Oyster Bay - East Norwich Central School District



Grade 11 College Information Night



January 17, 2024



Tonight's Focus



- College/University Student Fit
- **College/University Student Profile**
- Using Naviance
- **SAT vs. ACT**
- Application Deadlines
- **Application Options**
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- **♦ NCAA**
- Next Steps



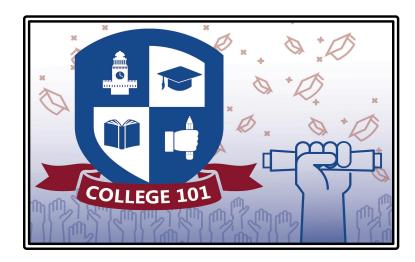


What Should You Consider?



- * 2-3 *Likely* Schools
- * 2-3 Target Schools
- * 2-3 *Reach* Schools

TOTAL: 7-10 Schools

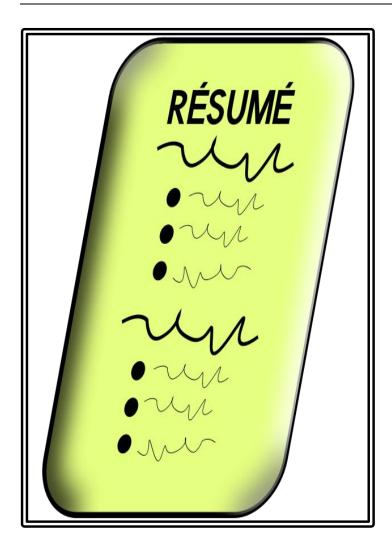


- Location & distance from home
- Fit with interests & career goals
- Majors/minors offered
- Public vs. Private
- **Admissions requirements**



What Do Colleges/Universities Look For?





- **Course rigor**
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Grades in each course
- **♦** SAT/ACT/AP scores
- **Letters of Recommendation**
- Resume/Activities
- **College Essay**



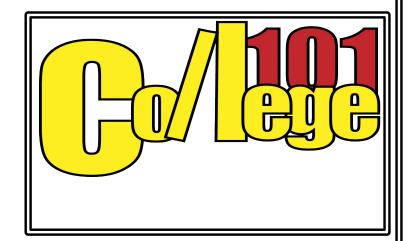
How Should I Use Naviance?



- **♦** All students have accounts through Classlink
 - Select Single Sign-On Option (SSO)



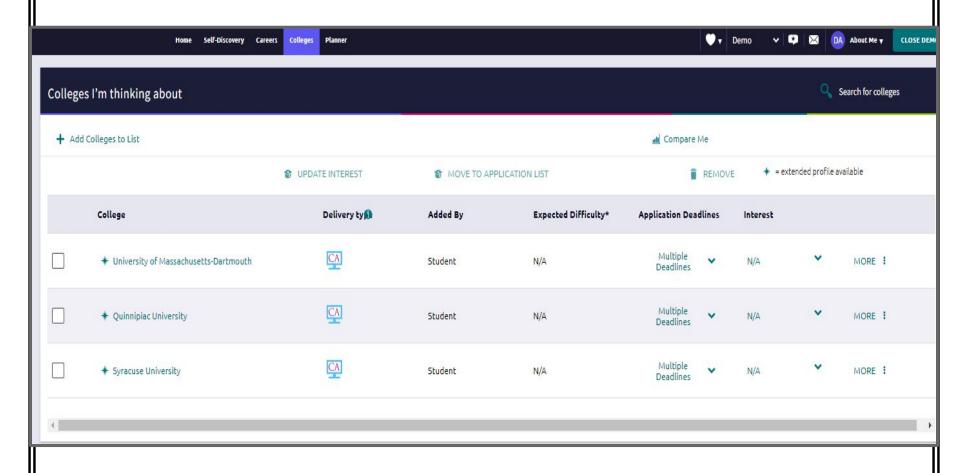
- Web-based program used as a college and career search engine
- Digital portfolio viewable to you and your counselor ONLY
- **♦** Scattergrams
- Request Teacher Recommendations
 - > 2 teachers
 - **▶** <u>Deadline:</u> June





Colleges I'm Thinking About

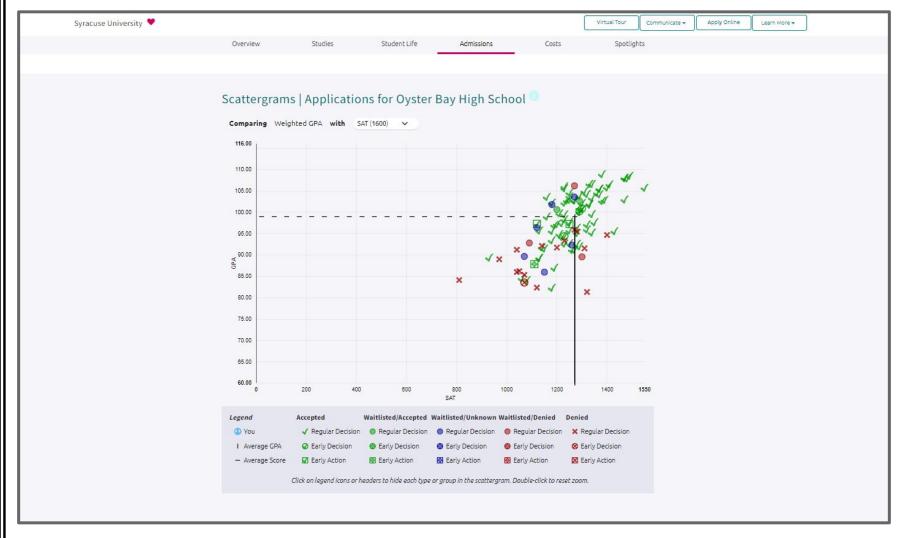






Scattergram







What About the SAT and/or ACT?



<u>SAT</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>ACT</u>
2 hours 15 minutes	Timing	2 hours 55 minutes
2 modules (Reading/Writing & Math) DIGITAL	Sections & Format	4 sections (Reading, English,Math, Science) PAPER-BASED
1600 Total of 2 modules worth up to 800 points each	Total Points	36 The average of all 4 sections
Adaptable questions based on previous answers	Key Differences	Science & optional writing section
No longer available	Copy of Test Responses	Available for September, April, June tests

Superscoring

Colleges/Universities will combine <u>highest critical</u> reading & <u>highest math score</u> to give <u>highest</u> possible score combination



How Can I Prepare for Standardized Tests?



- Method Learning on OBHS Website
 - > FREE online SAT & ACT test prep
 - ➤ Methodlearning.com
- **Test Takers:** *Ttprep.com*
- **♦** Princeton Review: Princetonreview.com
- **♦ Kaplan:** *Kaptest.com*
- **College Board–Khan Academy**
 - > Khanacademy.org



What Are the Types of Application Deadlines?



- ***** Early Decision (ED)
 - > Binding agreement
 - Can only apply to 1 school under ED deadline
 - > November 1st and November 15th
 - Some are October 15th
- Early Action (EA)
 - > Not binding unless labeled "Restrictive"
 - > November 1st and November 15th



What Are the Types of Application Deadlines?



- Rolling Admission
 - > Accept students as completed applications are received AND there is room in incoming class
- Regular Decision
 - ➤ January 1st or 15th



What Are my Options to Apply?



- Common Application
 - > Commonapp.org
 - > 1,000 colleges/universities as members
- **♦** SUNY
 - > Suny.edu
 - > Most SUNY schools now on Common Application
 - > SUNY Free Application Week
- **CUNY**
 - Cuny.edu
- **On-Site Admissions**
 - Most application fees waived
 - > Face to face interaction with college representatives
 - On the spot decision and idea of merit grants/scholarships



What About Financial Aid & Scholarships?



♦ FAFSA - Fafsa.ed.gov

- Free Application for FederalStudent Aid
- > Apply senior year after October 1, 2024
- Must be completed to qualify for any aid or loans

Scholarships

- Monthly Scholarship Bulletin posted on webpage and sent through Parent/Student Square
- > NYS Excelsior Scholarship
- > Fastweb
- > Scholarships.com
- > College Board Big Future

Keep in mind that the largest scholarships tend to come from the colleges themselves



What is NCAA?



- Applies to student athletes intending to play NCAA Division I or II sports
 - > Must register at eligibilitycenter.org
- Specific course and testing requirements
- **MUST speak with coach and counselor if you are interested in Division I or II**



What Are My Next Steps in This Process?



- College Mini-Fairs
- **♦** Keep grades competitive
- Set up standardized testing calendar and test prep options
- Attend your Junior Conference
 - Complete at least one college search in Naviance to make the meeting most efficient
- Create a college/university visit schedule
- Create a Resume/list of activities

Common App Bootcamp & College 101
Summer of 2024 is VERY important





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THANK YOU

