



Junior Parent Night  
Class of 2023

# Agenda

Welcome and Program  
Overview

College/Career  
Planning

SAT/ACT

Junior Advisement



# Who is your school counselor?



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PAUL MITCHELL  
the school.  
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# WHERE DO I START?

YOUR STUDENT IS LEARNING  
HOW TO USE THESE  
APPLICATIONS IN CLASSROOM  
GUIDANCE THIS WEEK!

## Naviance

- Students can go directly to Naviance at <http://student.naviance.com/popehs>

### ***Applications to use:***

- College Super Match
- Career Clusters
- Road Trip Nation videos
- Resume Builder
- National Scholarship Search

## GAFutures.org

- Student should set up account according to instructions on website
- Student will need SS# handy when making an account

### ***Applications to use:***

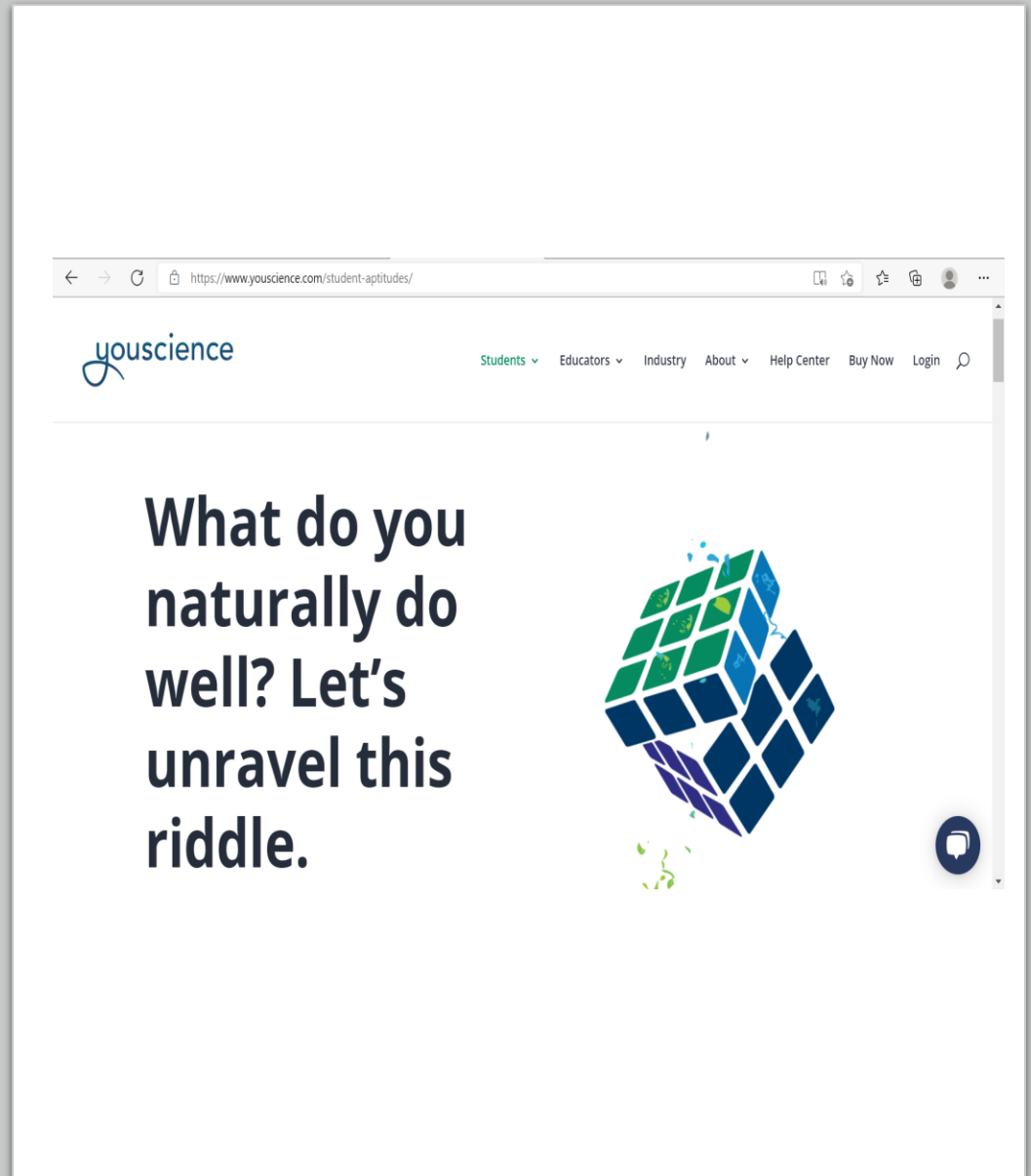
- HOPE GPA calculator
- HOPE Scholarship Info
- College/Career Search
- Dual Enrollment Info

# YouScience.com

Click “Log In”

Click “Create an Account”

Your Activation Code  
is your “Nickname” in  
Naviance  
(About Me → My  
Account)



# LET'S REVIEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

\*World Language is not a graduation requirement, but 2 or 3 years of the same foreign language is usually required for admission to a four-year college!

Area of Study	Required Credits
English/Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies (World History, US History, Economics, US Government)	3 credits
World Language*/Technical/Fine Art	3 credits
Personal Fitness	0.5 credit
Health	0.5 credit
Electives	4 credits
TOTAL CREDITS:	23





How do I make a college list?



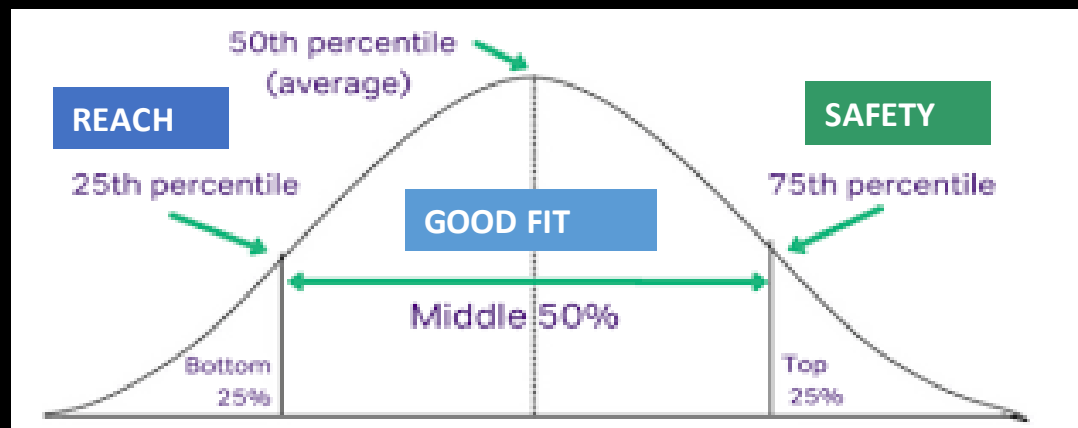
# Things to consider when building a List:

- Your academic profile
  - (GPA/Rigor/SAT/ACT scores)
- Major
- Location/setting
  - Geographic location (in-state/out-of-state/international)
  - South, Midwest, Northeast, etc.
  - City, Small Town, Suburban, etc.
- Cost
  - tuition, room/board
  - Books
  - travel back and forth
- Size of institution
- Type of institution
  - Research vs. liberal arts
  - Co-ed vs. single-gender
- Extracurricular activities/sports/clubs
- Special opportunities available:
  - Honors colleges
  - Research opportunities
  - Study Abroad
  - Internships, co-ops, etc.
  - Special Student Services

# Academic Profile and fit

“Academic Profile” = Student’s SAT/ACT & GPA. Compare this with the college’s “freshman profile”

You may see “the middle 50%,” minimums, or averages of admitted students.



- Reach – “dream school” (your scores are in the bottom 25%)
  - Reach schools always include “Super Competitive Schools” that admit very few applicants (<20%) EVEN IF you are in the appropriate range (Ivys, Stanford, MIT, Duke, etc.). These schools look very deeply into holistic details.
- Good Fit – “realistic choice” (your scores are in the middle 50%)
- Safety – a “sure thing” (your scores are in the top 25%)

# MORE THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUILDING A LIST:

Be realistic, but don't underestimate yourself, either. Apply to that Reach School!

However, **DO NOT ONLY** include reach schools on your list.

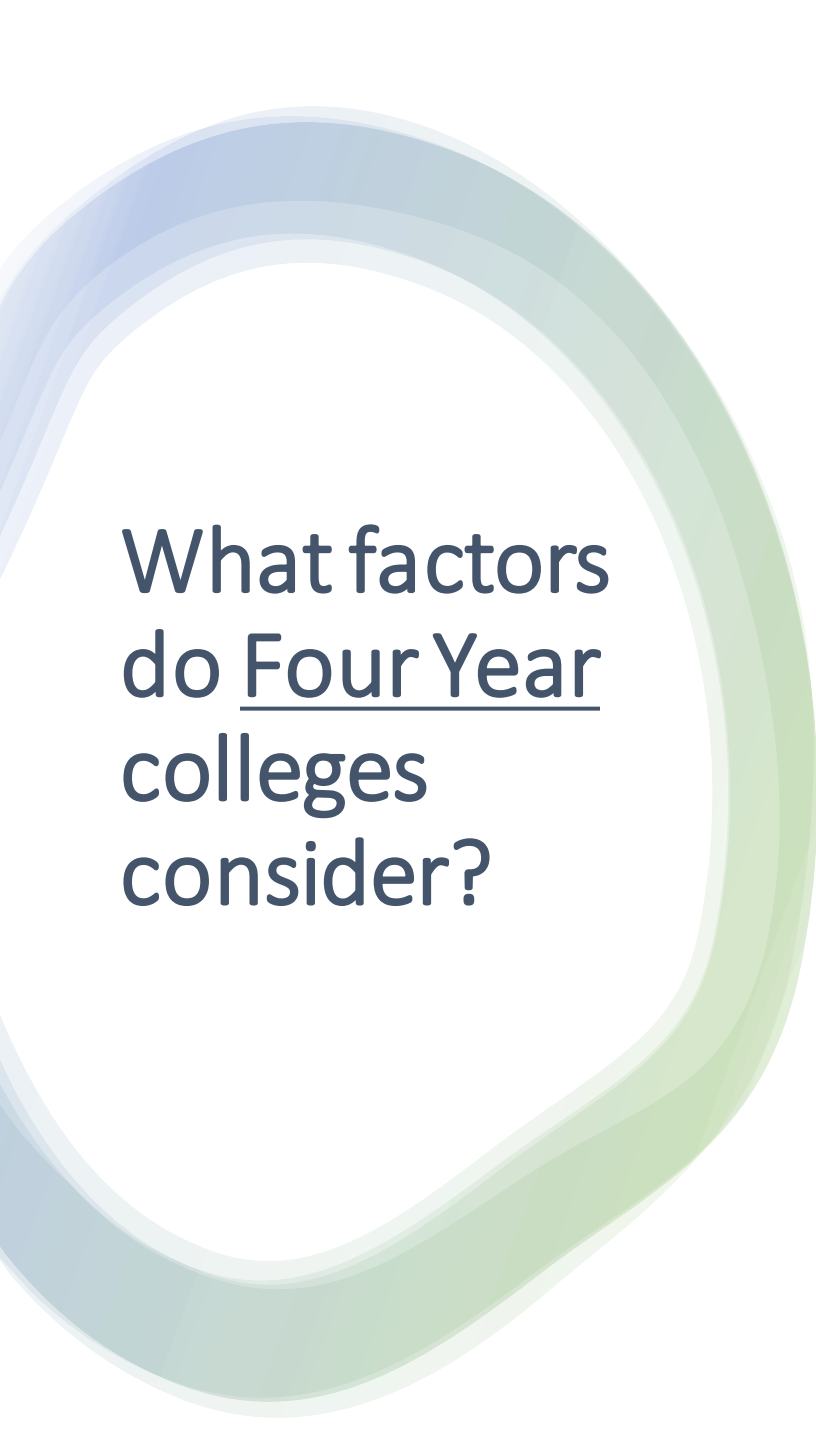
- Costs (including out-of-state) may make a school a “reach.”
- **YOU NEED TO HAVE THE \$\$ CONVERSATION WITH YOUR STUDENT NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO.**

Colleges usually award merit scholarships to students in the top 20% or higher. If you're looking for lots of \$\$\$, this is where you will find the best deals.

We strongly recommend that you have **AT LEAST ONE** public, in-state “good fit”

Your primary focus should be to **find “good fit” schools you LOVE!**

**ALWAYS** have at least one safety school on your list that you **LOVE!**



# What factors do Four Year colleges consider?

- Colleges want to see a solid transcript where you have taken classes appropriate for YOU!
- Most colleges (including many in GA) will re-calculate a CORE UNWEIGHTED GPA.
- Most require SAT/ACT scores ([www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org) lists test-optional schools)
- Colleges require at least 2 years of same Foreign Language but some selective schools like to see (or even require) 3 or more.
- Most require a math beyond Algebra II.
- Competitive colleges consider rigor available at Pope, what you take, and grades earned.
- Competitive colleges look deeply at “holistic” info – essays, recommendation letters, resume information (activities, leadership, awards, sports, work, etc.), etc. (UGA, Emory, GT, Yale, Duke, Vanderbilt, etc.)

# A note on College GPA calculations

- Colleges typically use different GPA calculations than Pope
  - Core GPA is most common (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, F. Language)
  - May or may not give “weight” to honors/AP

## Examples:

- UGA weights AP classes ONLY with 1.0
- Most other GA colleges don't give weight at all
- Alabama/Auburn take the GPA from the Pope transcript
- Univ. of SC weights honors & AP the same

# Application Process: what you need to know

Apply your senior year

Review each school's application:

- Online application (preferred)
- Transcript
- Test scores (send directly from ACT or College Board)
- Application fee (fee waiver for free/reduced lunch students)
- Recommendations (only if required by the college)
  - Counselor Recommendation (or school evaluation)
  - Teacher Recommendation (letter or form, typically a core teacher)

Know the deadlines! They are firm



# SAT and ACT

SAT/ACT should be taken in the Spring of your Junior Year (initial) and/or Fall of Senior Year (retakes for desired score)

- *To view and register for upcoming SAT, visit:*

**[Collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat](http://Collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat)**

- *To view and register for upcoming ACT, visit:*

**[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)**

# FREE Test Prep

SAT recommends Khan Academy

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

ACT recommends their Test Prep  
Guide available at:

[www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html](http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html)

# Other tests I may need

- **ACCUPLACER** – Placement exam for two year and technical colleges. (Schedule to take this test at chosen college)
- **ASVAB** – Aptitude/career exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for military jobs

***It is the student's responsibility to check with the individual colleges for all admission requirements.***

# WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?

- A state-funded program allowing students to take **college classes** while in high school
- Classes can count for BOTH high school and college requirements
- **In Georgia, Dual Enrollment...**
  - **Pays 100% Tuition!**
  - **Pays for books!**
  - **Pays mandatory fees!**
- **A fantastic deal... however....**
- **YOU MUST CONSIDER:**
  - Classes are **college-level** and are taught by professors – are you ready?
  - Classes **may not be considered as “rigorous”** as AP by colleges when applying for admission (DO YOUR **RESEARCH NOW**)
  - Classes **may not transfer**, especially to out-of-state and private colleges
  - Pope and college **calendars** may not line up
  - Schedule complications if you take both Pope and DE classes
  - Transportation and **Parking!**
  - And lots more!

# Interested in Dual Enrollment?

**Pope “In House” Priority Deadline for DE is:**



Or, if the college deadline is earlier, a month before that deadline

- ✓ Research admissions requirements and the best FIT for your situation
  - ✓ Take SAT/ACT/Accuplacer
  - ✓ APPLY
  - ✓ Send your Official Transcript
- ✓ Make an appointment with your counselor according to the checklist
  - ALL BEFORE MARCH 1!

***Cobb County Deadline for DE is May 1<sup>st</sup>...HOWEVER, this could put you at a disadvantage for getting the courses you want***

# Ways to pay for college

Source	Additional Info.
Family's Savings	
Grants & Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Based on specific requirements</li><li>- Do NOT have to be repaid</li></ul>
Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Need to be repaid after college</li></ul>
Work-Study Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Student has a job on campus</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Financial Aid requirements are different for undocumented students.</li><li>- There may be additional options as provided by the specific college.</li><li>- It is the student's responsibility to contact the college directly.</li></ul>



# HOPE Information

## Hope Scholarship

- 3.0 core GPA as calculated by GSFC ([www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org))
  - Can be earned in college
- **Must earn a minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school. (Review your HOPE transcript on GAFutures.org)**
- Two year or four year degree
- Must graduate from a GA high school
- Must be a GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
- Covers a **percentage** of tuition

## Hope Grant

- No initial GPA requirement
  - 2.0 required after the first 30 hours
- Technical certificate or diploma
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Must be a GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
- Covers a **percentage** of tuition

**Apply for HOPE by completing the FAFSA after October 1<sup>st</sup> your senior year.**

# What is Zell Miller?

## Zell Miller Scholarship

- Requires 3.7 core high school (HOPE) GPA as calculated by GSFC ([www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)). Requires 1200 SAT Math and Reading or 26 ACT composite in one test sitting
- **Must earn a minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school. (Review your HOPE transcript on GAFutures.org)**
- Pays **100%** tuition for a two year or four year degree
- Must graduate from a GA high school
- Must be GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
- Must maintain 3.3 in college. Student can drop to HOPE if GPA is lower than 3.3.

## Zell Miller Grant

- Requires 3.5 *college* GPA for grant eligibility
- Does not require minimum test score
- Covers **100%** tuition (retroactively covers previous semester once 3.5 GPA is earned) for certificate or diploma at technical college
- Must graduate from a GA high school
- Must be GA Resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
- Must maintain 3.5 GPA while in college

**Apply for Zell by completing the FAFSA after October 1<sup>st</sup> your senior year.**

# HOPE Grant + HOPE CAREER GRANT = FREE TUITION!

These programs are in High Demand and can be studied at a Technical College Tuition Free.  
There is no GPA requirement to earn the HOPE Grant and HOPE Career Grant out of high school!

- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Technology
- Certified Engineer Assistant
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Computer Programming
- Computer Technology
- Construction Technology
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Electrical Lineman Technology
- Health Science
- Industrial Maintenance
- Logistics/Transportation Technology
- Movie Production Set Design
- Practical Nursing
- Precision Manufacturing
- Welding and Joining Technology

Learn more at <https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition>



# Which classes count toward hope?

Core courses in:

*Language Arts*

*Mathematics*

*Science*

*Social Studies*

*Foreign Language*

You can review a  
specific list of  
acceptable courses at  
[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

Review HOPE *rigor* requirements at [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

# Which Courses are Weighted for HOPE?

Honors courses do not  
earn additional quality  
points toward the  
HOPE GPA

AP, IB, and Dual  
Enrollment core  
courses earn .5  
additional quality  
points, up to a 4.0

# 4 “Rigorous” Course Requirement

## HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements

New academic requirements are included in the HOPE legislation. These changes will impact students graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2015. In order to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, students must meet the following academic requirements.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS	STUDENTS MUST RECEIVE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES	MINIMUM NUMBER OF COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRADUATION
2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;</li><li>2) Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;</li><li>3) Advanced placement courses in core subjects;</li><li>4) International baccalaureate courses in core subjects;</li><li>5) Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia in core subjects where such courses are not remedial and developmental courses; or</li><li>6) Advanced foreign language courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution.</li></ol>	4

Examples of “rigorous courses” include:

Chemistry

2<sup>nd</sup> year of a Language and higher

Physics

Algebra II

Anatomy


Precalculus

Core APs

Core dual enrollment courses

And  
More!





**The HOPE**  
**GPA is NOT on**  
**your**  
**transcript!!!!!!**

Find your  
**HOPE GPA** at  
**gafutures.org**

# Nuts and bolts of finding money

## Where do I find resources?

- School Counseling Office and/or Career Center
- College websites
- Various online resources – GAfutures, Career Cruising, BigFuture (College Board), etc.
- Current employer or parent's employer
- Community
- Organizations you're involved with

## How do I get the money?

Create	Create a resume and prepare a personal statement so you will be ready to apply
SEARCH	SEARCH for scholarships everywhere (see column to the left) and follow the instructions to apply
Apply	Apply early and often – remember, scholarships have deadlines too!
Complete	Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1st of senior year

# Junior Advisement

Online sign ups for  
appointment times will open  
up TOMORROW  
(Wednesday, October 6) at  
8:00 AM!

There will be an email blast  
through CTLS on Wednesday  
morning with a link for each  
of the counselors!



# Junior Advisement Meetings

***Meetings are @30 minute and consist of:***

1. Graduation Status
2. Senior Courses
3. Post-Secondary Plans
4. SAT/ACT
5. HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Information

# What should my JUNIOR start doing NOW?

- **RESEARCH** colleges online (Naviance, gafutures.org) and **MAKE A LIST** of potential schools
- Take the **PSAT** as a study tool (**October 13** at Pope)
- Make a testing plan: **ACT or SAT?**  
Take first one by spring of Junior year!
- Attend **college fairs** and info sessions
- **Visit** colleges!!!! (In person or online)
- Begin creating a **resume**: Write down everything you have done since 9<sup>th</sup> grade!
- Complete your **Junior Advisement Session** with your parents and counselor

# WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO/DON'T DO BETWEEN NOW AND SENIOR YEAR?

- ✓ DO Put your blinders on – your student is unique; postsecondary choices are not “one size fits all”
  - ✓ DO support and help them organize to create a strategy
  - ✓ DO FAFSA4Caster to learn projected EFC (and then FAFSA Oct. 1, 2022)
  - ✓ DO Recognize and anticipate stressful moments
    - ✓ Schedule a time each week for postsecondary discussions so you don't overwhelm your student
  - ✓ DO Help him/her learn to advocate for him/herself
    - Then, let them do it!
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- ☒ DON'T do things for your young adult that he/she can (and should) do for themselves:
    - ☒ complete their applications
    - ☒ write their essays
    - ☒ create their accounts
    - ☒ check their emails
    - ☒ ask reps/counselors questions on their behalf
  - ☒ DON'T believe everything you hear
    - Take your friends' advice with a grain of salt
  - ☒ DON'T focus on rankings; the goal is to find the right FIT for the student, not fit the student to the college
  - ☒ DON'T add unrealistic pressure, but listen and support their ideas about the future





# Maintaining a Healthy Balance

Preparing for college is important, but so is preserving mental health!

- Consider the workload in the level and rigor of classes
- Pursue your intellectual interests
- Get involved in extra-curricular activities
- Make time for community service or other interests

Participate in activities for promote your overall health and by eating healthy and exercising (self-care)

Mental wellness is as important to your overall well-being as physical health, social and emotional connectedness, and intellectual accomplishment