12th Grade Bridge Law Counseling Lesson

Your School Counselors

Who is your school counselor?

Ms. Neely
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Mrs. Rohrbach
E - K

Mrs. Turner
L - Q

Mrs. Welch
L - Q

Mrs. McAllister
R - Z

Mrs. Rich
Clerk

Mrs. Bennett
Attendance

Mrs. Brewer
Parent &
Student Vue

Lesson Overview

- Post-secondary options
  - Military
  - College admissions factors
  - Building a college list
- College application process
- Scholarships and financial aid
- Naviance

What is your Post-Secondary Plan?

- Military Service
- Workforce
- Technical College
- Two-year College
- Four-year College
- Other. (Mission field, year off to travel, etc.)

*Ms. Neely & Coach Dennison are offering a Career BUC Block with different speakers each week.

*Mrs. Turner is offering a College BUC Block with different schools represented each week. Be sure to sign up!

Military/Armed Forces

- High School Diploma is required
- Take the ASVAB
- Make contact with branch recruiter
- Request your final transcript in May
- Recruiters often come during lunch. Chat with them.
- Sign up for the Career BUC Block on days military members come to speak.

2-Year Colleges & Technical Colleges

- See if the SAT/ACT is required- may take the Accuplacer Exam instead- check with each individual school

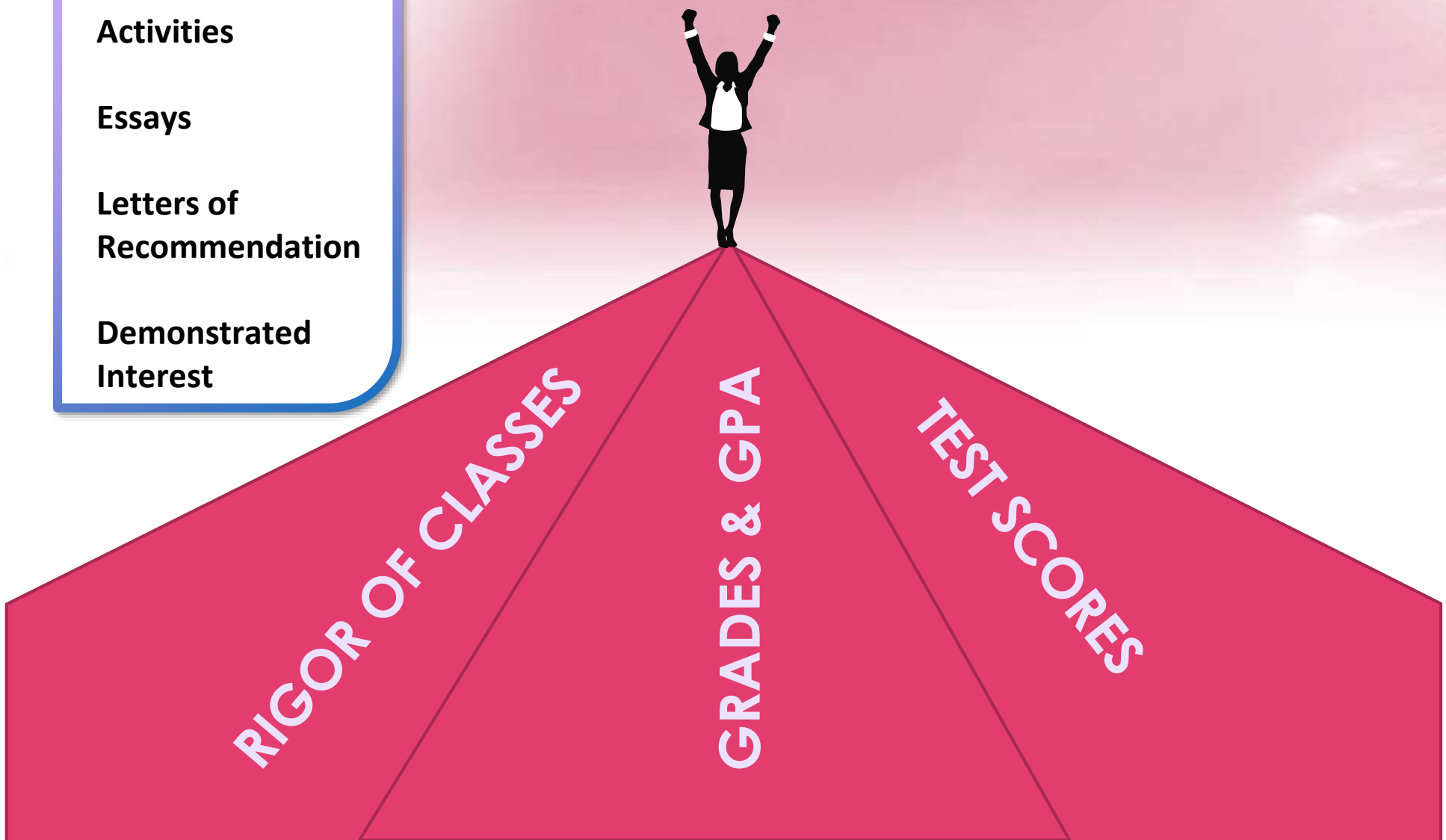
- Two-year school requirements - 2.0 GPA, plus all Georgia graduation requirements

I plan to apply to college!

Where do I start?

FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

- Extracurricular Activities
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest



How Do I Build My College List?

- Know **your** academic profile
  - Core, **unweighted** GPA
  - Standardized test scores
  - Curriculum (rigor)
- Search for the college's freshman profile
  - Average or mid 50% GPA & test scores, ***not just admission requirements***
  - Compare how you fit into the college's profile
  - Pay close attention to how college's calculate GPA for evaluation of applications! Each one is different!

BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

“Reach schools” are those where your academic credentials fall below the school’s range for the freshman class.

“Target schools” are schools where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school’s range for the freshman class.

“Safety schools” are schools you will almost definitely get into because your academic credentials are much better than the typical range for their freshman class.

REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to 1 or 2

TARGET SCHOOLS

Apply to 2 or 3

SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

Reach, Target or Safety School?

Example: Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia

High School GPAs ranging from 3.39 to 3.87 (calculated based on academic courses only)

1139 1280
24 29

	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
SAT Critical Reading + SAT Math	1139	1280
ACT Composite Score	24	29

Grade Point Average FAQs

- Academic GPA (**NOT** on transcript)
  - Also know as core GPA, core academic GPA, etc.
  - Basis is English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language courses
  - Academic GPA is *usually* viewed unweighted
- Overall GPA (on transcript)
  - Take a look at the GPA on your transcript
- HOPE GPA
  - Any courses taken in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Languages. More on this later.

Points to Consider

- Check Admissions Requirements
  - **The only way to be sure is to ask the admissions office!** It is YOUR responsibility to understand what is expected to complete an application.
- Most colleges only consider academic classes when calculating GPAs.
  - Each college decides how they calculate GPAs
    - Some coursework may not be included in the calculation
  - Colleges can and do weight courses differently
- Colleges want students who show an interest in their school.
- Weighted and unweighted GPAs will be reported on the transcript.
- Class rank will not be included on transcripts or reported on secondary reports.

I Have the List of Colleges, Now What?

Quick Steps:

1. Fill out an application for admission
2. Send transcript
3. Send test scores
4. Send Supplemental materials

- Applications for most colleges are found online
- The best place to start? **The college's website!**
  - If possible, review the entire application before you begin
  - Is there an application checklist?
  - Are supplemental materials even required?

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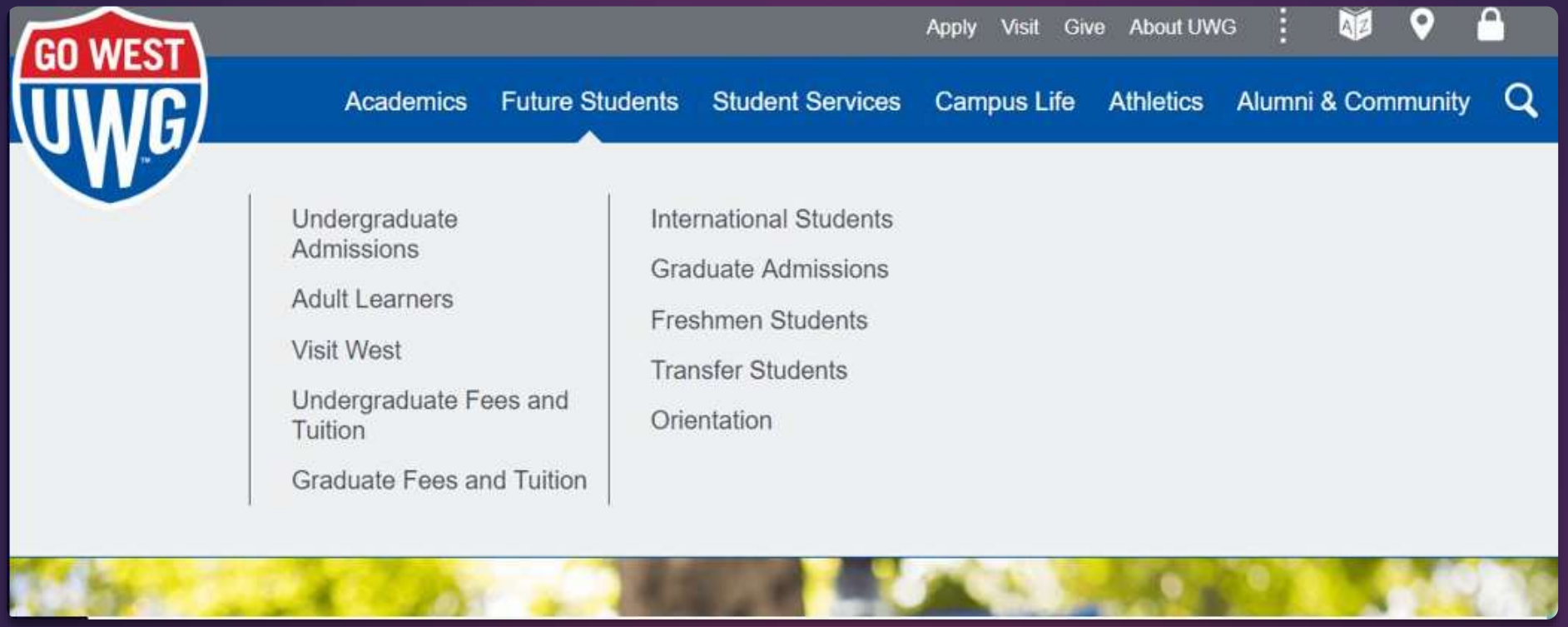

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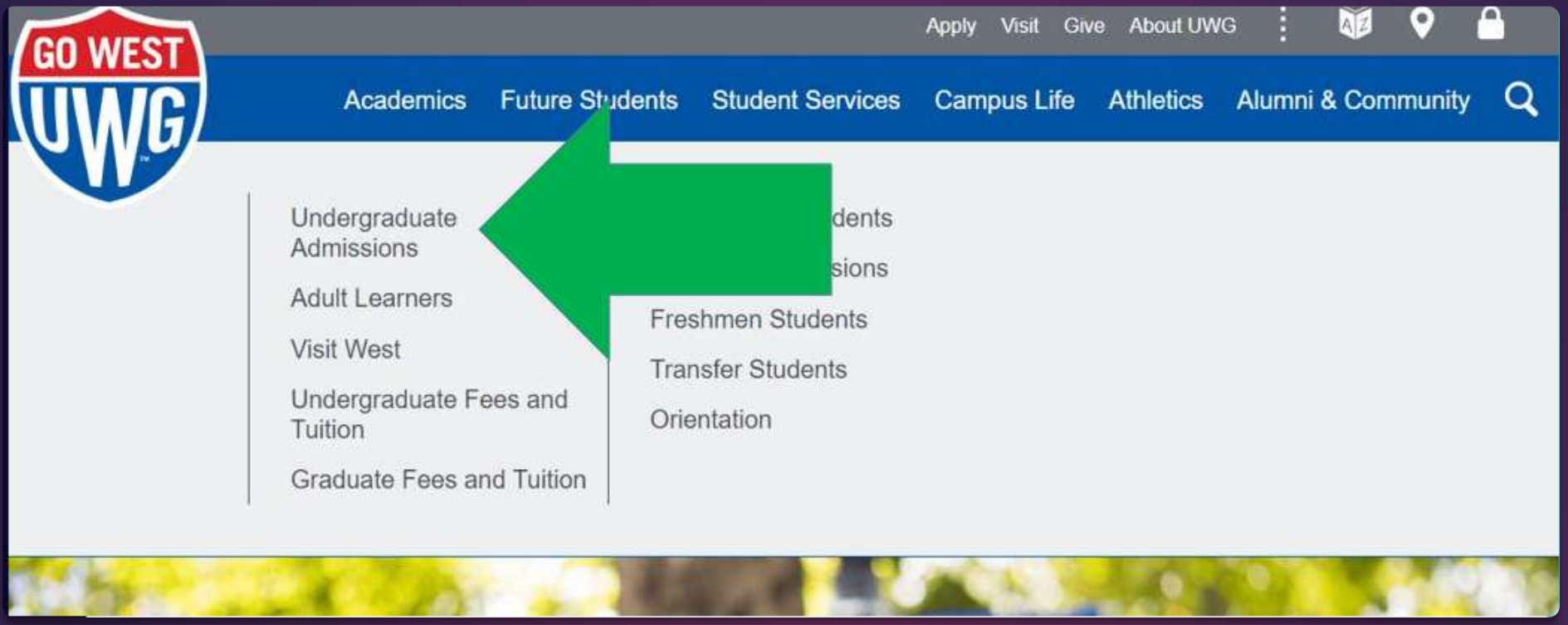

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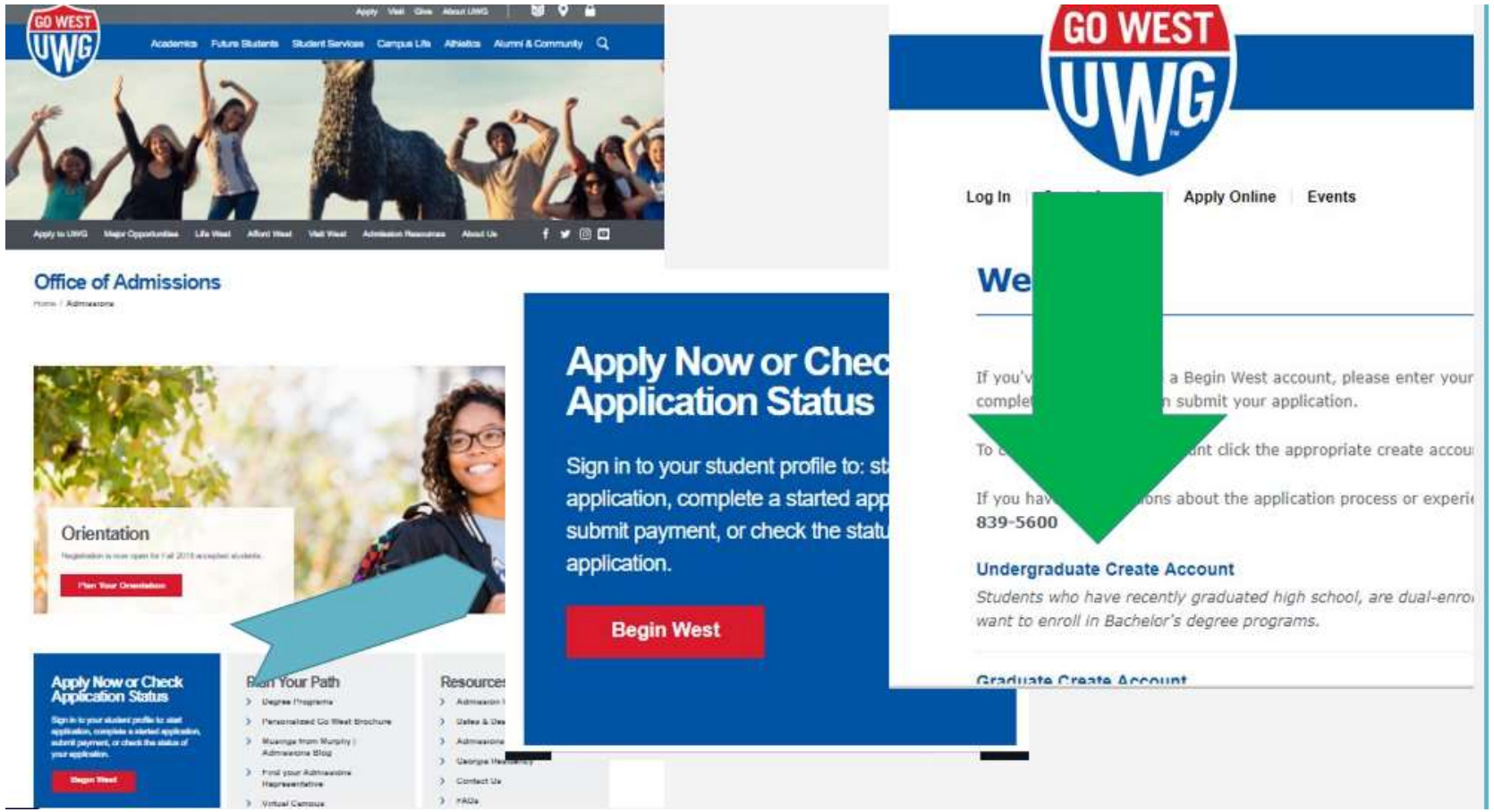
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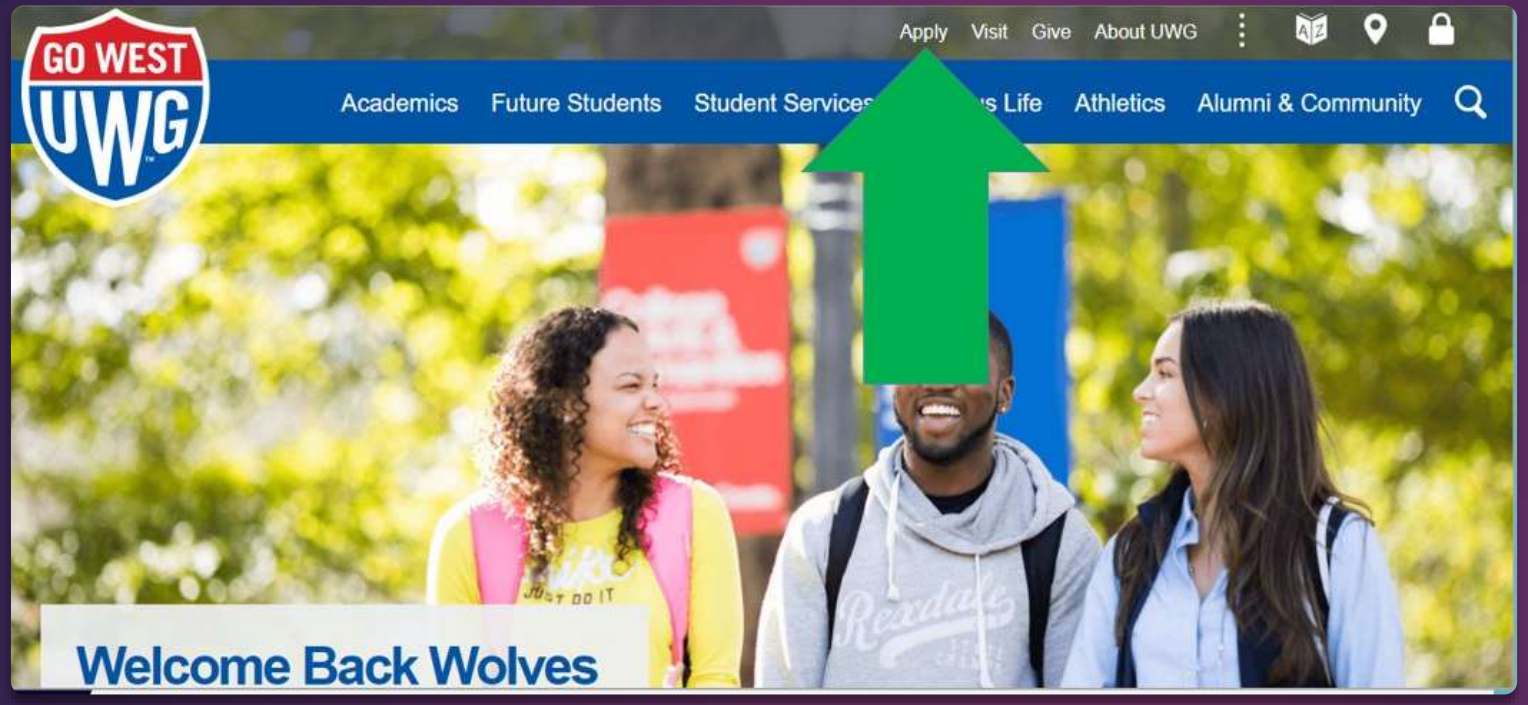

A Quicker Option

Apply

Home / Apply

Thank you for your interest in the University of West Georgia. We are glad you have chosen UWG to further your education.

Apply to the application below.

Graduate Application

Prospective Students seeking to complete a graduate degree:

- Office of Graduate Admissions

Apply Now

International Application

Prospective International Students seeking to complete an undergraduate or graduate degree:

- Office of International Student Admissions and Programs

It's Your Turn! Find an Application!

- Pull up the website for a college you might be interested in
- Click around until you find the application
  - If you find it quickly, look at the requirements for the application (the application checklist)
    - Do they require an essay? Recommendations?
      - Are these optional?
    - Do they use an application system like Common App or the Coalition App? Do they have multiple options?
    - What is the deadline to apply?
      - Early vs. Regular
- If you still have time before we move on, can you find the freshman profile or admission statistics?

DEADLINES

- Regular Deadline: receive a decision at the standard response date.
- Early Action: receive a decision earlier than the standard response date BUT are NOT required to accept the admission offer or pay deposit prior to May 1
- Early Decision (BINDING): Commit to enroll at a college if admitted & offered a satisfactory financial aid packet. Application deadlines are usually November to December. *You can only apply ED to one school.*
- Single Choice/Restricted Early Action: You cannot apply early to other colleges but you can apply regular decision to other colleges
- Rolling: admission decisions are usually made within 6 weeks of submitting the application.
- Priority Deadlines: mostly associated with getting into institutional scholarship pools. Check those deadlines closely.

SAT & ACT

- Check with the colleges to which you are applying to see the final test date they accept for admissions
- "Official" test scores **must** be sent directly from **your** account. Allatoona cannot send test scores.

- Fall SAT Dates: Aug 24, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7
- Fall ACT Dates: Sept 14, Oct 26, Dec 14

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

HOPE Scholarship
3.0 HOPE GPA
4 courses of rigor

Pays a portion of your tuition

Zell Miller Scholarship
3.7 HOPE GPA + 1200 SAT/26 ACT
4 courses of rigor

100% of tuition

HOPE Grant
No HOPE GPA requirement

Technical Colleges Only

Zell Miller Grant
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3.5 GPA after 1st semester

- HOPA GPA is calculated using core courses only (English, Math, Science, Social Studies & World Lang)
- No quality points for honors
- +0.5 quality points for AP & Dual Enrollment up to 4.0
- If you do not earn HOPE out of high school, you will have the opportunity to be reevaluated at 30, 60 & 90 college hours

Naviance

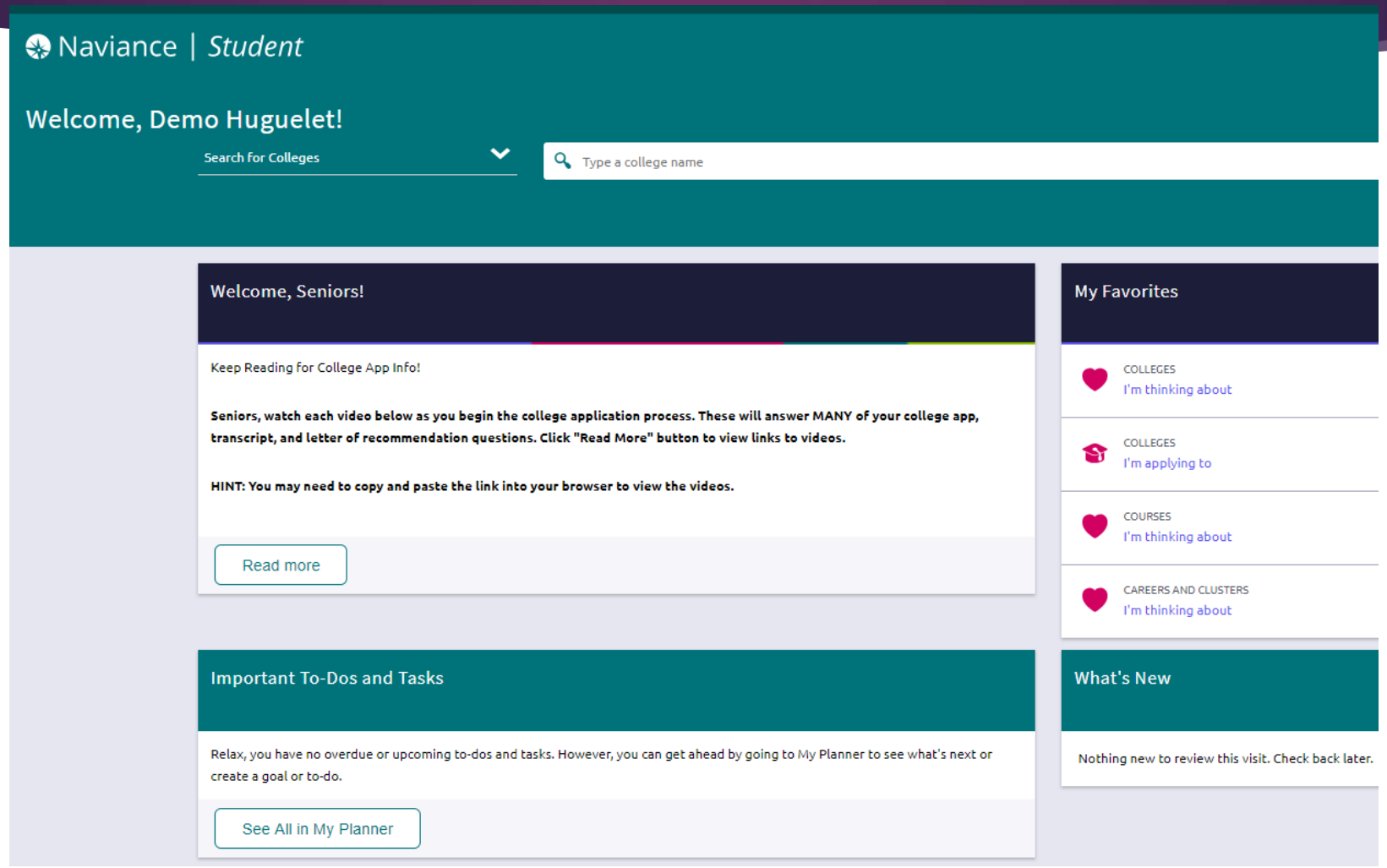
NAVIANCE IS A **DELIVERY SYSTEM** AND COLLEGE/CAREER SEARCH ENGINE, BUT IT ALSO HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AND YOUR PARENTS, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Logging into Naviance

- If you're on a CCSD computer, then you will be automatically logged into Naviance.
- You can access Naviance from the CCSD homepage, your school's website, as well as your school counseling department's website.
- To log into Naviance from **home**, you will use the following:

User Name:	Password:
firstname.lastname	CCSD Computer Login Password

Naviance Student Homepage



Enter Your Email Address

We need your email address so we can communicate important information with you. Please get in the habit of checking email frequently.

1. Click on the "About Me" link at the top.
2. Click on "My Account."
3. Click on the Pencil Icon in the "Contact Information Box."
4. Enter your email address.
5. Click "Save."

You can also use Naviance for…

- College and Career Planning
- Resume Building
- Communicating with your Counselor
- Scholarship Searches

Step-by-Step Process

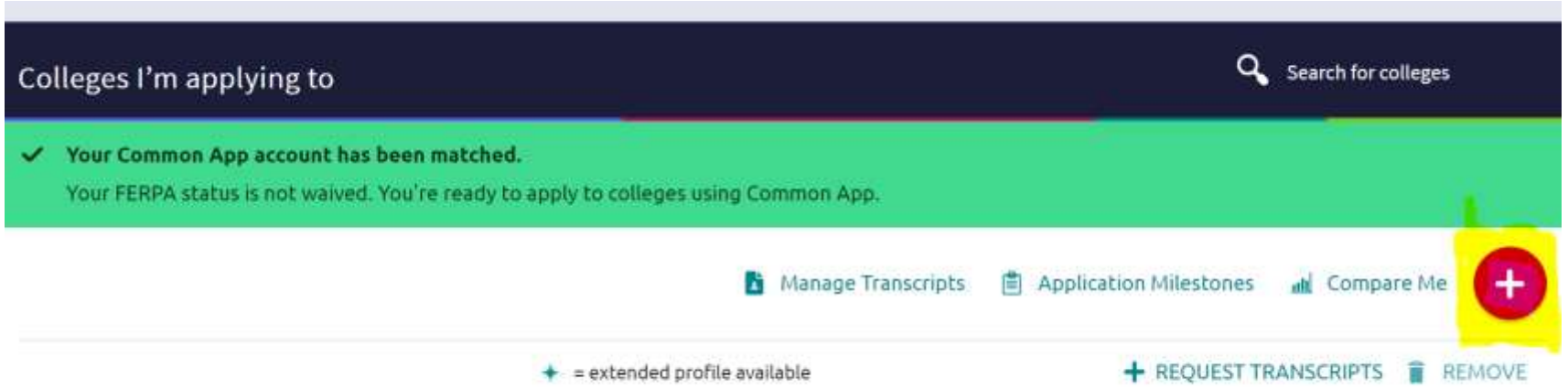
1. Select what colleges you're applying to
2. Determine application types: Common App, Coalition, Direct to Institution
3. Submit your college applications – your "package"
4. Send your test scores via Collegeboard/ACT
5. Use Naviance – our "delivery" system
6. Invite teacher recommenders
7. Request initial transcripts
8. Request recommendations (if needed)
9. Track your package

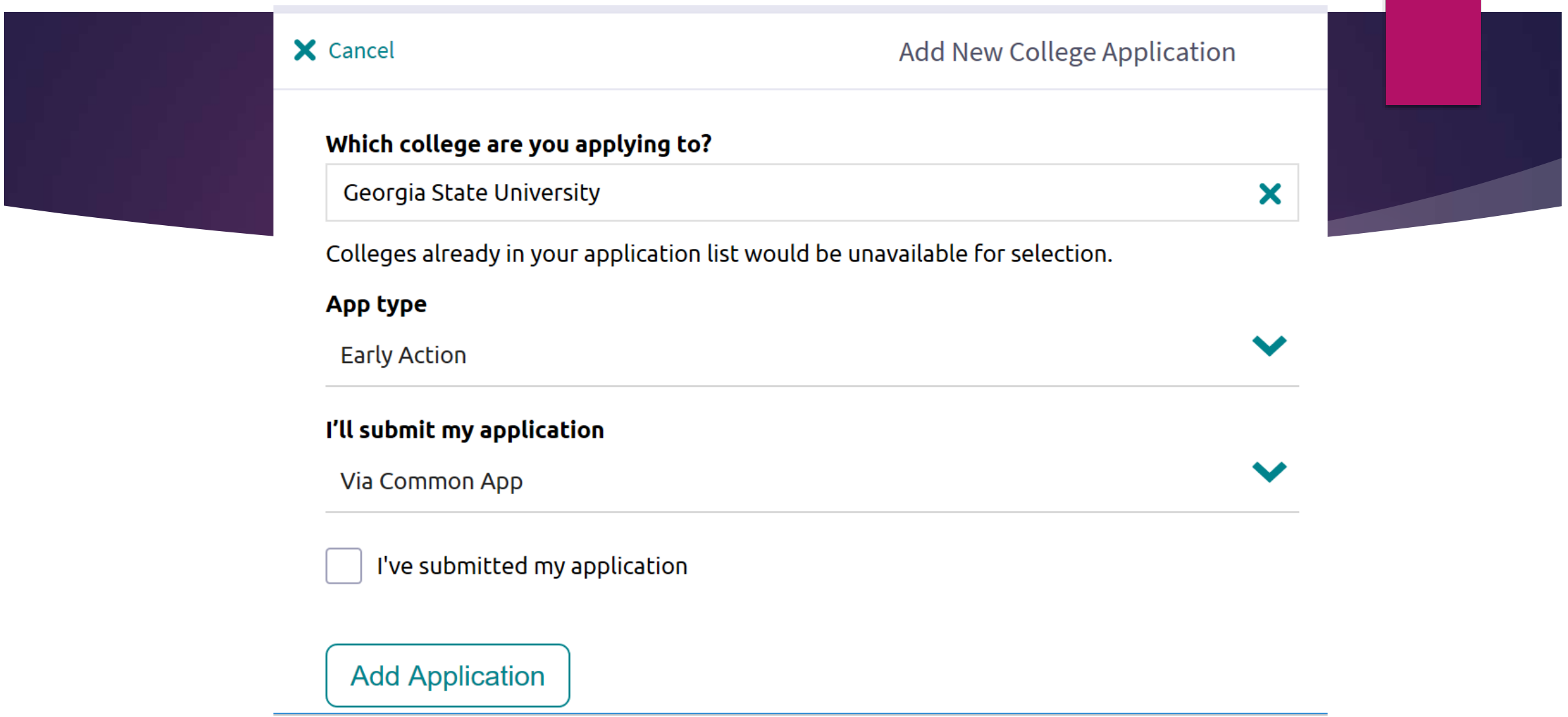
Apply to College

- Complete and submit your applications as directed by the college.
- Take your time completing your application and essays – this is a very important step!

Add College to the "Colleges I'm Applying to"

- This is the section where students will spend most of their time.
- You can request letters of recommendation and transcripts within this section.
- You must also designate the application type within this section as well as indicate that you've applied to the school.





Important to tell us how you are applying!

Submission Types

(Mail Only)-This icon represents colleges that only accept documents submitted via mail. The school does not accept documents electronically.

(Electronic)-This icon represents electronic destinations that accept documents electronically via Naviance eDocs

(Common App)-This icon represents Common App destinations that accept documents electronically via Naviance eDocs. It's important to note this icon means the student has explicitly chosen to apply via Common App and indicated "Yes" in **Family Connection > Colleges I'm Applying to.** However, on College tabs (showing the college profile) it indicates the fact that it's a CA college, but not whether the student is applying via CA.

(Unknown)-This icon is displayed when a student adds a Common App college but has not indicated whether or not he or she plans to apply via the Common App Online. This status does not prohibit you from submitting Common App forms for the student, but you will receive a warning message advising you that the student has not indicated their plan. A message is displayed to inform the school counselor that the student had not made a selection whether applying via Common App and submission would default to Common App delivery.

(Common App via Electronic)-This icon is displayed when a student has selected a Common App college and has indicated that he or she is not applying via the Common App Online. However, if the school is also an electronic destination (in addition to Common App) you can continue to submit documents (NACAC and other school forms, transcripts, and letters of recommendation) electronically.

(Common App mail only)-This icon displays when a student has selected a Common App college and has indicated that he or she is not applying via the Common App Online. However, the school is not an electronic destination so you will have to print and mail (other school forms, transcripts, and letters of recommendation) to the destination.

“Colleges I’m Applying to” Dashboard

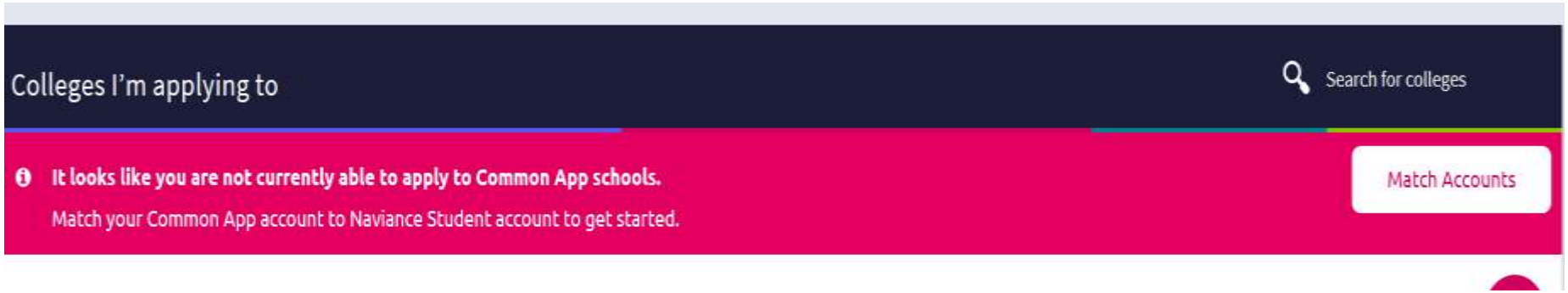
	College	Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type	Application		
☐	Emory University	ED	Early Decision November 1	N/A		Pending		Unknown	EDIT	MORE
☐	Georgia State University	EA	Early Action November 15	N/A		Pending	CA	Unknown	EDIT	MORE
☐	Kennesaw State University	EA	Early Action October 26	N/A		Pending		Unknown	EDIT	MORE

Common App

- The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 500+ member colleges and universities.
- You can access the Common App by going to www.commonapp.org
- Some schools are Common App exclusive, which means they do not accept any application other than the Common App. Some schools accept both the Common App and their own individualized, web-based application.
- We STRONGLY encourage you to apply via the Common App even if the college or university offers an alternate application for admission.
- Of course, this does not apply for schools who do not accept the Common App. To view the 500 schools that accept the Common App, check out the members page of the Common App website.

Common App Matching

- For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.



- In order to match the Common App account, students must first complete the following steps in their Common App account:
  - Complete the Education section of your Common Application
  - Add at least one college to My Colleges tab
  - Sign the FERPA Release Authorization

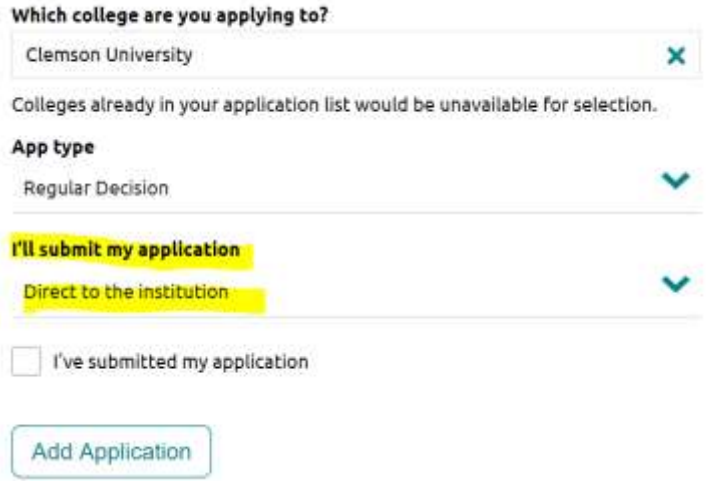
Click **to watch video on common app matching.**

Non-Common App Schools

- Some colleges and universities have opted not to accept the Common Application.
- Instead, they have created their own individual applications that, in most cases, are web-based and can be found via the school's undergraduate admissions website.
- Just because a school does not accept the Common App does not mean that they do not accept the transmission of important documents, like letters of recommendation and academic transcripts, through Naviance.
- When a non-Common App school allows us to submit documents through Naviance, it is called Direct to Institution. A Direct to Institution school is designated by this symbol.

The Coalition for College

- "The Coalition was developed to improve the college application process for all students as they search for and apply to their perfect college. The platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their applications to numerous institutions."
- Free online resources/tools are available on their website: http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/
- Over 144 institutions have joined.
- Students can choose whichever application they feel more comfortable with- no preference given.
- When a student applies via the **Coalition**, **they should select that they are applying "Directly to the Institution" when adding a college to their "Colleges I'm Applying To" list in Family Connection.** Messaging on this page will help students know to check this box..



Teacher Recommendations

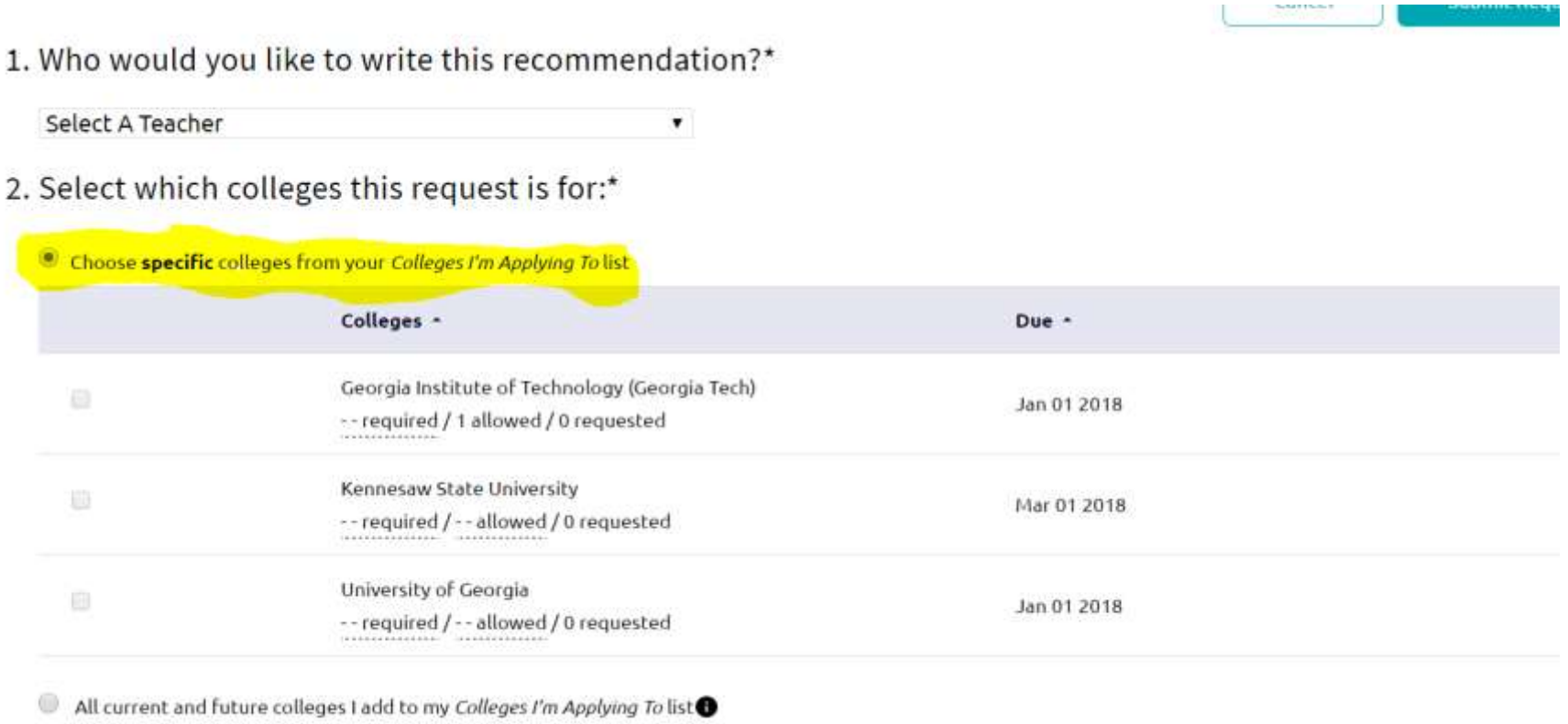
- Allow **<u>at least 3-4 weeks</u>** for teachers to complete their recommendation portion of your application!
- Ask the teacher(s) you would like to write recommendations BEFORE you submit request in Naviance.
- Students "invite" their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:

1. Provide teachers with a list of schools to which you are asking the teacher to write.
2. Add the request digitally under your "Colleges I'm Applying To" tab.
3. **IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS, NOT "All Applications"**

    -It is your responsibility to research which schools require a letter of recommendation on their website.

    -If they do not ask for a letter of recommendation, they do not use it in the admissions process. DO NOT ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR ONE IF THIS IS THE CASE!

Adding Teacher Recommendation Requests on Naviance

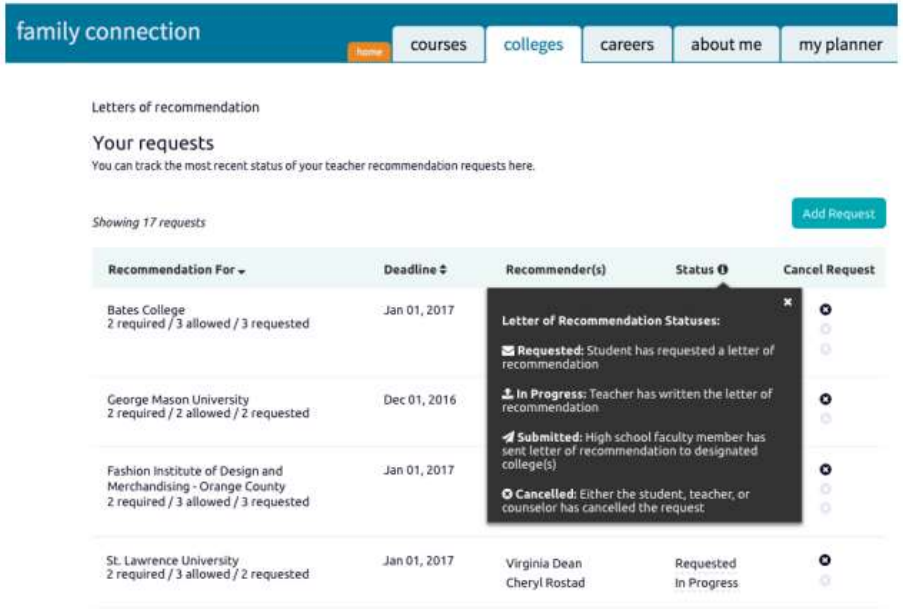


Tracking Teacher Recommendations

Consistent Delivery Confirmations

We will now display consistent document submission and delivery status messages for both Common Application and Parchment destinations. Status notifications for all schools beginning in 2016-17:

- Requested: Student has requested a letter of recommendation
- In Progress: Teacher has written the letter of recommendation
- Submitted: High school faculty member has sent letter of recommendation to designated college(s)
- Cancelled: Either the student, teacher or counselor has cancelled the request.



Student screen showing recommendation statuses in Family Connection. The same information is available in the Teacher Recommendation Manager in Naviance.

Counselor Recommendations/ Secondary School Reports

- Know if it is required by the college or not
- These items are **required** for a counselor rec.
  - Student self-assessment (Found under the "ABOUT ME" tab in Naviance)
  - Parent assessment (Found in Naviance Parent Portal under "ABOUT ME")
  - Resume (this can be uploaded in the journal in Naviance or created in Naviance using the Resume Builder).
- Counselors need **10 school days** to complete your recommendation
  - For example: application due date is October 15th. Your request and bio packet must be submitted to your counselor no later than October 2nd.

Requesting Transcripts
-2 Step Process-

Step 1. Request your official high school transcript through Naviance.

- *Log onto your Naviance student account*
- *Select the COLLEGES tab*
- *Under COLLEGES select "Colleges I'm Applying To"*
- *Click on "+", add each college/university, including application information*
- *Click "Add Application"*

Step 2. You MUST sign & pay $2 per transcript, in the Counseling Office

- For Common App documents, you MUST link your Common App (Instructional Video on how to do this is on the Counseling Website)

It is your responsibility to complete BOTH parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.

Send SAT/ACT/SAT Subject Test Scores

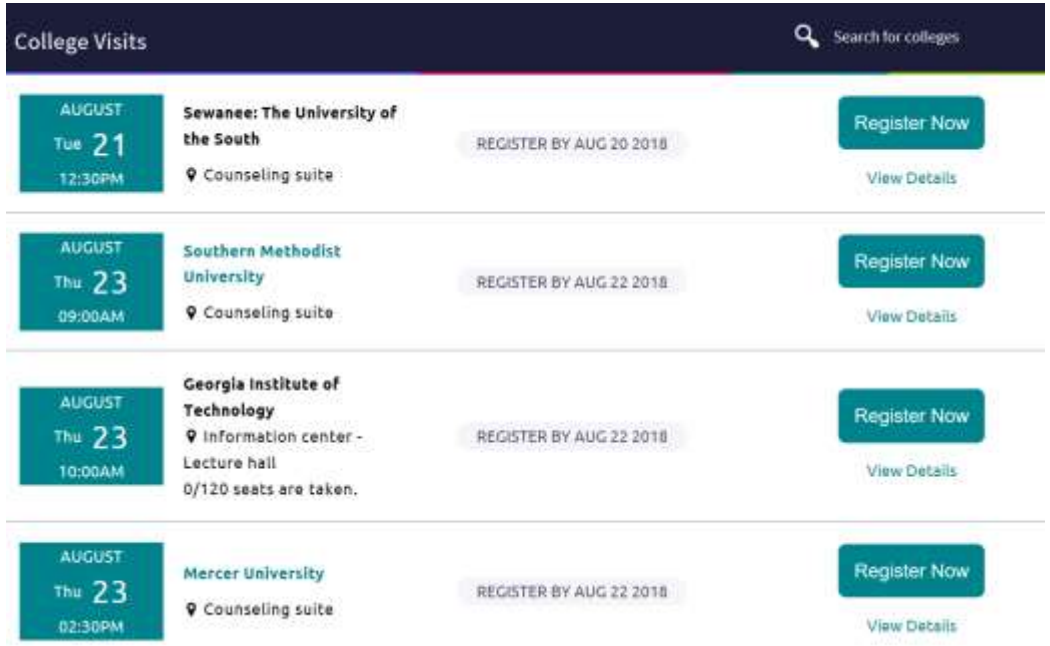
SAT/ACT scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies websites.

- www.collegeboard.org
- www.actstudent.org

Our School's CEEB code: 110057

College Visits

- Check Naviance frequently for upcoming college visits. Visits start in August!
- You must sign up through your Naviance account at least 24 hours in advance. The College Visit link is located at the bottom left of the Colleges homepage.
- You will receive an email the day before your visit as confirmation. Print off this email; it must be signed by the teacher whose class you will be missing. Bring the pass to the college visit.



Steps to Financial Aid: FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Complete beginning Oct 1-The earlier the better!!
- Uses your parents tax information from the prior year (If you will be in college during the 2020-21 schoolyear, they will use their 2018 taxes.)
- If your parents are divorced, you will only provide information for the parent you lived with the most over the past 12 months. If you lived with them equally, you will provide information for the parent that provided the most financial support over the past 12 months.

Steps to Institutional Aid: CSS Profile

- Many private colleges require the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA.
- Used by many Early Action/Early Decision Institutions
- CSS Profile is available October 1, 2018
  - $25 Original Application Fee/One College
  - $16 for additional college/program
- Comprehensive list of Schools:
  - http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile

Scholarships

- Types of Scholarships:
  - Merit, Athletic, Organizational
- Check the Scholarship Resources in Naviance on the Colleges Homepage
- Check the College Websites and online search engines.

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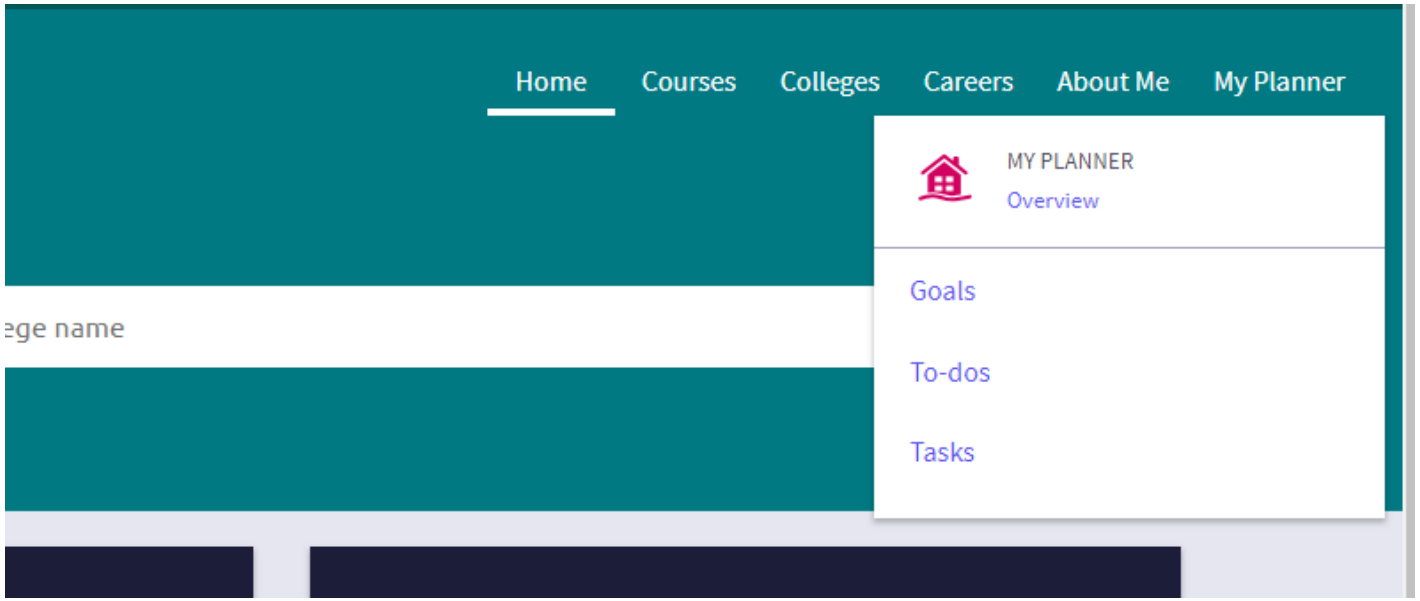
- Go to “My Planner” and click “Tasks”



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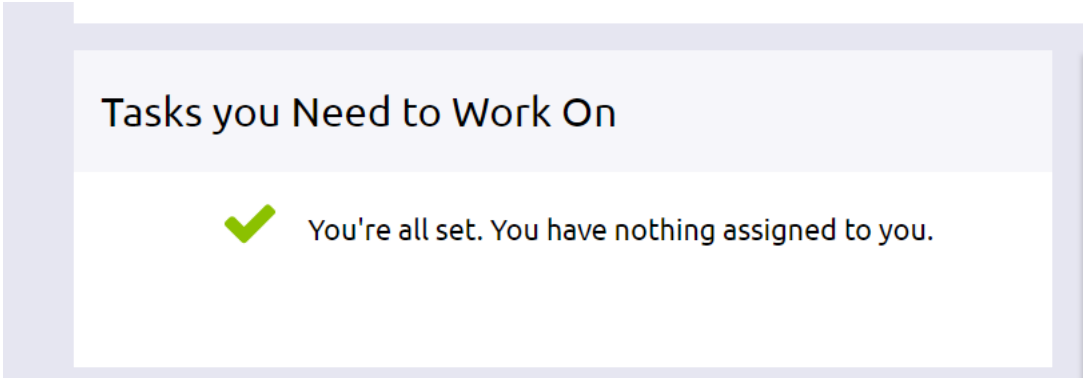
- Scroll down to “Tasks You Need to Work On”
- Complete Task by selecting: “Complete Senior Survey”
- Select “take this survey” in the upper right hand corner to begin the activity
- Answer the question and select “Save and Finish”

Don’t Log Out!

- Wait for a counselor to confirm your completion
- Go to “My Planner” and then “Tasks” to show completion status



HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!

QUESTIONS?

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