



Senior Parent College Night

It's All Downhill From Here!

Direction of Intention

Lord Jesus, give me the grace to perform this action with you and through love for you. I offer to you all the good that I may do, and accept all the difficulty I may meet therein. Amen.

St. Francis de Sales, Pray for Us
St. Jane de Chantal, Pray for Us





Agenda

Quite simply...

We will be covering as
much about the College
Process as possible in
one hour!

What has already taken place?

Emailed to Students:

- Transcripts
- Credit Checks (GPA's, Rank, Test Scores, Grad Credits)

Senior Class Presentation (in progress)

- College Application Process; using Naviance for requests

Parents

- Received Access Codes to Naviance when child was freshman
- Included in college updates via email
- *Optional* Brag Sheet Survey via Naviance
 - Can also download from Guidance website

NOTE: college updates sent to Primary parent unless requested otherwise (unless different households)

College Application Process

Student Responsibility ~ “ownership” of process;
submit applications; meet deadlines; track progress

Parent Responsibility ~ assist child with process

STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE APPLICATIONS!



Guidance Responsibility ~ provide students & parents
with information regarding the application process,
scholarships, financial aid, meeting deadlines,
etc.; Send official transcripts (& letters when
requested)

Application Process

NOW...

1. Request Letters from teachers (*if needed*); Finalize Essays

WHEN READY TO APPLY...

1. Submit Application, Fee, *Essay (when required)* Online
2. Request Transcript (*via Naviance or Hard Copy Form*)
4. Send Official Test Scores (*from test center*)
5. Track Progress (*via Naviance & on institution's website*)

GATHER DOCUMENTS

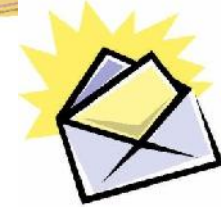
What You'll Need For Every Application:



- A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**
- A LIST OF YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**
- TEST SCORES AND TEST DATES FROM YOUR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS**
(SATs, ACTs, SAT Subject Tests)
- PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION**
(educational background, occupational information, employer information, etc.)

For FL Univ: Parent Residency Info: Date of residence, voter registration, drivers license, vehicle registration + documents

Step 1: Letters & Essay



Letters:

Only request if needed; request in person

Give at least 2 weeks notice

Provide teacher with transcript, resume, & college list

Uploaded to Naviance; confidential; FERPA Waiver

Not reviewed by universities in Florida!!

Essay(s):

Have proofread! Important if requested!

Honesty, sincerity, originality all key factors

Essay suggestions in Naviance – Document Library

“Essays that worked”: <http://apply.jhu.edu/apply/essays/>

Step 2: Apply

- **Go directly to each institution's website; APPLY ONLINE**
 - Pay fee (waivers for those who qualify)
 - upload essay (*when available*)
 - Print copy for your records & submit application
 - FL institutions: complete Residency Form



OR

Common App ~ www.commonapp.org

Lists created in CA will automatically appear in Naviance after you MATCH accounts

OR

Coalition App ~ <http://coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

Note: ALL transcript/letter requests MUST be made in Naviance

Which application do I use?

Examples #1

UF – requires Coalition app

FSU – using Coalition essay(s); must use FSU's app

Ohio State – choice of Common App or Coalition App

WHICH SHOULD BE USED FOR OSU? COALITION

Examples #2

FGCU; USF – both have their own apps

Florida Southern – accepts Common App or their own

**WHICH SHOULD BE USED FOR FSC? THEIR OWN; MUCH EASIER
THAN THE COMMON APP**



Which app should I use?

Example #3

Notre Dame – accepts Common App or Coalition App

Duke – accepts Common App or Coalition App

Univ of Miami – exclusive Common App

WHICH SHOULD BE USED FOR ND & DUKE? COMMON APP;
REQUIRED BY MIAMI

What if UF were added to the above list?

UNFORTUNATELY NOW YOU MUST USE BOTH, SINCE UF REQUIRES THE COALITION APP & MIAMI REQUIRES THE COMMON APP

Step 3: Request Transcript



Transcripts must be sent by Guidance

- Enter request in your Naviance account **AFTER YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR APPLICATION!**
- Will NOT be sent unless Transcript Release Form is on file i
- Will NOT be sent unless Brag Sheet & Resume are on file!
- Requests processed once a week (end of week)
- Hard Copy - see Guidance; \$2 fee for each request

Dual Enrollment: Must have official transcript sent directly from institution attended

AP scores – *send from test center to the institution you plan to attend; can be taken care of in MAY!*

Step 4: Send Test Scores



Go directly to test center website


SAT: www.collegeboard.org

ACT: www.actstudent.org

- Retest in Fall if needed (SAT, SATII, ACT)
- Scores MUST be sent directly from the test center
- 4 FREE requests each time student registers

Must pay a fee for each score sent after testing

Fee Waivers – for those who qualify

 Typically must have at least ONE test score on file by application deadline date; ck each institution's website for process

NOTE: STUDENTS CAN APPLY AND HAVE TEST SCORES SENT IN LATER

Step 5: Track your Status

Check status of transcript/letter requests



Status checks on each institution's website

- Make sure ALL required items have been received!!
 - a. Transcript; Test Scores; App Fee
 - b. Other required items (letters, essay, etc)
- Monitor for decision

SSAR

- Self-Reported Student Academic Record
- Used by UF, FSU, FPU, Flagler

<https://www.selfreportedtranscript.com/ssar/Login.aspx>

- Must enter classes, grades, GPA's rank
- Link to application(s)

U California also uses a Self-Report system!

Note: In Naviance, Students must still indicate you have applied however do NOT request transcripts for self-report institutions!

Application tips shared with seniors

- Meet all deadline dates!! This is crucial!
- Apply Soon! Do not wait for improved grades/scores *(unless you do not meet minimum marks for admission; see Guidance); can send updated info when available*
- Discipline statement – only say “yes” for serious offenses
- Do not to leave any items blank! (use N/A)
- Use appropriate email address; clean up social media
- Senior grades do count!

Tips continued...

- Keep record of everything sent
- Follow-up with teachers/guidance
- Make sure name used matches everything sent!
- Be sure to share information you would like the Admissions Office to take into consideration when making a decision!
 - Learning Support Plan; 1st generation in college; family background/special circumstances; schedule conflicts; etc.

Can also be incorporated into letters

State University Admissions – FL

Updates coming after counselors attend the state university system workshop on Sept. 1, 2016

- 2.5 **Core** GPA (most prefer 3.0+) and:
Old SAT 460 sub-scores; New SAT 500 sub-scores
OR
19 ACT Reading, 19 ACT Math, 18 ACT English/Writing

Note: **Last year** FGCU: 3.0+ weighted GPA & 1450 would = admit

- Counselors attend SUS Admission Tour - Sept. 1st @ FGCU
Updates will be shared w/ students & parents

State Colleges: Can apply early Spring; Open Admission; still must meet min test scores for college-level classes

Private Institutions: admission requirements vary; ck Naviance & websites!!

Ways to Apply

- **Rolling Admission** (continuous; first come – first serve)
FGCU, FAU, USF, UCF; many institutions in FL
- **Regular Decision** (deadline dates)
FSU: deadline: Oct. 19th (Decision in Dec.)
UF: deadline: Nov. 1st (Decision mid Feb)
Note: must complete SSAR (Self-reported Student Academic Record)
www.selfreportedtranscript.com ; NO letters accepted!
- **Early Action - EA** (non-binding)
Apply by “early date;” receive earlier decision
- **Restricted Early Action REA** (non-binding)
Can only apply to one institution REA
Cannot apply to any other institution by EA or E
- **Early Decision - ED** (Binding/Contract)
Can only apply to one institution by ED
If accepted, must withdraw all other apps



Summer Term

**You'll be
glad
you did!**

Recommended at larger universities

Does not necessarily make it easier to get admitted;
however slight advantage at some schools

Apply to term you would like to attend; colleges will
offer summer if only option; at the more
competitive institutions, this could mean Spring

There is a Summer Term requirement (9 credits) for
all universities in Florida within student's 4 years

Not a full course load; statistically students that start
in the summer get off to a better start

How to Handle Decisions

If Deferred ~ meet w/ Guidance... must submit new test scores & grades; personal statement; Typically in JANUARY

If Denied ~ meet w/ Guidance... Appeal (if option); improve & ask to be reconsidered; attend a 2-yr school (or a different 4-yr school); option to transfer

Acceptances – have until May 1st to make decision/pay deposit; register for orientation

NEXT STEPS: housing ASAP

Note: may need to put down more than one housing deposit

Turn in copies of Acceptances
For ALL: Record decisions in Naviance!

Student-Athletes

NCAA & NAIA Clearinghouses:

www.eligibilitycenter.org: for NCAA Div I or II schools

www.playnaia.org

Must have scores sent from test center

Must send official Transcript from every high school attended

Note: do not have to apply to all colleges student is being recruited at



Theater/Music Auditions Art Portfolios

- Communicate with Fine Arts teachers
- Check college websites for audition dates; process for submitting portfolios
- Prepare materials in advance (bio sheets; song repertoire, pictures for portfolio, etc)

Note: do not have to apply to all colleges student is auditioning at

Scholarship Process

- Student responsibility to seek out and apply for scholarships
 - **Scholarship List(s) in Naviance**
 - **Weekly Scholarship Update**
 - FREE online searches – links on Guidance website
 - College websites; Academic Departments
 - Be aware of scams...never “pay” a fee



Look for Priority Scholarship deadlines **at institution's** student applies to!

If offered a scholarship, record it in Naviance!!

Students are REQUIRED to turn in hard copies of all scholarship offers!

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Medallion: 3.0 Core & 1170 SAT (R+M) or 26 ACT
+ 75 hrs of service

Academic: 3.5 Core & 1290 SAT (R+M) or 29 ACT
+ 100 hrs of service

Core GPA – best grades in the following:

- 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Sci, 3 Hist, 2 Lang
.5 for honors/AP; no pluses or minuses

Application opens Dec. 1st

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/>

Financial Aid

ALL should complete FAFSA...www.fafsa.ed.gov

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Opens Oct 1st : for Fall Term 2017

Will use prior-prior taxes now; so from 2015!

Use IRS data retrieval

May also need to complete:

- **CSS Financial Aid Profile Forms** – www.collegeboard.org
(\$25 1st college; \$16 each additional school; opens Oct. 1st)
 - **Institutional Forms** – ck school's website
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- Early communication with school
 - Establish one contact at each school
 - Financial aid workshop (Sept. 21st)

Resources Available

- Weekly College & Scholarship Update (Naviance home page)
- Check email often!!!
- Individual college meetings (parents welcome)
- Café sessions (small group meetings during lunch)

C.A.P.S. – College Application Planning Sessions
Tues & Thurs; 3:00-4:30pm; Computer Lab; starts next week!

Parents & Naviance

- Optional Parent Brag Sheet

Gives you a voice in the process, especially when it comes to the recommendations we submit

[About Me](#) tab; Survey is on left side

- Help track application deadlines and monitor what is sent (transcripts, letters) & when they were sent!

[Colleges](#) tab; “Colleges I’m Applying To” link

- View what colleges & universities will be visiting Bishop Verot; Encourage your student to sign up!

[Colleges](#) tab; “Upcoming College Visits” on right

<https://connection.naviance.com/bishopverot>

Welcome to Family Connection

STUDENTS: Log in using your BV email username (first.last name) & password; PARENTS: were sent a welcome email with log in instructions. Contact the Guidance Office if you did not receive the email.

e-mail

password

remember me

Log In

[forgot your password?](#)

[need additional help?](#)

are you new here?

[I'm a guest](#)

[I need to register](#)



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**THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING!**

Questions?