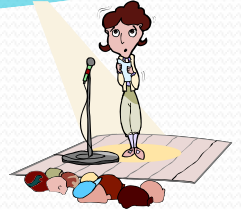


ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT THE COLLEGE PROCESS



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2021

THIS EVENING'S AGENDA



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- **Welcome**
- **Various Topics Discussed**
 - **College and Technical/Trade Schools**
 - **Naviance**
 - **Components of the College Process**
 - **Common Application/Common Black College Application**
 - **Coalition Application**
 - **Common Application Matching with FERPA**
 - **College Application Filing Options**
 - **What's Included in the College Application Package**
 - **Test Optional/Test Blind/Test Flexible**
 - **Financial Aid & Scholarships**
 - **Special considerations**
- **Q & A**

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LET'S TALK ABOUT THE POST-SECONDARY PROCESS!



COLLEGE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL VISITS

- To date, we have 70+ post-secondary schools visiting with Roosevelt High School students.
- Students sign up to meet with representatives individually through Naviance and/or request in-person with guidance as well as submit an approval form.
- Onsite college visits have been scheduled throughout the fall/winter. This is an opportunity for students to be evaluated for admission at specific schools, and receive a decision on the spot.

NAVIANCE

- Log onto <https://student.naviance.com/roosevelths-ny>
- Every student has an individual log-in credential starting in ninth grade.
- Communication Platform.
- Web-based program that supports students and parents in the career and college planning process.
- Shared resources linking home to school.
- Online tool for collaboration among counselors, students, and parents.

FIVE COMPONENTS OF THE COLLEGE PROCESS:

- High School Transcript
- Standardized Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
- Activity Resume
- Essay/Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation



.....and let's not forget about **Demonstrated Interest!**

THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

- Rigor in course selections.
- Academic growth.
- Consistency in grades and/or upward progression.
- Cumulative GPA.
- Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA).
- Senior-year course selections.

***Students who are dual-enrolled (taking high school courses and receiving college credits from SUNY Old Westbury - Scholars Academy- MUST request their transcript directly from SUNY Old Westbury to be sent to the college they will be attending.**

STANDARDIZED TEST SUBMITTAL

- SAT Score Reports
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - 154 multiple choice questions in 3 hours.
 - Two Sections: Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing; Math.
- ACT Score Reports
 - www.actstudent.org
 - 215 multiple choice questions in 3 hours (not including writing).
 - Four Sections: English; Reading; Math; Science Reasoning.
 - Optional Writing.
- AP (Advanced Placement) Scores
 - <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>

ACTIVITY RESUME

- Extracurricular Activities – within and outside of school.
- Community Service
- Athletics/Musical Talents, etc.
- Awards and Recognitions
- Work/Summer Experiences
- Educational Programs
- Leadership

THE ESSAY

- Helps to humanize the process.
- Bring to life student voice and creativity.
- Personal (up to 650 words).
- Include affect, expression, and authenticity.
- Will undergo several drafts before being finalized.
- Must be proofread!
- Some college supplemental essays may be required.
- Have a plan in place to devote time in advance.

COMMON APPLICATION ESSAY PROMPTS

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



- 2 Core-Academic Recommendations
 - Recommendation Request form
 - Student Brag Sheet
 - Request recommendations through Naviance
- 1 Counselor Recommendation
 - Your counselor will write and forward to all Common Application colleges and non-Common Application colleges where applicable.

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- There are five ways to apply online to colleges.
 - Common Application
 - Common Black College Application
 - Coalition Application
 - CUNY/SUNY
 - Individual College Application

THE COMMON APPLICATION



- www.commonapp.org
- Over 900 colleges and universities, private and public.
- 1 application, 1 main essay.
- Various deadlines, application fees and supplemental essays.
- Online application.

COMMON APPLICATION FERPA

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://apply.commonapp.org/ca4app#1m/71/RecAssign/?sid=1871543716&t=1473954701407>. The page header includes the Common Application logo, a welcome message for Bernadette (First Year | CAID 14421015), and a Sign Out button. The main navigation bar has tabs for Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, and College Search. The left sidebar shows a list of colleges: Cornell University (Application, 1 of 3 Completed) and SUNY Stony Brook University. The main content area is titled 'For All Colleges' and contains sections for FERPA Release Authorization, Invite Recommenders, and Recommenders for Cornell University. The FERPA section has a green checkmark and a 'Release Authorization' button. The Invite Recommenders section has an 'Invite and Manage Recommenders' button. The Recommenders for Cornell University section has a green checkmark and a 'Counselor' section with a list of PDF forms: School Report, Counselor Recommendation, Optional Report, Mid Year Report, and Final Report. The right sidebar contains 'Instructions and Help' with links to 'Recommender Information does not change', 'Adding and assigning recommenders for Naviance schools', 'Don't forget to assign your teacher recommendation!', and 'Other Evaluations'. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 11:52 AM on 9/15/2016.

View Student Summary x The Common Application x

← → ↻ <https://apply.commonapp.org/ca4app#1m/71/RecAssign/?sid=1871543716&t=1473954701407> ⚙️ ☆ 📄

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Welcome, Bernadette!
First Year | CAID 14421015

⚙️ Sign Out

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

Cornell University —

Application
(1 of 3 Completed)

☐ Questions

☒ **Recommenders and FERPA**

☐ Review and Submit - Common App

SUNY Stony Brook University +

For All Colleges

✓ **FERPA Release Authorization**
I have authorized release of all requested records covered under the FERPA act and have waived my right to access.

Release Authorization

Invite Recommenders
Recommenders are people who will submit forms and information to colleges on your behalf. Check out our [video about recommenders](#).

Invite and Manage Recommenders

Recommenders for Cornell University

Note: All dates are Eastern Time

✓ **Counselor**
Your school is using Naviance eDocs for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. If your counselor wishes to submit forms via mail, you can download printable forms that can be completed on paper and mailed to each institution to which you apply.

PDF Forms

- [School Report](#) 📄
- [Counselor Recommendation](#) 📄
- [Optional Report](#) 📄
- [Mid Year Report](#) 📄
- [Final Report](#) 📄

Bernadette Walsh
School Counselor

Invited: 09/07/2016

Instructions and Help ➔

Recommender Information does not change
Once a recommender has been added and invited, the name and title you entered cannot be changed ... [+]
[more] ➔

Adding and assigning recommenders for Naviance schools
If your school uses Naviance, you will not be able to assign Counselor or Teacher recommendation ... [+]
[more] ➔

Don't forget to assign your teacher recommendation!
If you see the "assign" button beside the name of your teacher, this means you need to assign this ... [+]
[more] ➔


Other Evaluations
All required recommendations, whether teacher or other, are school specific (meaning each school ch ... [+]
[more] ➔


Which counselor

Desktop 11:52 AM 9/15/2016

COMMON APPLICATION MATCHING WITH NAVIANCE


Colleges I'm applying to

 Search for colleges

 It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.
Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

[Match Accounts](#)

 Compare Me


 = extended profile available

College that I'm attending:

N/A

COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO

Colleges I'm applying to

 Search for colleges

✓ Your Common App account has been matched.

Your FERPA status is waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

 Compare Me

✦ = extended profile available

College	Type	Deadline		Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type ⓘ	Application	
Baruch College of the CUNY	RD	Regular Decision	April 1	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown ▼	MORE ⋮
Clemson University	RD	Regular Decision	May 1	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown ▼	MORE ⋮
Cornell University	RD	Regular Decision	January 2	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown ▼	MORE ⋮
John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY	RD	Regular Decision	February 1	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown ▼	MORE ⋮
Long Island University Post	RD	Regular Decision	-	N/A	no request	Pending		Unknown ▼	MORE ⋮

THE COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APPLICATION

- <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com>
- Online application.
- 65 Member Institutions, private and public.
- 1 application, 1 fee (\$20).
- No fee waivers available.
- All 65 Member Institutions will have access to your application.
- Select top four institutions you are interested in.
- Essay and Letters of Recommendations are required.

COALITION APPLICATION

- The application is completed online and can be accessed by logging onto www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org. Some schools will accept the Coalition application in addition to other applications, such as the Common Application, while other schools are exclusive and therefore, require students to use the Coalition application.
- The platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their applications to numerous institutions. Coalition schools graduate at least 70 percent of their students within six years, with many having much higher graduation rates. There are currently over 135 Coalition member colleges across the country.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY)

- www.suny.edu/student
- 64 campuses
 - 30 community colleges
- 7,000+ academic programs
- 426,314 students enrolled in the SUNY system (4 and 2-year colleges)
- Varying academic requirements
- Common application, SUNY application, or Coalition application
- Various deadlines (EA, ED, RD or rolling)

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY)

- www.cuny.edu
- 11 senior colleges
- 7 community colleges
- More than 1,750 programs of study
- Varying academic requirements
- Macaulay Honors College at 8 senior colleges (12/1/17 deadline. One application and one fee used for up to 6 campuses
- February 1st deadline (general freshman admission) and then rolling admission on a space available basis.

THE COLLEGE SEARCH/SELECTION PROCESS

- Naviance Super Match
- Personal Fit
 - Cost
 - Size
 - Location
 - Access to Transportation
 - Greek Life
 - Athletics
 - Employment (Work-Study)
 - Scholarship Opportunities
 - Cultural/Religious Connection

FEE WAIVERS

- Complete a free and reduced lunch form to be eligible for fee waivers:
 - SAT and ACT exams.
 - College Applications (except the Common Black College Application).
 - HEOP/EOP/CD/SEEK opportunities.
 - QuestBridge.
 - Select programs at colleges and universities.

COLLEGE APPLICATION OPTIONS




- **Regular Decision:** “I am interested and if accepted, I might want to attend.”
- **Early Action:** “I am very interested and if accepted, I will most likely attend.” (EA I and EA II)
- **Early Decision:** “It’s true love, and if accepted, I *must attend*, because it is *contractually binding*.” (ED I & II)
- **Single Choice/Restrictive Early Action:** “I’m very interested, and you’re the one and only school I may apply to early.” (Non-binding)
- **Rolling Admission:** “I must apply as soon as possible because applications are reviewed, and decisions are made on a rolling basis.”

WHAT MAY BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION?

- Application for Undergraduate Admission
- Student Transcript
- School Profile
- Counselor Recommendation and Secondary School Report
- Teacher Recommendations and Evaluations
- Mid-year Report
- Optional Report (if applicable)
- Essay
- Activity Résumé/Sheet
- Supplemental Essay (individual colleges)
- Early Decision (ED) contract and Final Report

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services
- NCAA www.eligibilitycenter.org 
- Portfolio requirements
 - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition
- Audition deadlines
 - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance

COLLEGE ADMISSION CRITERIA

4-year colleges

- Transcript
- Standardized test scores (or test optional - www.fairtest.org)
- Extracurricular activities
- Recommendations
- Essay
- Demonstrated interest
- Interview (if offered or required)

2-year colleges

- Transcript
- Standardized tests (used for placement)

TEST-OPTIONAL/TEST-BLIND/ TEST FLEXIBLE

- 1,700 colleges and universities do not require ACT/SAT scores from the Class of 2022 applicants.
- Test Optional schools allow students to decide whether they want to submit test scores with their application.
- Test Blind schools are those that do not factor test scores into admission decisions even if a student decides to submit their scores.
- Test Flexible schools allow students to choose which type of test(s) they would like to submit with their application.
- Visit www.fairtest.org for a list of colleges and universities that subscribe.



FINANCIAL AID



- Financial Aid Night – Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021, 6:00pm
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study. Most schools use FAFSA information to award their own financial aid.
 - You will need to create your FSA ID in order to file FAFSA.
<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
 - Available beginning October 1st.
www.fafsa.ed.gov
- CSS/ Financial Aid Profile
 - Approximately 400 colleges & universities use the profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds.
 - Available beginning October 1st.
<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>

NEW YORK STATE DREAM ACT

- Provides undocumented students access to NYS grants and scholarships to support their higher education costs.
- Click on the URL below for access to the application to determine eligibility. <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/>
- Available in English and Spanish.
- Steps Involved:
 - Determine your Eligibility.
 - Complete the online application.
 - Monitor the status of your application.
 - Award notification will be sent via email.

SCHOLARSHIPS



- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.freescholarshipfinder.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.student.Naviance.com
- Religious organizations, employer, cultural organizations, service organizations.
- Merit scholarships: awarded in recognition of achievement, usually in academics, athletics or the arts.
- Review the National Scholarship database.

LET'S REVIEW

POST SECONDARY PLANNING



- All students have options!
- It's not where you go, but what you do when you get there.
- Everyone's path will be unique; try not to compare.
- Organizing post secondary planning into steps can reduce stress.
- Parent role in the process = to advise and support.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES



- Own the Process!
 - Verify the accuracy of your transcript.
 - Take a rigorous academic program.
 - Take the necessary steps to research schools and complete applications on-time!
 - Work on your college essay.
 - Be sure to file with the NCAA if you are a student-athlete.

- Communicate and Monitor!
 - Request official SAT/ACT/AP scores to be sent to colleges and the NCAA.
 - Know which schools you are applying to that require supplemental essays.
 - Verify your transcript and know what teachers you want to write your letters of recommendation.

- Follow-up with your counselor(s) office as deadlines approach!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Thank you for attending!

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