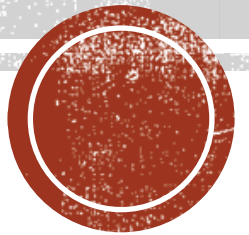


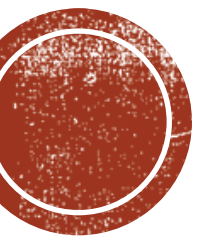
# COLLEGE PLANNING FOR SENIORS

2018 ConVal School Counseling



# AGENDA

- The College Search
- The Application
- Application Deadlines
- Naviance and Common App
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Questions



**IT'S A MATCH TO BE  
MADE, NOT A PRIZE TO BE  
WON**



# COLLEGE SEARCH — WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Location and Size

Major and Special Programs

Internships and Co-ops

Disability Services

Cost



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**Your  
College**

# WHAT IS MY PROFILE?

- Courses taken/high school transcript
- Grade Point Average (GPA)/Class Rank
- Majors of interest
- Financial Resources
- Athletics/Special Talent
- Campus location
- Test Scores

# COLLEGE SEARCH — THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Honors Programs
- Campus Life
- Bachelors to Master's Combined Programs
- Articulation Agreements
  - <http://nhtransfer.org>
- Dual Admissions
  - <http://dualnh.org>
- Test Optional Schools
  - <http://fairtest.org>
- Financial Aid Opportunities

# COLLEGE SEARCH — WHERE TO START?

- Attend College Fairs
- College Admissions Reps at ConVal
  - Sign up in Naviance
- College Search Engines
  - Naviance “Super Match”
- Talk to Faculty
- Visit the campus

# A WORD ABOUT COLLEGE VISITS

- Contact the admissions office in advance
- Bring a copy of your transcript
- Sit in on a class
- Eat in the dining hall
- Talk to students
- Have a list of questions ready to ask
- Send a Thank You note to the admissions counselor that you met with
- Interviews at some schools
- Attend Open Houses
- Demonstrated interest



# COLLEGE SEARCH — OTHER DETAILS

- Audition Requirements
- Portfolio Requirements
- Standardized Test Requirements
  - SAT, ACT
  - SAT Subject Tests
- Athletics
  - Must register at NCAA for Division 1 or 11
- Nursing Programs
  - TEAS Exam

# A WORD ABOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Express Admissions Days
- Reasonable Tuition
- Commuting experience (except NHTI)
- Certificate and two year programs
- 2+2 Agreements at NH State Colleges
- Chance to assess readiness

# GET ORGANIZED - MAKING A LIST

- **Balanced Approach**
  - In-state, out-of-state
  - Public, Private
- **Consider the Location**
- **Consider the Major and it's Competitiveness**
- **Consider Financial Aid and Cost**
- **2-2-2 Approach**
  - 2 Probable
  - 2 Target
  - 2 Reach

# APPLICATION DEADLINES EXPLAINED

- Early Decision
  - Binding
  - Due October/November
  - Financial Aid Due Early
- Early Action
  - Non-Binding
  - Due November/December
  - Financial Aid Due Early
- Regular Admission
  - Due December- February
- Rolling Admission
  - No Hard Deadline

# THE APPLICATION — WILL I GET IN?

- Strength of High School Transcript
  - What classes does ConVal offer
  - What did you take
  - How did you do
- Essay
- Appearance of Application
- Extra-Curricular Activities/Community Service
- Letters of Recommendation
- Standardized Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
- ON TIME APPLICATIONS – Deadlines really matter

# A WORD ABOUT THE ESSAY

- Be interesting but be yourself
- Be concise
- Edit and revise. Then edit again.
- Have a teacher read it
- Show, Don't Tell
- Evaluated on three parts –
  - Ability to use English correctly
  - Content, substance and depth of insight
  - Creativity

# A WORD ABOUT STANDARDIZED TESTS

- SAT
  - All Juniors took last spring at ConVal
  - Retest?
    - SAT Test dates in October, November, December
    - ACT Test dates in November, December
- Score Choice
- Sending Scores through Testing Agency ONLY
  - ConVal does NOT send SAT or ACT scores
- Waivers
- College Board is NOT connected to ConVal

# A WORD ABOUT LETTERS OF REC

- Consider who you want to ask
- Look for a teacher who can address your abilities as a learner, not someone you got an easy “A” with
- Ask them in person
- Ask them well in advance
- Complete the Senior Profile Form on Naviance
- Request them on Naviance
- Send your recommenders a thank you note
- Only send the number of letters requested by the college
- Do not send letters from family members



# NAVIANCE AND COMMON APP

- All ConVal students will utilize Naviance for applications
- Must be linked to Common App account
- Non-Common App schools will also utilize Naviance
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Counselor School Forms
- All sent via edocs
- Parent account can monitor all activity

# FINANCIAL AID

- Financial Aid Night
- October 16, 2018
- 6:30 pm
- NHHEAF
- Review of FAFSA, CSS Profile

# FINANCIAL AID - FAFSA

- Mandatory!
- Fill it out anyway
- <http://fafsa.gov>
- CSS Profile
- <http://profileonline.collegeboard.org>

# FINANCIAL AID - SCHOLARSHIPS

- Naviance

# GENERAL TIMELINE

- September
  - Visit Campus if you haven't already
  - Organize Materials
  - Create Common App Account
  - Link to Naviance
  - Senior Meeting
  - Request Letters of Recommendation
- October/November
  - Financial Aid Night Early Action Deadlines
  - Work on Essay
  - December
    - Aim to have Apps done by Christmas
- February

# RESOURCES

- Your School Counselor
  - IT IS THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP US IN THE LOOP
- Naviance
- Faculty and Staff

# QUESTIONS

Thank you for coming!