



# College Info Night

October 28, 2021

# How To Select A College

- Size – Pros and Cons to both, but depends on the student
- Location
- Major
- Cost – In-State vs. Out-of-State
- Academics
- Reputation

# Size of the School

## Small Schools

- Smaller class sizes
- More opportunities to get to know professors
- Greater chances for leadership roles in organizations

## Large Schools

- Large lecture-style classes
- Potential for more courses and activities to choose from
- Big-time intercollegiate athletics

# Location

- In-State vs. Out-of-State
- What part of the country?
  - Weather
  - Distance from home
  - Internship opportunities
- Where is it located?
  - Urban vs. Rural

# Major

- Approximately 20-50% of students enter college without a major decided
- Approximately 50-75% of those who do select a major end up changing it (sometimes 2-3 times)
- Picking a Specific Major

# Academic Fit

- School Expectations for SAT/ACT scores
- School Expectations for GPA/Class Rank
- Pick some “Match” schools
- It’s ok to have one or two “Reach” schools as well

# Other Criteria To Consider

- Room and Board
- Clubs/Organizations
- Religious Affiliation
- Study Abroad Options
- Opportunities for Internships
- Career Placement
- Honor Programs

# Information for Athletes

- Don't wait to be recruited
- Determine which schools are best fit for you
- Contact the coaches
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center



# Researching Colleges

- Conversations starting now with Juniors
- Request information from colleges
- Visit with college reps in school
- Visit the College & Career Resources on YC Website
- [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)
- Comprehensive list of schools by the end of Junior year
- SCOIR & College Board

# SCOIR

- Web-based Program
- Career Investigation
- College Research & Exploration
- Resume Building
- College Application Process

# College Board

- Excellent resource for finding potential schools
- Home for the SAT and AP Classes
- Reviewed with every Senior, Junior, and Sophomore

# College/University Partnerships

- Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA
- Immaculata University, near Philadelphia, PA
- King's College, Wilkes Barre, PA
- Mount St. Mary's University, Emmittsburg, MD
- Neumann University, near Philadelphia, PA
- Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
- University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

# Planning Visits

- Juniors and Seniors are allowed two days during each school year for college visits
- Plan on visiting by end of Junior year or very early into Senior year
- Summer visits are more convenient
- It's best to call the Admission's Office to set up a visit

# During the Visit:

- Campus Tour
- Visit a class
- View Residence Halls
- Dining Hall
- Explore the Library
- Academic Equipment/Facilities
- Student Union Building
- Athletic Facilities
- Plus time to just wander around campus

# Application Process

- Common Application or School Website
- Deadlines
- SCOIR and College Board as Resources
- Other Materials to include

# Applications

- Student should always be the one who completes the application
- Make a copy for your records
- Print off any additional forms



# Common App

- Main application portal
- Access to hundreds of schools
- Clear and concise application process

# Application Process

- Submit the Application
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcript Policy
- Forms found in Guidance or Online

# Test Scores

- Test-Optional Schools
- Test-Blind Schools
- SAT vs. ACT

# Admission Criteria

- Difficulty of curriculum
- Grade Point Avg./Class Rank
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Extra-curricular activities
- Letters of Recommendation
- Application Essays
- Interviews
- Intangibles

# Types of Admission

- Regular
- Rolling
- Early Decision
- Early Action

# DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



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## STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

### Non-Restrictive Application Plans

#### Regular Decision

##### DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

#### Rolling Admission

##### DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

#### Early Action (EA)

##### DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

### Restrictive Application Plans

#### Early Decision (ED)

##### DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

##### COMMITMENT:

BINDING

#### Restrictive Early Action (REA)

##### DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)

# How to Pay for College

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans

# Scholarships

- No repayment necessary
- Can come from the college or from a private source
- Honors Colleges
- ROTC Programs/Service Academies
- Check the website and your student's Google Classroom
- Important to contact Financial Aid Offices



# Grants

- Given by State and Federal Governments
- No repayment necessary
- Awarded based on Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

# Loans

- Money borrowed by student or parents
- Repayment required
- Federal Loans – Subsidized & Unsubsidized

# FAFSA

- Open for Applications on October 1, 2021.
- Will need 2020 tax returns
- Important to complete, regardless of family income
- Completion required to be eligible for any kind of financial assistance
- November 18, 2021 – Financial Aid Night/FAFSA
- FAFSA information will be given to state (PHEAA) for Pennsylvania students

# CSS Profile

- A Service through College Board
- Will need 2020 tax returns
- Many small colleges/universities require in addition to the FAFSA
- \$25 to send to first school, \$16 for each additional
- A list of schools requiring the CSS Profile is available at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

# Upon Acceptance

- Congratulations!
- Wait to hear from the schools for an Awards Letter
- Send a copy of your Acceptance Letter and any Awards Letters to Guidance
- Have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to “commit,” so there is plenty of time to weigh options
- Deposit is required to hold slot

# Thank You!

- Please feel free to contact us with any questions as you go through this process.
- Where to find us on the website : Parents & Students> Guidance
- Jamie Loughman – [jloughman@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:jloughman@yorkcatholic.org)
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# Resources

- <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- <https://yorkcatholic.org/academics/college-career-prep/#guaranteed-admissions-program>
- <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- <https://app.scoir.com/signin>
- [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)
- <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>