



**Welcome to Division Avenue High School**

**12th Grade  
College Information Night**

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# Guidance and Counseling Department



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# Topics to be Discussed

1. Components of College Application
2. Developing Your College List
3. Types of College Applications
4. Types of Admissions
5. Application Deadlines
6. Naviance & Common App
7. College Application Bootcamps
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9. Financial Aid & Scholarships
10. NCAA
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# Components of a College Application

- Official High School Transcript
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Official SAT or ACT Scores self reported or sent from testing agency (if required)
- Essay and Supplements
- Portfolio or Audition (only for certain programs, art, music, etc.)
- NCAA Registration (for recruited athletes)

Most colleges will email you once you have submitted your application. Many will send the student a link to set up a **portal account** to track your application. It can take colleges 2-3 weeks to process your documents and update their system.

**Be diligent and patient!**



# High School Transcript

- Transcripts have been posted to the PowerSchool Portal
- Students should verify that all grades and Regents exam scores are accurate
- List of courses in progress are listed on transcript
- Some colleges require 1st Quarter Grades, and many require mid-year grades
- The final transcript is sent to the college you're attending
- It is crucial to put your best foot forward this year!
- SRAR/SSAR  
<https://srar.selfreportedtranscript.com/Login.aspx>

# Recommendation Letters

*Request Teachers in Naviance*

- **Teacher Letter (Core Academic Subject)**
  - Ask the teacher directly
  - Add them to Naviance
  - Complete teacher form
- **School Counselor**
  - **MUST** complete Student Comment Form
  - Completed Parent Comment Form is encouraged and helpful!

*\*Outside Recommenders (coach, community organization, etc.) should be invited through the Common App (although not required)*

# Standardized Testing

Some colleges require the SAT/ACT, however, many colleges are test optional, meaning the student does not have to submit test scores. **Read directions** for the each college as some test optional schools may still require test scores for admission to special majors, programs and scholarships. If you are submitting test scores, they should “compliment” or add to the strength of your application. Submitting strong scores could result in more scholarship money.

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](http://WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG) AND/OR [WWW.ACT.ORG](http://WWW.ACT.ORG) FOR UPCOMING TESTS AND DEADLINES. IF OFFICIAL TEST SCORES ARE REQUIRED THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING SCORES DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGES THROUGH THE TESTING COMPANIES.



# College Essay & Supplements

The College Essay is an important part of your application that helps give a glimpse of your personality to the admissions committee. It is important to take your time formulating your essay.

## College Essay Workshops

### **Ms. Barrett**

**2:30-4:30PM**

Room 118

After School

Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Thursdays & Fridays

### **Ms. Stritzl**

**\*by appointment only**

Room 128

After School

Mondays, Wednesdays,  
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# Developing Your College List

*The goal is to find the best fit college that meets your academic, social and financial needs...*

- **Likely:** a school where your academic credentials fall well above what the school is requiring
- **Target:** a school where your academic credentials fall within the range the school is requiring
- **Reach:** a school where your academic credentials fall short of what the school is requiring

# Types of College Applications



## The CUNY Application

- **Common App** ([commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org)): over 1100 colleges will accept this application, including many SUNY schools
- **College Specific** Applications (MIT, UC Schools, Georgetown)
- **SUNY** ([suny.edu](http://suny.edu)): State University of New York application
- **CUNY** ([cuny.edu](http://cuny.edu)): City University of New York application
- **Nassau CC** ([ncc.edu](http://ncc.edu)): online application

# Types of College Admissions



## Early Admissions

- **Early Decision:**  
Binding agreement, can only apply to **ONE** school under this plan
- **Early Action:**  
Non-Binding, apply late fall and usually get a decision by early winter. Can apply to multiple schools under this plan
- **Restrictive Early Action:** May restrict students from applying Early Action to more than one school

## Regular Admissions

- **Regular Decision:**  
Apply by the college's regular deadline which is usually early winter and receive notification by early Spring
- **Rolling Admissions:**  
Applications are reviewed as they are received and decisions are "rolled out" students should not wait too long to apply because programs can fill up quickly

**\*\*Please check college website for specific admission policy\*\***

# Application Process Deadlines

## Student Submits:

Online Application  
Self Report or Official Test Scores (if needed)

## Guidance Submits:

Official Transcript  
Letters of Recommendation  
Secondary School Report

**\*Please be mindful of your deadlines! The Guidance Office requires students to submit their transcript request through Naviance before the college deadline so that applications can be processed in**

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE	TRANSCRIPT REQUEST IN NAVIANCE
October 15	October 1
November 1	October 18
November 15	November 1
December 1	November 14
January 1-5	December 9

# Naviance & Common App

*an important part of the college process*

## To Do in Common App:

1. Create Common App Account
2. Complete the *Education* Section
3. Add at least one College
4. Complete the Common App *FERPA* Release Authorization
5. *Match* your Common App to Naviance

<https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1>

## To Do in Naviance:

1. *Colleges I'm Applying To* List Should Be Accurate (deadline, application type, etc)
2. Request your *Initial Transcript* to be Sent to your Colleges (adhere to deadlines)
3. Request *teacher recommendation letters*

# On-Site Admissions

## November-December



- **Adelphi University**
- **Hofstra University**
- **LIU Post**
- **Molloy University**
- **Mount Saint Mary College**
- **NYIT**
- **St. John's University**
- **St. Joseph's University**

**Additional information - dates, criteria, etc. - will be posted on ParentSquare, the Guidance Class of 2025 Google Classroom, and the DAHS Guidance website.**

# Financial Aid & Scholarships



- **District Financial Aid Night**
  - October 17th 7:00 pm  
at MacArthur High School
- **FAFSA**  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
  - Deadlines vary by college
- **CSS Profile**  
<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/about>
  - Over 400 **private** colleges and universities use the CSS Profile
- **Scholarship Bulletins**
  - Posted regularly on Parent Square, the Guidance Google Classroom and the DAHS Guidance website

# NCAA *(National Collegiate Athletics Association)*

## **Guide for the Student Athlete**

[http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility\\_center/Student\\_Resources/CBSA.pdf](http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/CBSA.pdf)

## **Eligibility Center**

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

## **DI Requirements -**

[http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility\\_center/Student\\_Resources/DI\\_ReqsFactSheet.pdf](http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/DI_ReqsFactSheet.pdf)

## **DII Requirements -**

[http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility\\_center/Student\\_Resources/DII\\_ReqsFactSheet.pdf](http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/DII_ReqsFactSheet.pdf)

**DIII Requirements -** <https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2021/5/11/division-iii-academics.aspx>







# College Application Bootcamps 9/26-10/25

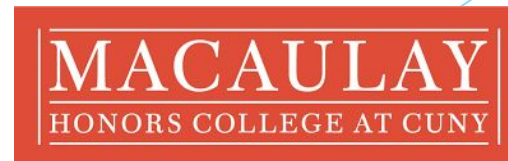
Sign up through [Guidance Google Classroom](#)



## Upcoming College Fairs

SUNY: Sunday, September 29th

NCA Fall Expo: Tuesday, October 1st



# QUESTIONS?



**THANK YOU FOR COMING!**