



Welcome to Senior College Info Night

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Tonight's Topics

- Visits and Interviews
- The Application Process
- Admissions Tests
- Academic Support
- College Athletics
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
- Resources
- Naviance Presentation

Beyond the Numbers

Colleges want to build a well rounded community. They look beyond the strengths and weaknesses of any individual applicant to the overall strength, interests, and diversity of the entire freshmen class. This may include geographic, cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity or special talents.

Visits and Interviews

- Demonstrate your interest!
- Interview whenever possible, locally or on-campus.
- Most colleges have virtual tours right now
- College Fair:
- <https://www.pacac.org/keystone-virtual-college-exploration>
- Official athletic visits.

The Application

- Apply on-line.
- “What can you do for the college?”
- Prioritize activities and list leadership roles.
- Show your passions and special characteristics.
- Make a match between you and the college’s philosophy or culture.
- The Common Application- accepted by over 800 colleges (www.commonapp.org).
- The Coalition- relatively new. Mission is accessibility and affordability.
www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

The Essay

- Student should “come alive” to admissions committee.
- Give insight into the real person.
- Be yourself and do not use the thesaurus to sound impressive.
- Well written, grammatically correct.
- Have English teacher look over.
- Important piece of application.
- Not required by all schools.

Teacher and Counselor Recommendations

- Not required by all schools.
- Ask teacher in person first.
- Make request through Naviance for teacher recommendation.
- Teacher will send electronically to college through Naviance.
- Teacher from core subject or related to college major.
- Should not be a teacher from 9th grade.
- Give at least two weeks prior notice.
- Student should complete the counselor rec info form if a counselor rec is required.

Request Official Transcript

- After applying, request transcript through Naviance.
- Complete the Transcript Request form and give to counselor.
- We send official transcript, school profile and counselor rec (if needed) through Naviance.
- Bring envelope with address and postage if must be mailed.

Strategies for Applying

- 3-5 colleges- reach, good matches and a safety.
- Admission decision options- regular, rolling, early decision and early action. There are variations!
- Decisions- admit, deny, wait list and deferred.
- Know deadlines and allow up to ten days for the transcript to be sent from counseling office.
- Rolling admission applications out by Thanksgiving or earlier if popular school or major.
- If you are taking senior year SAT/ACTs, do not postpone your application, apply now but make sure you note in app that you are retesting. Forward your new scores electronically to your colleges through the testing service.

Other Stuff

- Check application status on-line. Colleges differ in regards to how frequently they update their on-line files. If something is missing contact the college.
- Our school code is 391-745.
- “Engagement”- professors who care and make learning exciting, projects, extra-curricular, mentor, internships.
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Acceptance Rates

	Accepted	Wait-listed	Accepted from list
● Bloomsburg	77%	Not supplied	
● Lehigh U.	32%	6200	1300
● Penn State	49%	4600	1600
● Univ. of Del	63%	1200	314
● Univ. of Penn	8%	2900	101
● West Chester	75%	2250	1130

Graduation Rates

	4yr	6yr
• Bucknell	85%	88%
• Kutztown	35%	53%
• Temple	45%	71%
• U Pittsburgh	69%	83%
• West Chester	48%	73%
• Yale	86%	98%

Admissions Testing

- ? One piece of the puzzle.
- ? Importance varies by college.
- ? SAT/ACT optional colleges (www.fairtest.org).
- ? Students **MUST** send scores directly from College Board/ACT. May be a fee.

SAT Subject Tests

- Required by very selective colleges.
- Measure knowledge in a particular area.
- Can take up to three subjects at one testing.
- Contact college for its particular requirements regarding testing deadline and subject areas.
- Can be used for admissions or course placement.
- Early Decision candidates may have to have in by November deadline.

Advanced Placement Exams

- Given in May, nationwide and at SV.
- Demonstrate knowledge in college level studies.
- May be awarded college credit, advanced placement or both based upon their score.
- Scored 1-5. Usually need a 4 or 5 for credit.

College Level Academic Support

- Students who received academic or emotional support through an IEP or 504 in high school are eligible for same at post-secondary level.
- Individuals with Disabilities ACT (IDEA).
- Level of support offered by schools varies: comprehensive, coordinated and minimal.
- Must provide recent documentation.
- Students must self-advocate to receive services.
- Same admissions criteria as regular ed students.

College Athletics (NCAA)

- Prospective student athletes for Div I and II.
- Must register with the eligibility center at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Div I- Minimum GPA of 2.3 in 16 core courses and SAT/ACT that matches GPA on sliding scale.
- Div II- Minimum GPA of 2.2 in 16 core courses and SAT/ACT that matches GPA on sliding scale.
- SAT scores must be sent from College Board. Use code 9999.
- Student must request official transcript to be sent after end of junior year.

College Costs

	Tuition/Fees	Room/Board
● Harvard	54,000	18,300
● Lafayette	57,000	16,800
● Lock Haven	10,878	10,368
● Northampton CC	4,530	9,348
● PSU Lehigh Valley	13,400	NA
● Temple	19,748	10,800

Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Both students and parents must complete the FAFSA.
- It is FREE and must be done on-line. Solicitations asking for money are scams. DO NOT PAY!
- Submit as soon as possible after October 1st.
- By completing early there will be time to make corrections if there is a problem.
- Student and parent can get FSA ID number now.
- www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.fsaaid.ed.gov
- Please attend our Financial Aid Night on October 1st at 6:00 on Zoom. A financial aid officer will present everything you need to know.
- CSS profile required by some private schools.

Scholarships

- www.fastweb.com
- List from counseling office will be in Naviance.
- Check with parents' employers.
- Individual colleges offer scholarships.
- Church and other organizations may offer scholarships to members.
- SV scholarship committee meets in May to determine recipients of in-house scholarships.
- Avoid anything that charges a fee.
- ROTC- Many types of college scholarships. Very competitive. Guaranteed job in military as officer.
- Consider National Guard or Reserves for other ways to get money for college.

Resources

- We are here to help! Contact us if you need assistance
- Our website- www.svpanthers.org>high school>student services>counseling office
- Naviance
- CollegeBoard

Good Luck!