WELCOME
SIXED
PARENTS
THE COLLEGE PROCESS FOR SENIORS

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Statistics from the Class of 2018

- Accepted to 172 Different Colleges. Will Attend 65 different colleges across 20 states
- 60% Are attending college out of state
- 652 Applications Submitted
  Averaging just over 5 applications a student
- 20% Are attending a Catholic college
- $15.2 Million in Merit Scholarships
HOW COLLEGE COUNSELING CAN BE HELPFUL THIS FALL

- Each individual student will be met with to go over college application lists & plans - Do we need to add any other schools or make changes to make a more balanced & realistic list?
- To uncomplicate the application process for seniors and assist them in organizing & completing their application materials
- College Essay work
- Assisting students in identifying college scholarship & financial aid opportunities as well as honors and scholars opportunities at the colleges they are applying to and beyond. (Naviance list of scholarships)
- To assess testing needs & score sending strategies - Do I need to take the SAT/ACT again? How do my scores compare to admitted students? Scores: When, How, What
- College Interview Prep
- Sending application materials needed from MDSA by all student deadlines
- Connecting students with admission counselors
WHERE SENIORS SHOULD BE IN THE PROCESS RIGHT NOW

- Students should be actively honing in on their college application list (target is 5-7 schools, mix of reach, 50/50, and safety schools)
- Have requested 2 teacher letters of recommendation on Naviance
- Have completed the resume section of Naviance or emailed me a resume
- In the midst of working on college essays (if an essay says optional, students are encouraged to still complete)
- Researching financial aid & scholarship options at each school on their list
- Preparing for fall testing (SAT or ACT)
- Organizing college application methods and deadlines as well as starting to apply to colleges
- They will receive detailed application info this morning
# Types of Application Deadlines

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<td>Applications are reviewed as they are received.</td>
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<td>Early Decision</td>
<td><strong>BINDING CONTRACT.</strong> If you choose to apply ED, you are entering into a contract stating that you will choose to attend the school if admitted. Both you &amp; I will have to sign the contract.</td>
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<td>Early Action</td>
<td><strong>NON-BINDING.</strong> You are choosing to turn in the application early and will in turn receive an early decision back. All students applying to UMD CP must apply by their “Priority” deadline to be seriously considered.</td>
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<td>Restrictive Early Action</td>
<td>If you choose to apply to a school under this plan, there will be school specific guidelines about your applications to other schools. For instance, you may not be able to apply ED to another school and/or EA.</td>
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<td>Regular Decision</td>
<td>This will be the final application deadline and you will hear back in the springtime.</td>
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APPLICATION PLATFORMS

- College’s own application
- Common Application
- Coalition Application
- Specific state or college systems such as Cal State System

Applications will cost varying amounts depending on the school.
Online application you can use for over 800 colleges. You only have to fill it out once and it can be used for all schools that use it.

Note: Many colleges have additional supplements you have to submit. These are forms with additional questions and sometimes an essay.

Some colleges are common app only
THE COALITION APPLICATION

- Fairly new application platform with 140 colleges that use it
- Same premise as the common app. Online form that you fill out once with one major essay
- Just like the common app, each school has their own supplemental section
- Some colleges are Coalition exclusive such as University of Maryland.
- Virtual “Locker” to organize materials
On top of filling out their applications, students are required to complete certain steps on Naviance...
CRUCIAL THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE ON NAVIANCE

- Put all colleges they are applying to on their “Colleges I am applying to list” on Naviance. This includes 2-year schools.

- Enter type of application (Common App or Direct to Institution) and deadline (ED, EA, Rolling, REA, RD). The documents will not be received properly by the colleges if these questions are not answered accurately.

- Check box on college list “I have applied”...this is how I know when they have actually submitted & request transcripts.

- Have resume on Naviance for letters of recommendation.

- If using Common Application, they will need to match with Naviance. I will teach this process to all seniors during orientation.
WHAT IS BEING SENT TO COLLEGES FROM MDSA

- Documents are sent via Naviance.
- It is the student's responsibility to send test scores to the colleges from the testing companies if the college requires official test scores. (Please allow plenty of time to received by schools.)
- Students must indicate the colleges they are applying to on Naviance along with their method of applying and deadline.
- Please keep me aware if your daughter in an athlete planning to play in college and needs a transcript on the NCAA Eligibility Center and/or to a coach or applying to military academies.
- Students will receive lots of automated emails about transcripts/letters.
Some colleges are starting to require students to self-report their academic records.

Some schools use the Self Reported Academic Record Form (which requires students to make an account online, Florida Public schools) and some will have them self-report right onto the application (University of South Carolina).

Students may be asked to key in their grades or upload a scanned image of the transcript.

In this case, MDSA would not send an official transcript until the student has been accepted and has chosen to enroll at the school.

Still, most schools want official copies initially.
## COLLEGE ADMISSION DECISIONS

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<td><strong>ACCEPT</strong></td>
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<td><strong>DENY</strong></td>
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<td><strong>DEFERRED</strong></td>
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<td><strong>WAITLIST</strong></td>
<td>Waitlisted means that the college is not able to accept you immediately into their incoming class. They will put you on a waitlist and will make a decision to accept you if room becomes available. The college will ask if you would like to stay on the waitlist.</td>
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Please keep me informed if either of these two results occur.
WHEN DECISIONS ARE COMING IN

- Students should update their Naviance account regularly with the decisions that they receive. This can be done on their Naviance College List.
- Update Naviance & let me know when a final decision has been made. YAY!
- I will be asking students for copies of all acceptance letters, all merit scholarships, and significant outside scholarships.
FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS & TIPS

• Be familiar with all scholarships offered by each individual college. Do they have a separate scholarship application? Do particular academic/major departments have their own scholarships? Are there honors/scholarship programs that have scholarship money or grants attached?

• Each College should have a Net Price Calculator tool or forecaster on their financial aid page that allows for students and their family to estimate cost of attendance.

• The FAFSA opens up on OCTOBER 1st. Please be prepared to fill this out as close to this date as possible. The CSS Profile is another form to be aware of (for private colleges).

• Be aware of financial aid policies of each out of state college regarding outside scholarships and how they utilize them... do they use it towards unmet need? take away loans first? Or merit scholarships

PLEASE ATTEND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: SEPTEMBER 18th @ 7PM here at MDSA
**College Visit Protocol**

- Senior students are allowed to attend 3 college visits without affecting attendance.
- Before the visit, students must pick up and complete college visit form with all signatures needed.
- Students must return with a signature from the college.
- We have many college representatives coming to MDSA this fall & MDSA/MSJ College Fair.
FINAL THOUGHTS

Always remember that it is most important that your daughter chooses a college that is the best fit.

Please refer to the MDSA Guide to College Admissions book for more tips.

Reach out to me if there are any questions & encourage your daughters to reach out as well as needed.

God has a plan.