearinghouse

- Any student athlete applying to a Division I or II school must apply to the clearinghouse.
- www.eligibilitycenter.org Create a student profile
- Request a transcript be sent through Naviance
- Final Transcripts are sent to clearinghouse upon graduation.
- Some coaches will not schedule official visit until student is on file with clearinghouse.
- Talk to your counselor about the process

CEEB Code: 395164

This CEEB Code is used on college and scholarship applications NCAA forms, SAT I, SAT II, ACT, and TOEFL registration forms via online or paper applications/registrations.

Senior Check-List

- Senior Large Group Presentation, Individual Senior Conference Scheduled with counselor after Large Group Presentation is held in early September.
- <u>Sign up for final SAT's, ACT's, and/or SAT Subject Tests if necessary. Make sure to</u> request that your test scores are sent to the colleges of your choice.
- Finish a resume or "activities" sheet to include with your applications.
- Mail or send your applications electronically by *Thanksgiving* if at all possible.
- Fill out the FAFSA (Federal Student Aid Form) and the CSS Profile form for financial aid.
- The Federal government now allows families to start applying for FAFSA as early as October 1st! Apply and create your pin number for FAFSA: <u>http://www.pin.ed.gov//PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp</u>
- <u>Check your email regularly.</u> Many colleges and your counselor will use this to contact you with important information and updates throughout the school year.
- Maintain your grades and keep them as HIGH AS POSSIBLE!
- If you are working directly after graduation, research companies, build your resume and enhance your interview skills.
- Apply to colleges, scholarships

College Admissions Event

- The three counseling departments in WCASD will host The College Admissions Process Night in 2023
- There will be more information coming about how this will take place.
- ► Stay Tuned!

Job Shadowing/Internship-Update from Ms. McCreech

- While "on-site" job shadows, showcases, and internships are not yet available, you can get experience through virtual programming - allowing you to continue to explore what you like, are good at, or want to further develop. These experiences also help you make real world connections, increasing your networking skills and your resume. We will continue to add new opportunities so check back often!
- Link to discover more: <u>https://sites.google.com/wcasd.net/careereducation/get-experience</u>



For More Post Secondary Information -Visit: https://sites.go ogle.com/wcas d.net/careered ucation/home



Thank You!



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