WHAT’S NEXT?

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

Junior Parent Meeting

11/6/19
Why go to college?

- Achievement of a personal goal
- Career preparation
- Learning opportunity
- Increased earning power
- Meet new and interesting people
- Obtain a professional degree
- Study new and different subjects
Student Self-Assessment

- Strengths/Weaknesses?
- Possible career choices?
- Academic interests?
- What courses have you enjoyed most?
- What learning style fits you?
- Identify what is important to you (location, size, programs offered, career possibilities, atmosphere)
Helpful Student Self-Assessment Tools

Naviance Student
- Do What You Are
- Strength Explorer
- Career Key
- Career Interest Profiler
- Career Cluster Finder

Fiske Guide Survey
WHAT REALLY MATTERS IN COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE DECISIONS?

The GPA Game
WHAT COLLEGES LOOK FOR IN STUDENTS

- Quality of course work and level of challenge
- Grade trends
- Test scores
- Extra-curricular activities and community service
- Junior and senior year courses
CHARACTERISTICS OF SCHOOLS

• Degree of academic challenge
• Public or Private, Honors Programs
• Admission selectivity
• Size: large vs. small college
• College location & setting
• Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)
• Religiously affiliation
• Coed versus single sex campuses
Gathering College Information

- College rep visits at Shaker (Fall)
- Bulletin boards in Counseling Office
- Naviance Student
- College websites
- Books: Fiske Guide, Book of Majors
Creating A Balanced College List

• Safety (Academic & Financial)
• Probably
• Possible
• Reach
EXPLORE & REVISE COLLEGE LIST

• Talk with child about their budget for college, how far they can go from home
• Develop list regarding reach, possible, probable and safety schools
• Visit colleges/universities
• Keep revising college list
For Students & Parents

Get involved in the planning process – build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers.

Research colleges – see stats for GPAs & ACT/SAT scores of former Shaker students who have applied to and/or been admitted to each college. Also provides detailed info on each college and links to their websites.

Sign up for college visits – see which colleges are sending representatives to Shaker to meet with students, when those visits are, and sign up to attend these sessions (visits taking place during the school day are for students only – no parents).

Complete online forms including the Parent Brag Sheet, the Student Self Recommendation Form, as well as Self-Assessment tools on the site.

Access information about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other online resources for college and career information.

If you need access to Naviance Student, contact Gabrielle Perrin at perrin_g@shaker.org
Need your Naviance account info?

Email Gabrielle Perrin at perrin_g@shaker.org

Include:

1. **Your name**
2. **Your student’s name** (if there are older/younger siblings, include their names so the accounts can be linked)
3. What **email address** you want linked to your account
Net Price Calculator

• Each college has a Net Price Calculator on their website

• You enter your financial information + student’s GPA/test scores, and the Net Price Calculator estimates the Cost of Attendance for your student

• Vital for assessing affordability
Junior Year Checklist

*** Schedule and attend Post-High School Planning Meeting with your student & School Counselor, starting in November

December
- Explore college options on Naviance Student & elsewhere
- Begin thinking about summer opportunities & college visit plans
- Review your PSAT score, develop plan on how to prepare for SAT/ACT tests

January and February
- Explore college options on Naviance Student & elsewhere
- Select classes for senior year
- Register for testing for either ACT or SAT
- ACT given to all junior students at SHHS, probably first week of March 2020 (TBD)

Begin preparing for ACT/SAT tests
Khan Academy for SAT
ACT Academy for ACT
Other prep options online and in-person
Junior Year Checklist

March & April
● Continue to explore college options on Naviance Student & elsewhere
● Attend National College Fair & SHHS College Planning Night
● Make summer plans
● Set up & attend college visits during Spring Break
● Sign up & take ACT/SAT tests

May
● Explore college options on Naviance
● Ask teachers for Letters of Recommendation
● Take AP/IB tests
● Take ACT, SAT and/or Subject Tests as needed
● Keep grades up - finish strong!
Junior Year Checklist

June & Summer
- College visits
- Refine college list
- Summer work or summer experience
- Polish college essays
- Begin Common App when available
IMPORTANT EVENTS

HBCU Fair
Saturday, November 23, 2019
8am - 3pm
Warrensville Hts. High School

NACAC National College Fair
Saturday, February 8, 2020
1pm-4pm
Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland

College Planning Night at SHHS
Thursday, April 2, 2020
6:30pm
COUNSELOR’S ROLE

• Guide college search
• Help with exploration strategies
• Help with visit and interview strategies
STUDENT’S ROLE

- Research colleges & majors
- Communicate with School Counselor
- Visit schools
- Take ACT/SAT
- Look for scholarship information
- Continue to be involved in our community - clubs, sports, volunteering, work
PARENT’S ROLE

- Attend individual Post-High School Planning Meeting with your student
- Share geographic & financial guidelines with student
- Take student for college visits
- Coordinate SAT/ACT testing