# Class of 2022

Senior Counseling Lesson

August 13 & 16 or

August 17 & 19



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# Counselor Assignments and Office Staff

We are located in: Room 102

College and
Career Center
Room 104



#### Day 1

Post-secondary Options & Resources
The College Application Process
FERPA

Naviance Research Tools

Day 2

Scholarships

**Upcoming Events** 

Requesting transcripts

Requesting recommendations

Tips on Finishing Strong



# tinyurl.com/ 2022Pretest

## Postsecondary options

Apprenticeships and Job Training

Military

**Specialty School** 

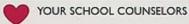
Technical College

2-Year/Community College

4-Year College/University







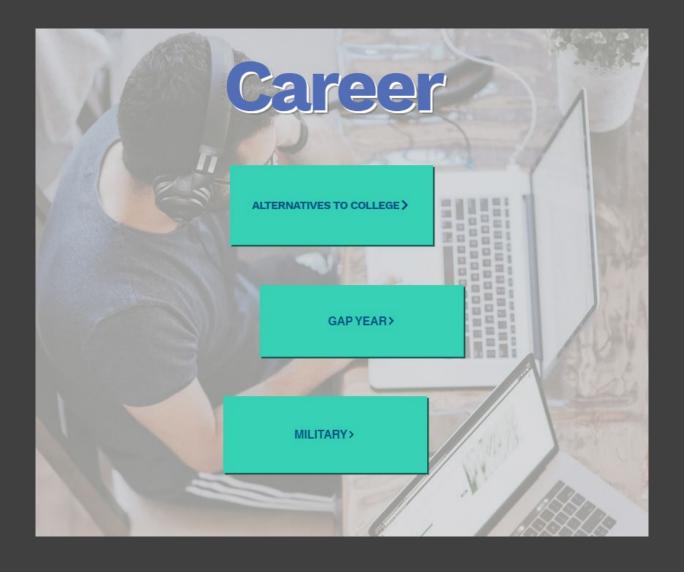
Please sign-in: https://tinyurl.com/popejuniorsignin



If you missed the live Junior Lesson presented by Ms. Hamrick on October 14th, it is now available to watch (see above). It is also located in CTLS in the 11th Grade classroom tile.

View PowerPoint without narration here

https://bit.ly/PopeJunior



https://bit.ly/PopeCollegeCareer



# College Search Overview



1st- Know what colleges consider for admission

2<sup>nd</sup>- Build a college list

- Research each college's freshman profile
- Compare your profile to the freshman profiles
- Build a BALANCED list
  - Reach
  - Good Fit
  - Confident (aka safety)
- Pay attention to whether colleges recalculate GPA

3<sup>rd</sup>- Apply and send materials

4<sup>th</sup> - Pay attention to deadlines!!

## Know the Factors for College Admission



# Building a college application list

Ask yourself,
"Is this a Reach,
Good-Fit, or Confident
school for me?"

- Reach: "I might be accepted."
  - Apply to 1-2 of these
- Good-Fit: "I should be accepted."
  - Apply to 2-3 of these
- Confident: "I will be accepted."
  - Apply to <u>at least</u> 1 of these

# How do I figure that out?

- •Determine your academic profile
  - •Core, un-weighted GPA
  - •Standardized test scores
  - •Curriculum (rigor)

#### ← <u>Compare</u> the two profiles

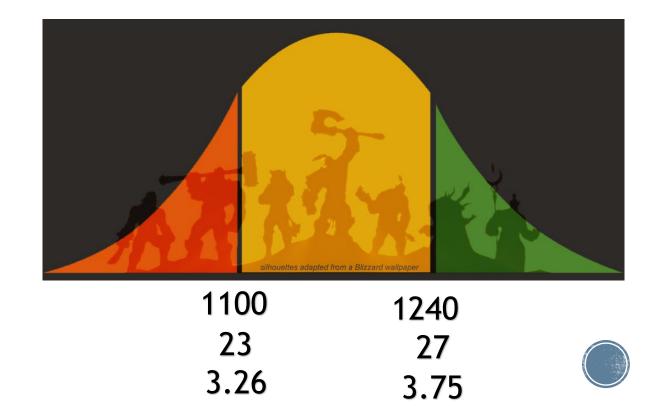
- •Search for the college's freshman profile.
  - •Average or mid 50% GPA & test scores.



# "Is this a Reach, Good-Fit, or Confident school for me?"

- Example: Fake College, Marietta, GA
- High school GPAs ranging from 3.26 to 3.75

	25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
SAT Critical Reading + SAT Math	1100	1240
ACT composite score	23	27



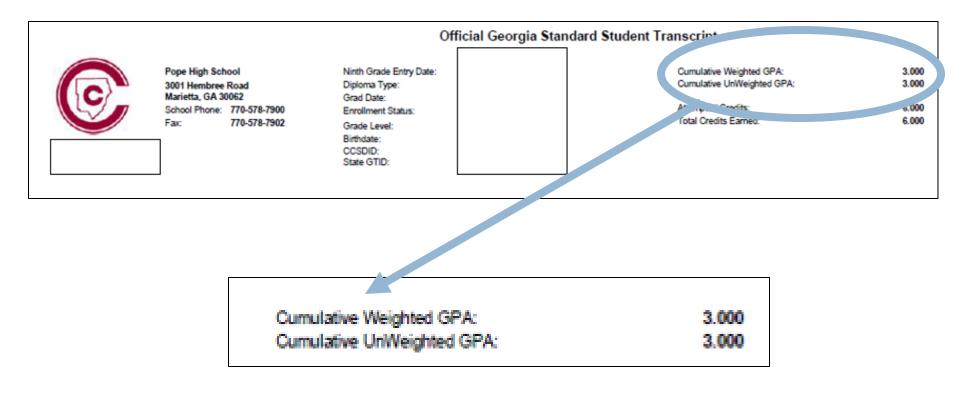
### GRADE POINT AVERAGE REMINDERS

- Academic or Core GPA (NOT on transcript)
  - Only English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages courses
  - Academic GPA is usually unweighted
- Overall or Cumulative GPA (on transcript)
  - Take a look at the GPA on your transcript, then FORGET IT!!
  - Most colleges recalculate GPA and will not look your Pope GPA
- HOPE GPA
  - Core GPA
  - Weights differently than Pope (NOT on transcript) (more on this later)





#### Pope's GPA calculation



Cumulative = EVERYTHING on the transcript (core + electives)
Weighted = Pope's weight (.5 for Honors, 1.0 for APs)
Unweighted = No weight at all!



Once you have a list of colleges, what now?



#### Quick steps to apply to college

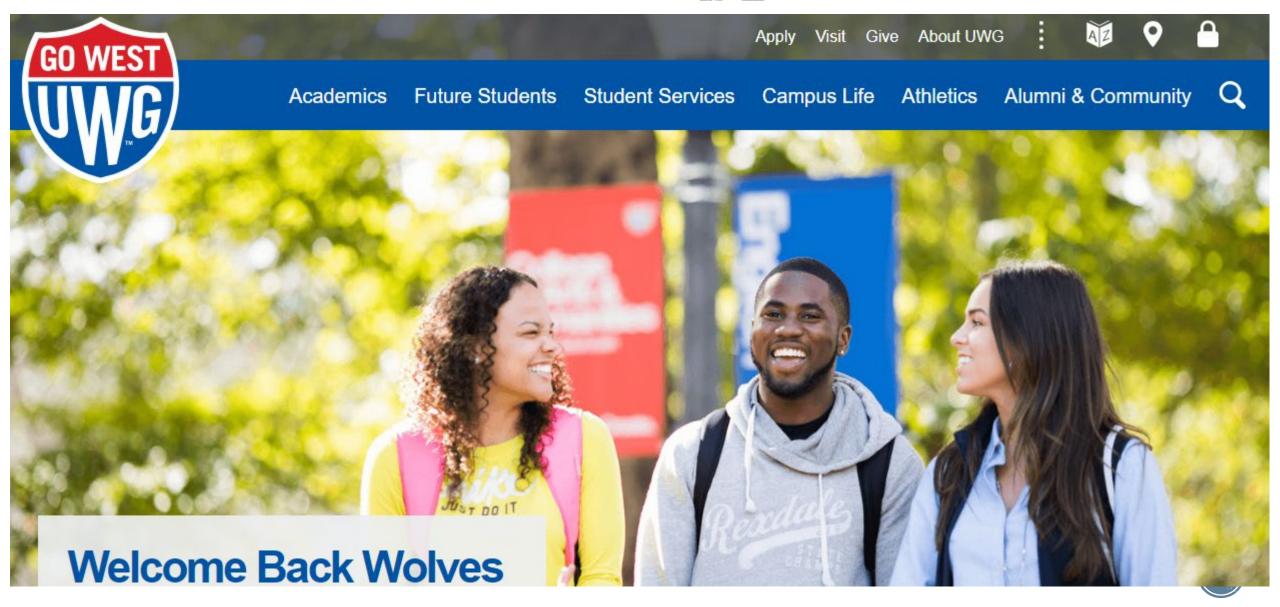
- 1. Submit an application for admission
- 2. Send official transcript
- 3. Send test scores
- 4. Send supplemental materials

# Where is the best place to look for an application? The college's website!

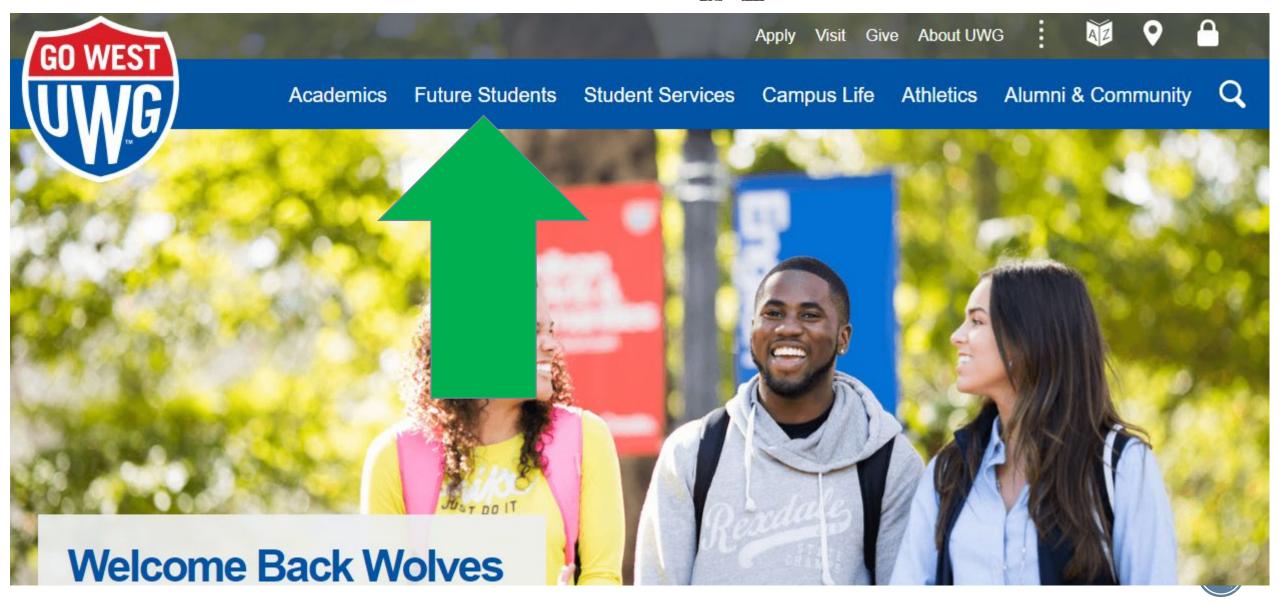
- Review the application requirements before you begin
  - Look for a list of steps
  - Are supplemental materials required?
    - Not all colleges require essays, recommendations, etc.



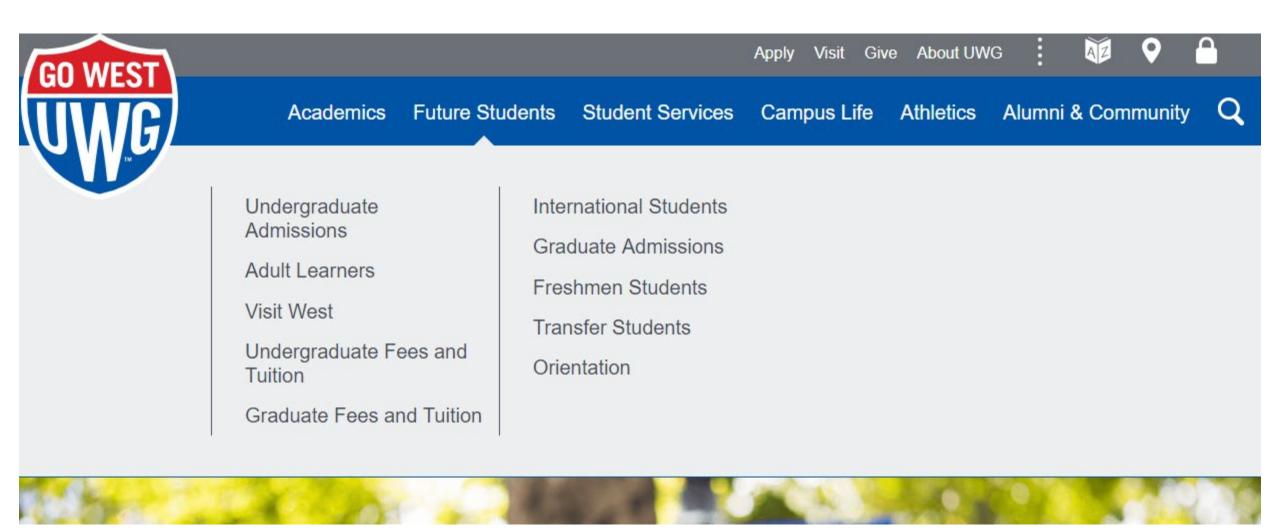
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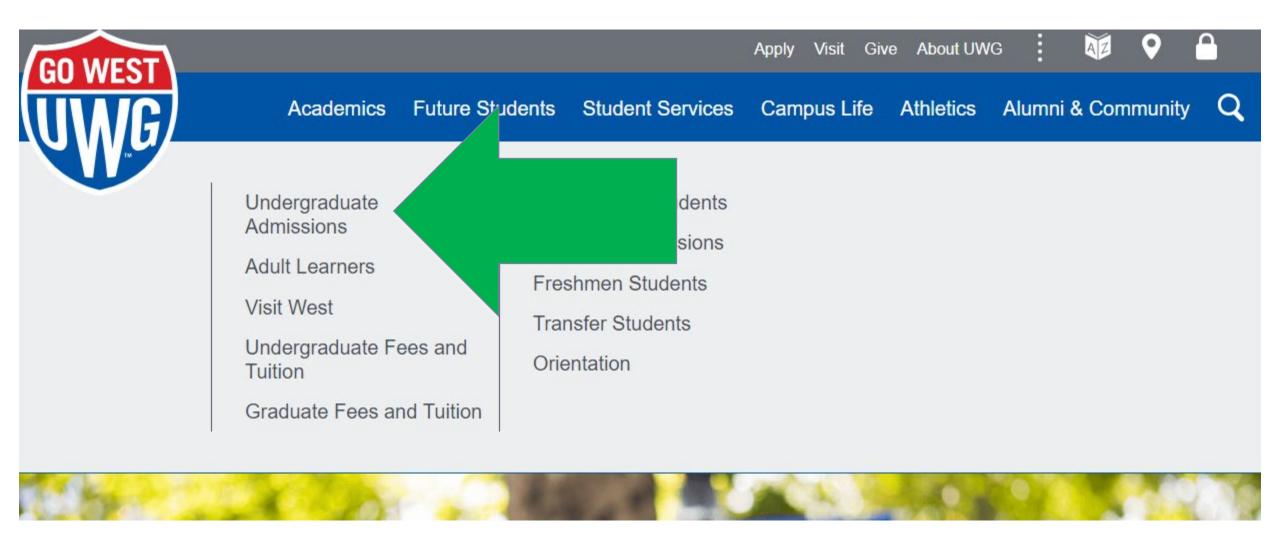


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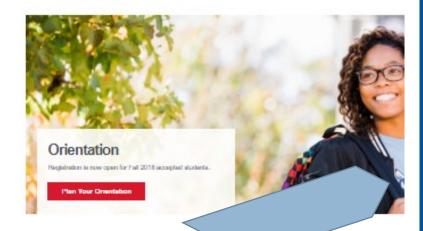






#### Office of Admissions

Home / Admissions



#### Apply Now or Check Application Status

Sign in to your student profile to: start application, complete a started application, submit payment, or check the status of your application.

Begin West

#### Part Your Path

- ) Degree Programs
- ) Personalized Co West Brochure
- Musings from Murphy | Admissions Blog
- ) Find your Admissions Representative
- ) Virtual Campus

#### Resources

- ) Admission I
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- ) Ceorgia Resident
- ) Contact Us
- ) PAUs



Log In Apply Online Events

#### We

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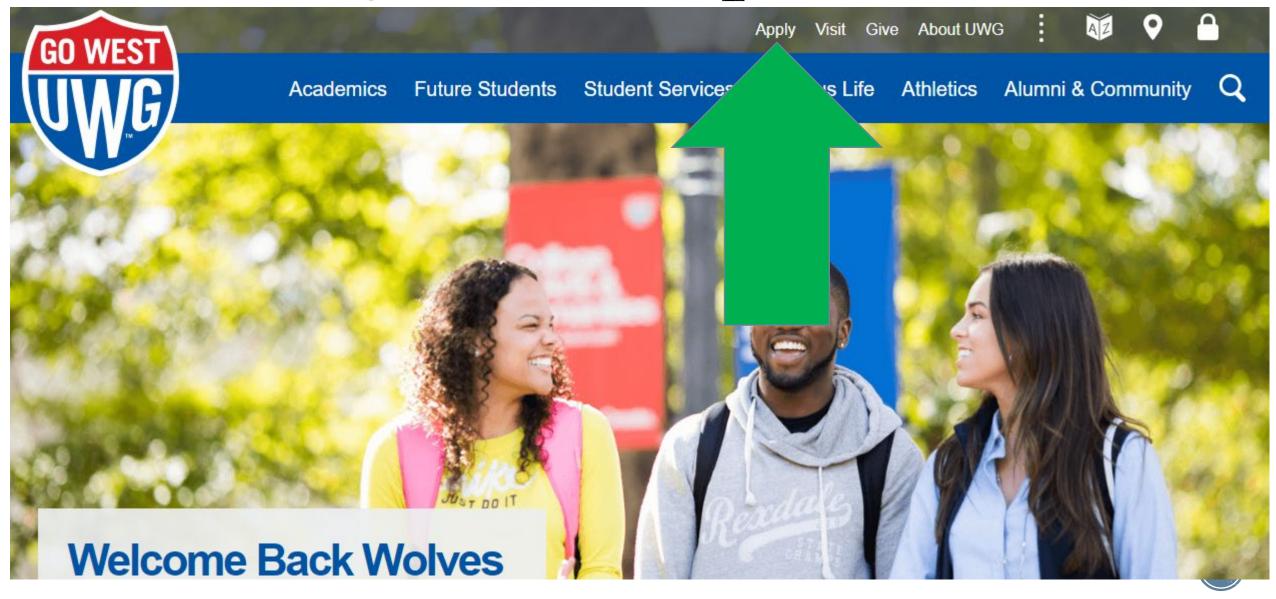
#### **Undergraduate Create Account**

Students who have recently graduated high school, are dual-enrol want to enroll in Bachelor's degree programs.

Graduate Create Account



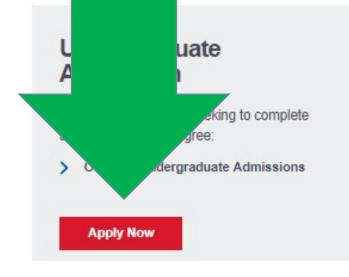
## Now a QUICKER option!





Thank the University of West Georgia. We are glad you have chosen UWG to further your education.

Apply f application below.



#### **Graduate Application**

Prospective Students seeking to complete a graduate degree:

Office of Graduate Admissions

**Apply Now** 

#### International Application

Prospective International Students seeking to complete an undergraduate or graduate degree:

Office of International Student Admissions and Programs



# It's your turn! -find an application-





- Search for a college
- Look for their application
- Can you find their application checklist?
  - Do they require essays? Recommendations?
- What are the deadlines?
  - Early, Regular
- Look for Freshman Profile
- Look for scholarships







## Types of applications

- Direct College Application
  - One that the college created itself

Many colleges utilize multiple options and don't have a preference, so find the application method that is best for you.



- GAFutures Application
  - Many colleges in GA use GAFutures to "house" their applications (a "mini" common app)



- Common Application www.CommonApp.org
  - The Common App has 500+ member colleges
  - Complete one "common" application and submit to many colleges
  - Some colleges require supplements, in addition to the "common"



- Coalition Application <a href="http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/">http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/</a>
  - Over 90 institutions have joined
  - Similar to Common App



### COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Rolling Admissions notifications "roll out" continuously as applications come in until they run out of spots (apply early!). These schools usually admit anyone with above minimum scores and may not consider holistic details.
- Regular Decision (RD) specified deadline & specified notification date
  - Example: January 1 Deadline, March 1 Notification date
- Early Action (EA) early specified deadline & early specified notification date
  - Example: October 15 Deadline, December notification
  - Variance → Single Choice (or Restricted) Early Action can apply early to ONLY one school, but it is not binding (usually only restricts for private school applications, not public)
- Early Decision (ED) <u>ACCEPTANCE IS BINDING</u> you can only apply early to only ONE ED school; you can also apply to other EA and RD schools, but <u>must withdraw your applications</u> if you are accepted into the ED school.
- Priority Deadline usually an early deadline; applying by this date gives you priority choice for housing, scholarships/financial aid, etc. <u>THESE</u> MAY BE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER ADMISSION DEADLINES!

If you haven't tested yet, test this fall

Find out the final test date each college accepts for admissions

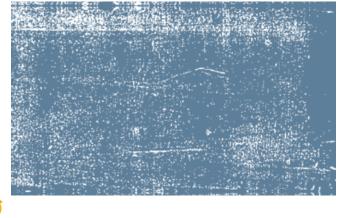
"Official" test scores for colleges must be sent directly from the SAT or ACT.

Pope does NOT send test scores. Scores are NOT on your transcript.

Public colleges in Georgia are NOT test optional this year

www.fairtest.org to see all test optional colleges





www.collegeboard.org







# Let's get into Naviance

# bit.ly/PopeNaviance



#### Welcome to Naviance Student.



#### Please choose your user type.

This allows Naviance to help you log in the way your school and district prefers.

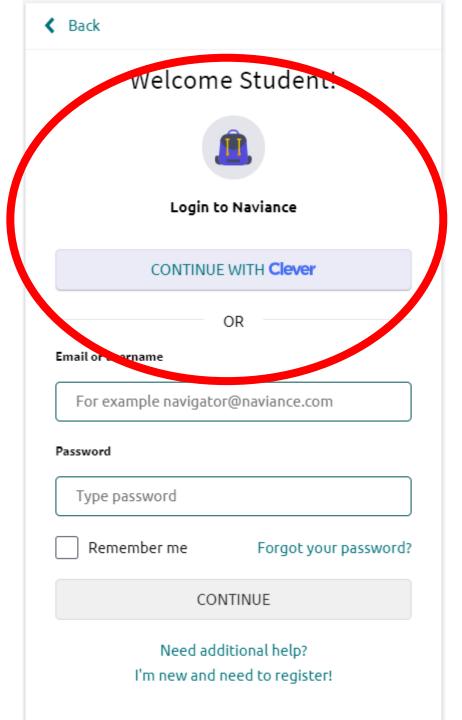




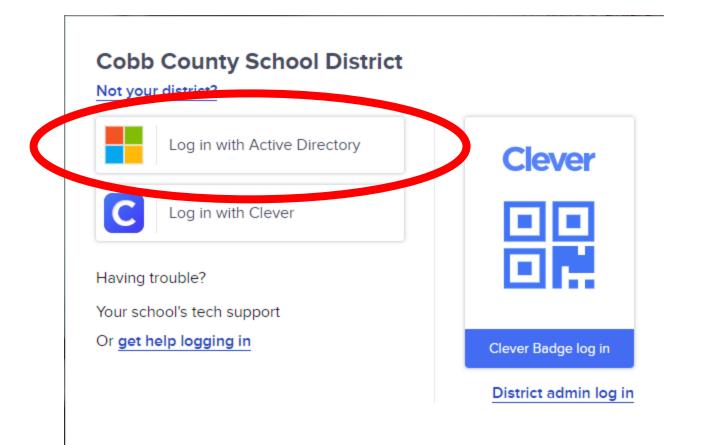


I'm new and need to register!

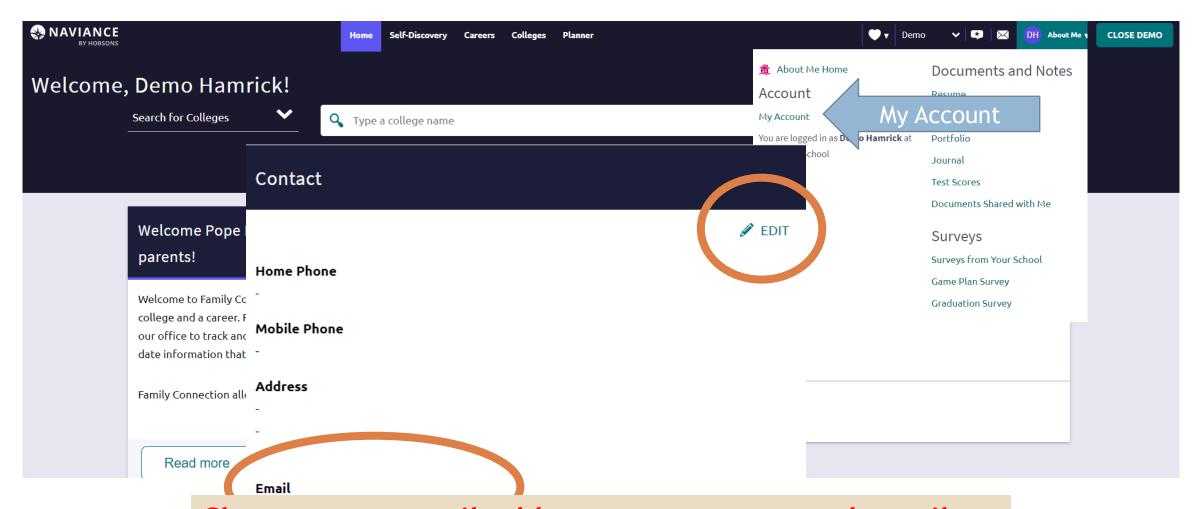












Change your email address to your personal email address so we can email you important information from Naviance



#### **FERPA**

Family Educational

Rights &

**P**rivacy

Act of 1974



Goal: Protect Integrity of a Student's Academic Record & Protect Student's Privacy

# What is FERPA?

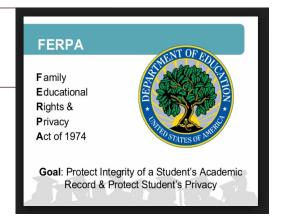
- FERPA protects your confidential educational records from unauthorized people
- You will see FERPA referenced several times during the application process:
  - Naviance
  - College applications
- You will see questions about whether you agree to WAIVE your FERPA RIGHTS
- Why would you want to do that??



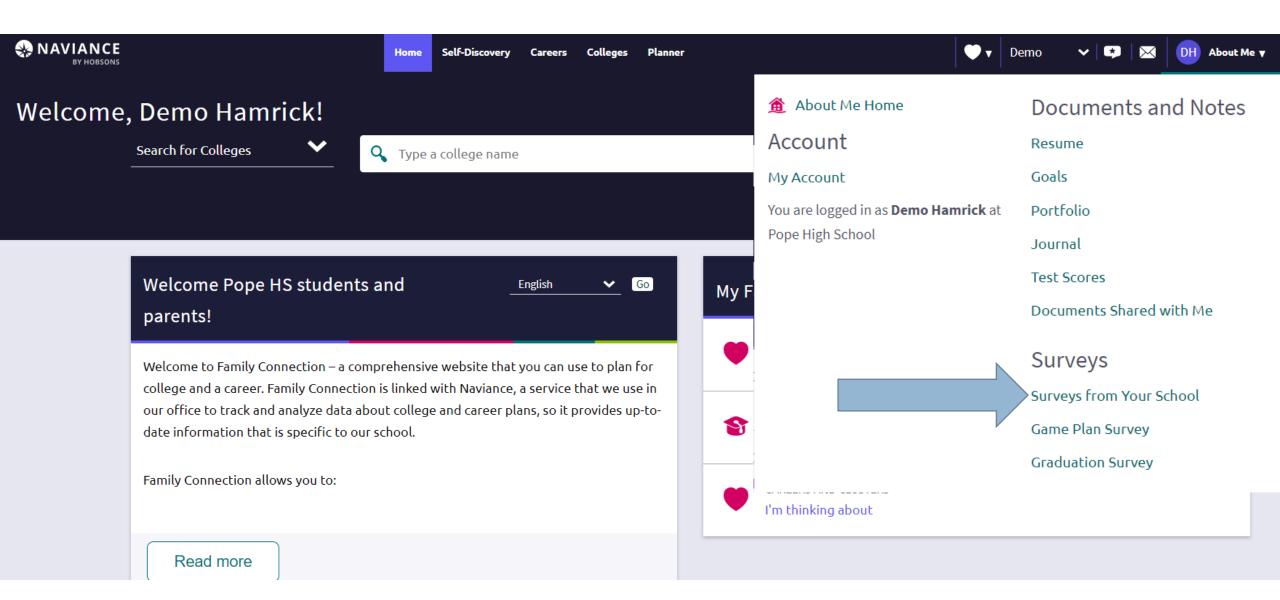
# Should you waive FERPA?

FERPA is a complex law, so we want to provide some key information before you respond to the FERPA waiver question.

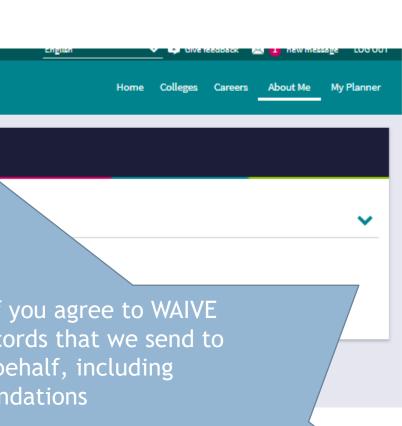
- 1. You must give us permission to use Naviance to send records to colleges:
  - Transcripts
  - Teacher and Counselor Recommendations and Reports/Forms
  - Phone/email communication, in limited circumstances
- 2. FERPA also gives you the right to view these records under certain circumstances:
  - You are enrolled in college and that college saves the recommendations for enrolled students, or you are 18 or older.
- 3. HOWEVER, you'll be asked if you want to <u>WAIVE this RIGHT</u>. Why would you do that?
  - Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
  - Some <u>recommenders may refuse to write a letter for you</u> unless you waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.











INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME

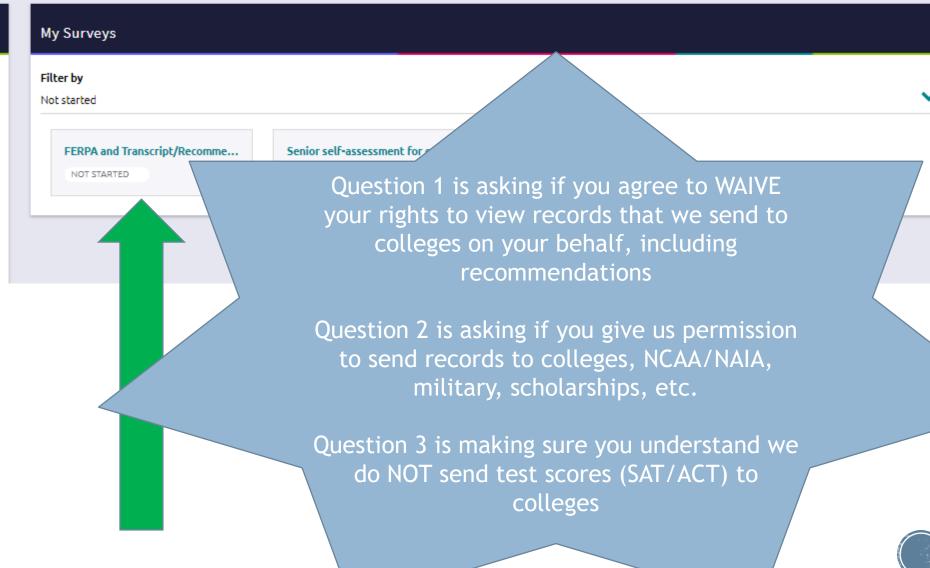
Resume

Game plan

Documents

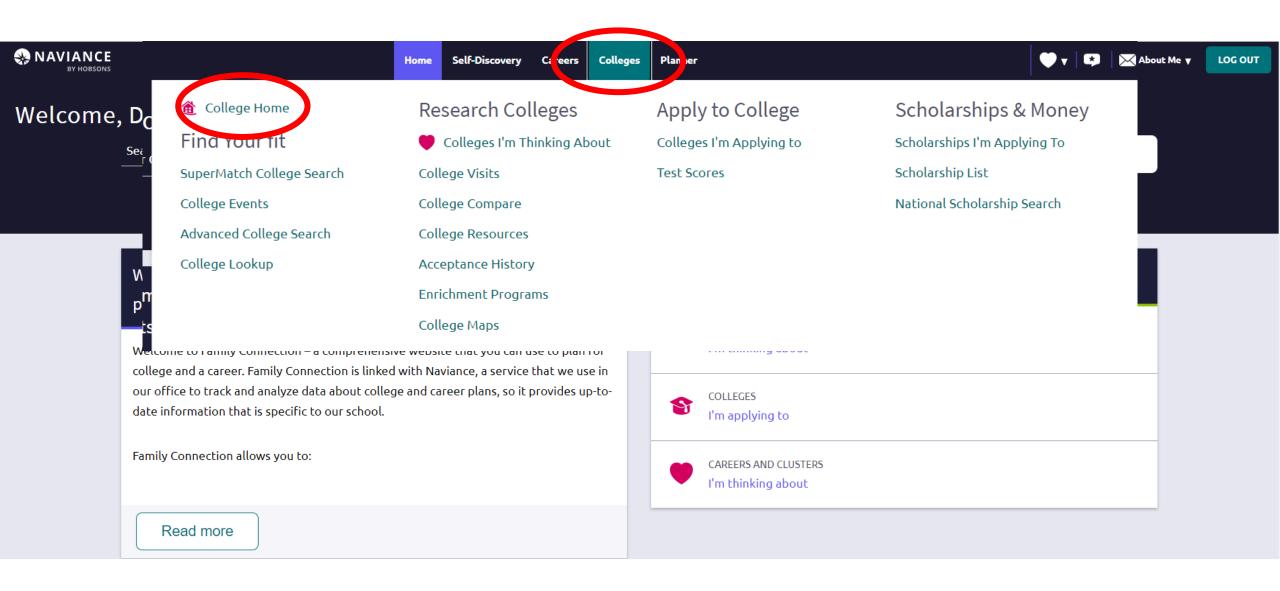
Journal

Survey history

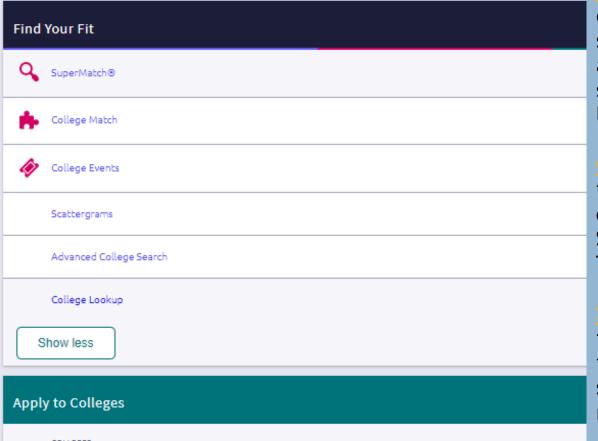


# Using Naviance for College Research









I'm applying to

Test scores

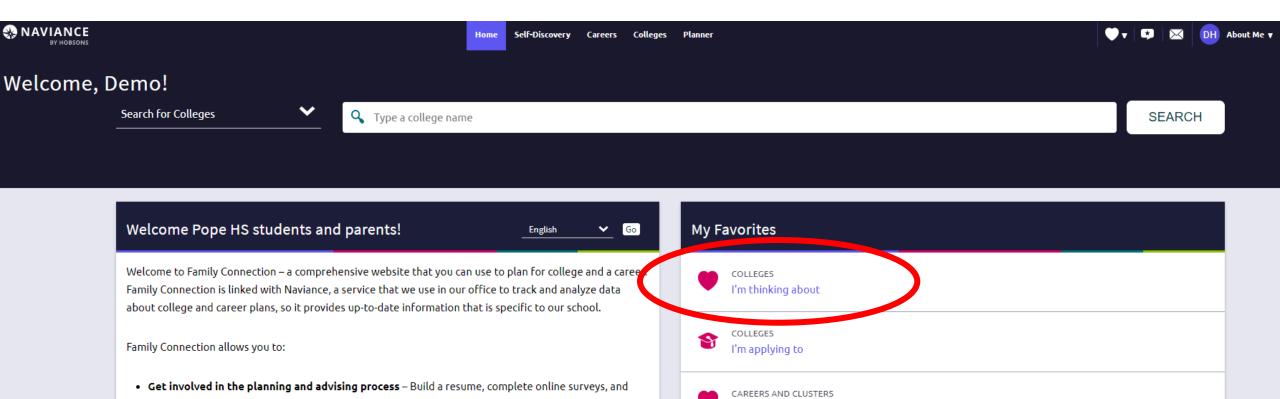
SuperMatch™ college search- Select from a list of college decision factors and rank their importance. As you make selections, the best match colleges appear with information about why the college(s) is a good match. You can save searches and add colleges to the Colleges I'm Thinking About list from here.

<u>College Match</u>- this tool uses colleges on the student's thinking about list and shows colleges that match those colleges. There are three components: Colleges Looking for Students Like You, Colleges Other Students Like, Colleges That Have Accepted Students Like You

<u>Scattergrams</u>- shows students visually their data compared to other students at Pope who applied and received results to the same college. If there is not enough data, the scattergram may not show results.

Advanced College Search- an advanced search tool that enables you to create searches that focuses on college criteria that is important to you, such as school type, location, students admissions, athletics, majors, costs and special programs. Students can save searches.

College Lookup- this tool allows you to find specific colleges by name, by alphabet, by state or by country. From here you can view the college profile, which has the same valuable information that you can view in Naviance



Read more

I'm thinking about



# Take some time to do some

- SuperMatch™
- College Match
- Scattergrams
- Advanced College Search
- College Lookup
- Add to Colleges I'm Thinking About







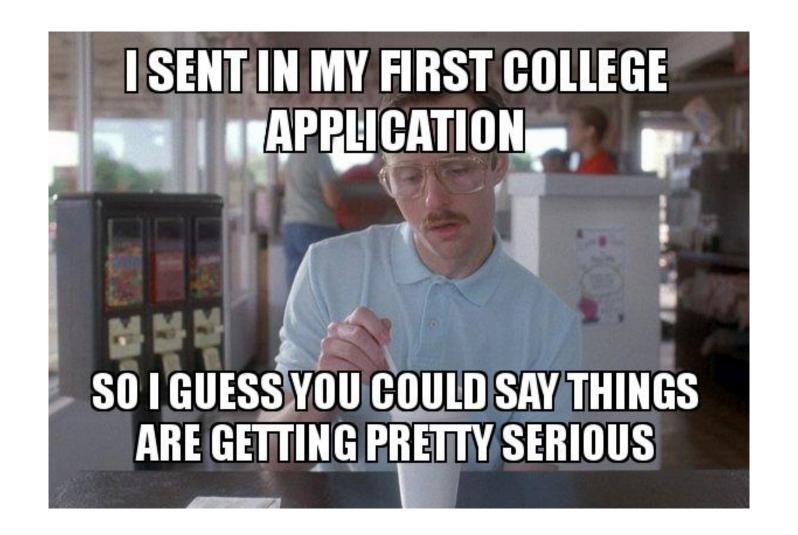
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In the next lesson, we will go over requesting transcripts and recommendations as well as how to manage deadlines

## Class of 2022 Senior Counseling Lesson Day 2

August 13 & 16 or

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#### Recap Day 1 info

- Resources for deciding postsecondary options
- College application process
  - Important factors to colleges
  - Build a list with reach, probable and confident
    - Know your admissions profile
    - Know the college's freshman profile
    - Compare to determine FIT
    - Pay attention to how GPA is calculated
  - Find and start applications
    - Common, Coalition, GAFutures, Direct application
  - Pay attention to deadlines!
  - Complete the FERPA Statement in Naviance
  - Make sure colleges are in Colleges I'm thinking about

- Applying to college quick steps
  - 1. Fill out an admissions application
  - 2. Send your transcript
  - 3. Send your test scores
  - 4. Send any other materials requested

It is YOUR responsibility to know what is required for an application and to complete requirements in a timely manner!



**Upcoming Events** 

Scholarships

Requesting transcripts

Requesting recommendations (counselor and teacher)

Importance of Attendance and Avoiding Senioritis

## DAY2 AGENDA

### Senior Parent Night

#### Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm PAC

Will review this presentation with parents

## Mini College Fairs

- We will again be hosting 4 mini college fairs this fall!
  - There will be 20 or fewer colleges at each fair

#### **During X Block**

September 1<sup>st</sup>
September 15<sup>th</sup>
October 6<sup>th</sup>
October 27<sup>th</sup>



- Naviance → College Home → College Visits (see these and OTHER fairs! →)
- The college reps at these events are usually the first readers of applications. NETWORK!!
- Use these fairs as an opportunity to speak with colleges you haven't heard of before- they might be a good fit for you!!
- Ask questions!

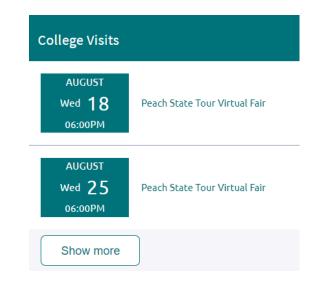


## Virtual Visits

- We will also be advertising Virtual Visits specifically for Pope students
- Wednesdays, X-block
- 2:30pm
- You can do these at home or wherever you have access to a computer
- Let us know if you need a space for this on campus!

We publish a weekly Tuesday Telegraph and will be sending these to you via the email address you list in Naviance







#### TUESDAY TELEGRAPH

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE FOR YOUR WEEK AHEAD...

- Weekly email
- Receive through CTLS and email
- Upcoming events
- Scholarships
- Deadlines
- Lots of important information from the Pope Counseling Office for seniors this year!!



## College and Career Center

Room 104

The College and Career Center, room 104, will be staffed by a Pope counselor and open on Wednesdays during all lunches, starting August 25<sup>th</sup>

Sign up in the **Counseling Office** with **Mrs. Sawyer** to get a pass

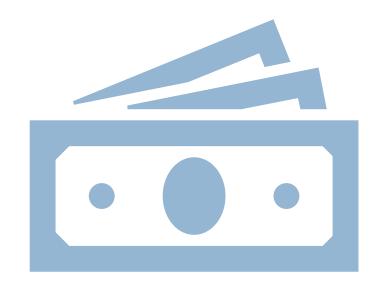
Bring your lunch or come after you eat

#### Bring your questions about:

- The application process
- How to figure out a major
- Scholarships/financial aid
- How to request transcripts, counselor &/or teacher recommendations
- Building a college list

OR

Simply take time to work on your application



# Coming Soon... Financial Aid Night!

We will advertise this through Tuesday Telegraph



#### HOPE Scholarship Program

Your
HOPE GPA
is
NOT
on your
transcript!

#### **HOPE Scholarship**

- 3.0 HOPE G.P.A.
- 4 courses of rigor
- ~70-80% tuition

#### **HOPE Grant**

- NO G.P.A. requirement for first semester (2.0 after)
- Tech colleges only
- Certificates/diplomas
- ~70-80% tuition

#### **Zell Miller Scholarship**

- 3.7 HOPE G.P.A.
- 1200 SAT (CR+M) or 26
   ACT (in one sitting)
- 100% Tuition

#### **Zell Miller Grant**

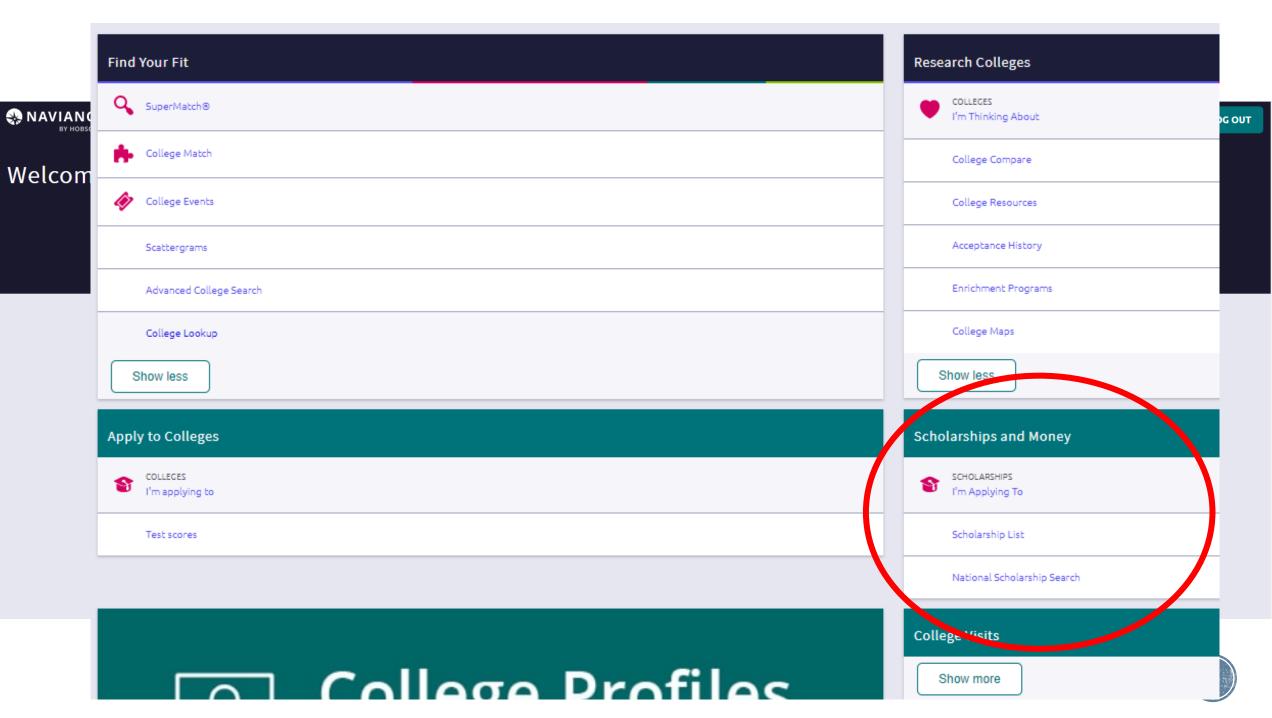
- Technical colleges only
- 3.5 G.P.A. after 1<sup>st</sup> semester
- Pays 100% tuition (will refund balance of 1<sup>st</sup> sem)
- HOPE GPA uses core courses ONLY (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language.
  - No quality points for Honors, .5 quality point added for AP & Dual Enrollment up to 4.0
- If you do not earn HOPE out of high school, you will have the opportunity to be re-evaluated at 30, 60, and 90 hour marks





- Two types of scholarships:
  - Internal- offered by each college
  - External- can be found in many places and are offered by many different agencies
- More on external scholarships:
  - Many scholarships are available
  - You need to spend time searching and applying
  - Most external scholarships come out in the Spring but some are available now!!
- In Naviance, go to the Colleges homepage
- "Scholarship List"
  - This is where we keep a list of scholarships that are sent to the Pope Counseling office
- National Scholarship Search
- Websites like JLV College Counseling, Cappex, and GAFutures have many scholarship listings (these are just naming a few!)
- Bottom line- you need to look to find them!!





#### Official Transcripts

- INITIAL You will request this each time you apply to a college, regardless of time of year
- MID-YEAR You may be required to send an additional transcript at the end of first semester to report your fall grades
  - You only send a mid-year if required by your college
- FINAL TRANSCRIPT You will request that we send a final transcript after graduation to prove you graduated to your chosen college
  - You will order this after May 1
  - This transcript is FREE!

- Most colleges require an official transcript as part of the application.
- Official transcripts cost\$2 each
- Sent directly by the counseling office (This is NOT the one we hand out to you each semester that one is UNOFFICIAL)
- Sealed in envelope or sent electronically



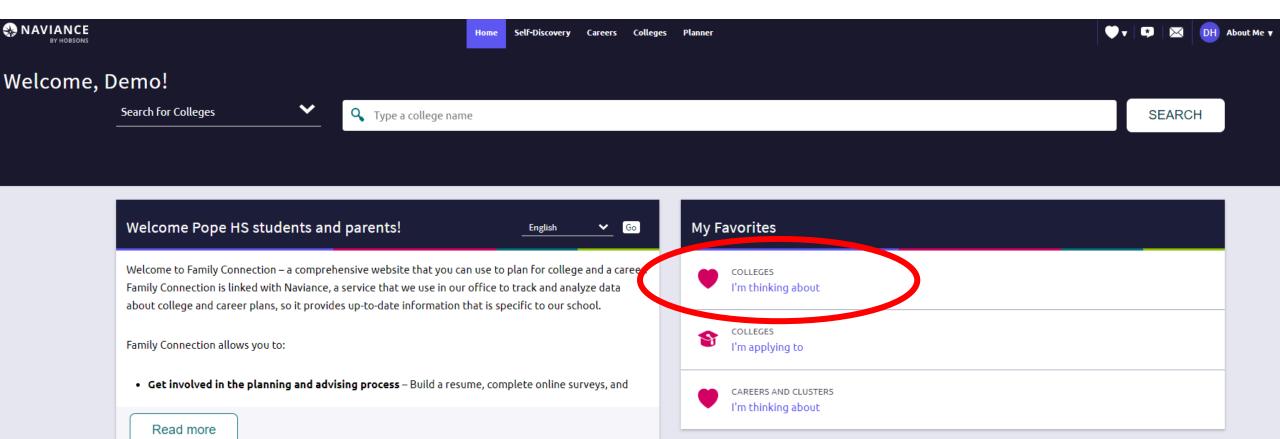
#### Requesting Transcripts

- 1: Submit your application to the college
- 2: Move your college to Colleges I'm Applying To in Naviance
- 3: **Complete Transcript Card** in Counseling Office You MUST sign the transcript card
- 4: Pay for your transcript (2 options):
  - a. Pay \$2 **cash** in the counseling office (no checks):

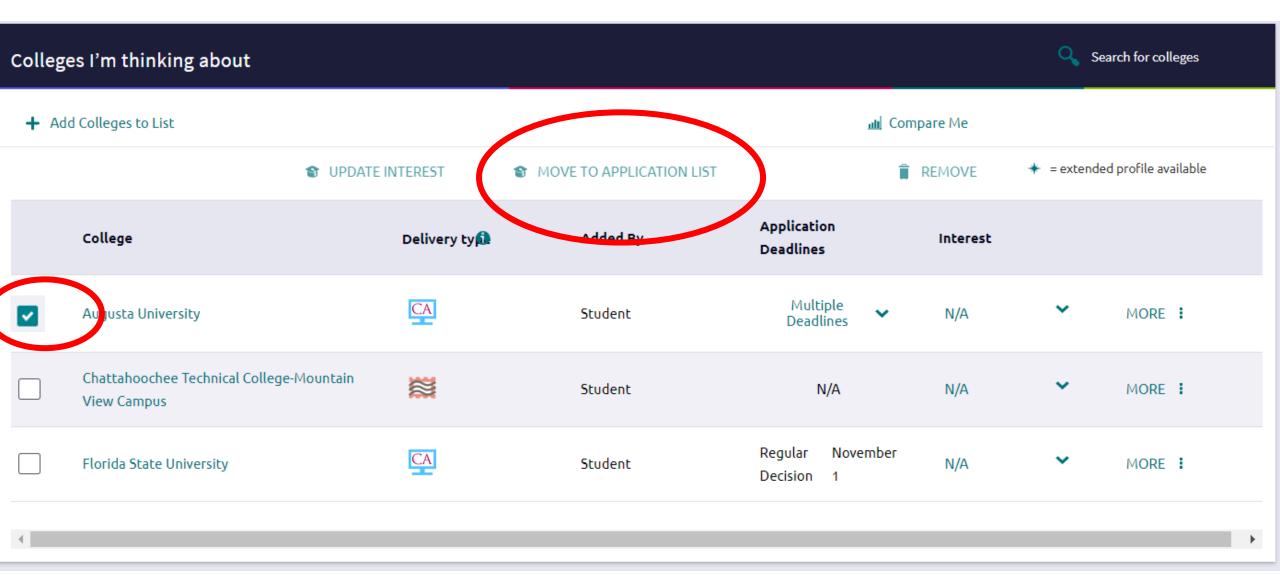
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b. Complete the request/pay in MyPaymentsPlus

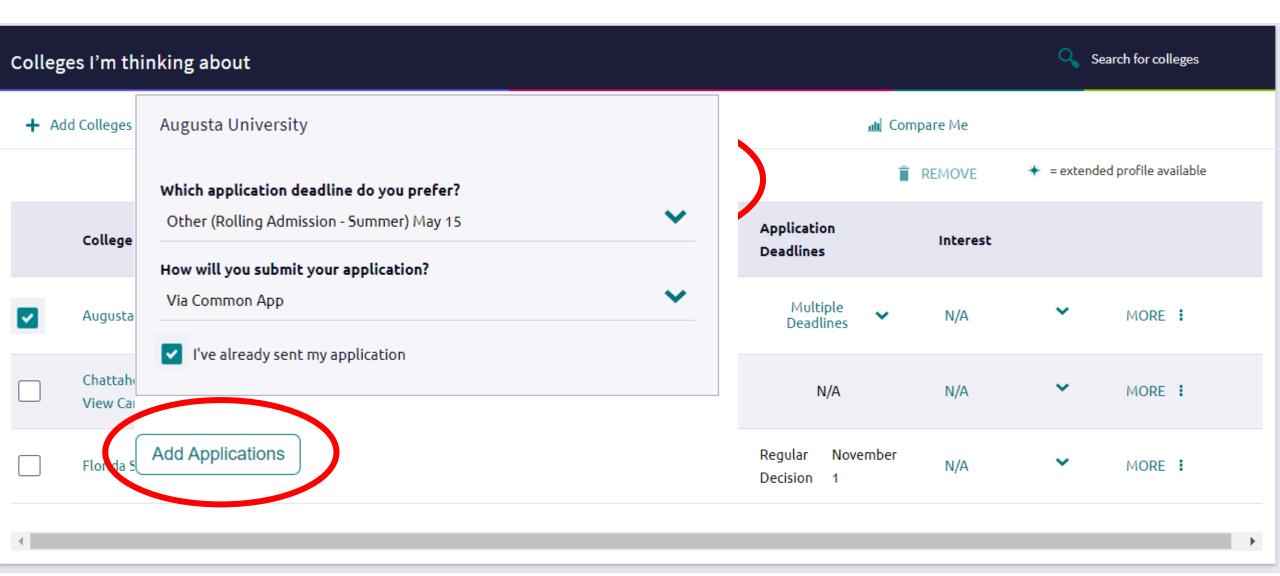




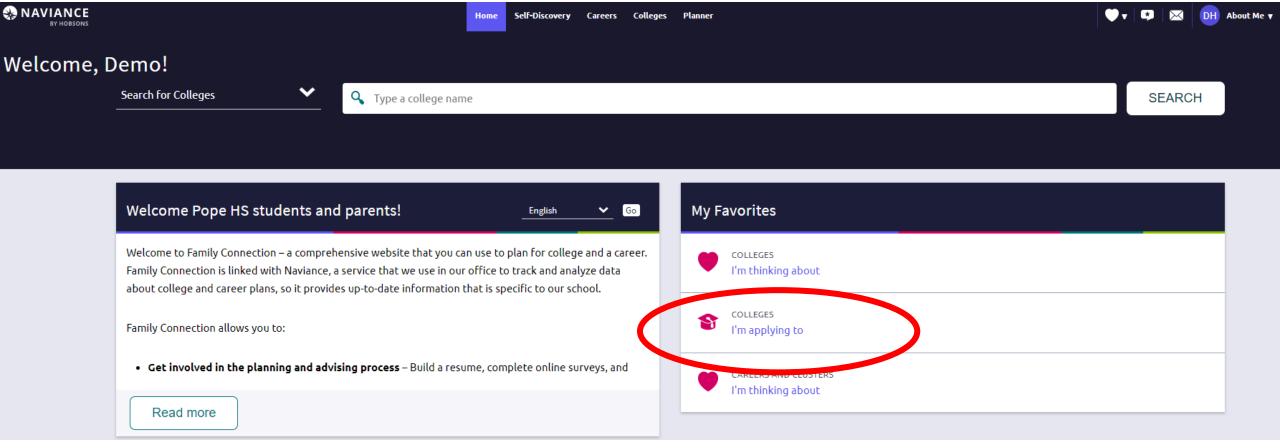




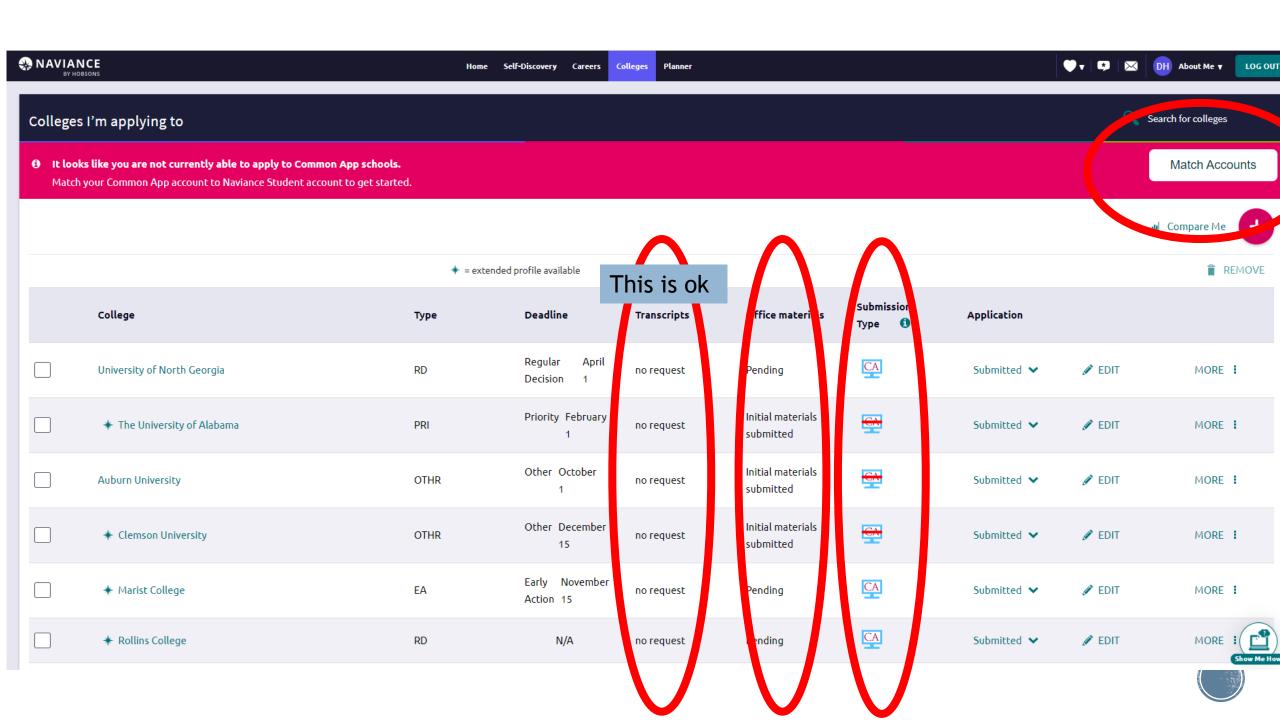












Next, come to the Counseling Transcript Request Card Office to fill out your:

									Office Use Only		
College/University or Other Institution's name	Pick Up	Common	Electronic	US Ma	Counselor Rec/School Report required?	Have you completed the commeter packet in Naviance?	Today's Late	College Deadline	Paid	Counselor Rec/ School Report (date sent)	Transcript (date sent)
UGA					(VES)	VES)	9/2	10/15			: .
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#### Next, Pay for Transcripts



Pay in person in counseling office \$2

For each transcript (Please bring exact amount)

(This is done at the same time as the transcript card...)



Pay in MyPaymentsPlus

**Create your own account -** rather than your parent requesting it for you!

Events & Activities → Activities and Services

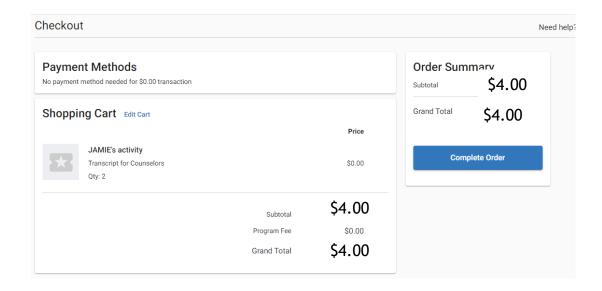
There are questions that you will need to answer about which application you are using, deadlines, whether you need a recommendation or not, etc.

There is a extra 4% surcharge to pay through MPP Will appear 24 hours later in counseling portal



## Important!!! Don't forget to <u>checkout</u> or we cannot send your transcripts!!!

## Shopping Cart 1. Transcript for Counselors Account: JAMIE Qty: 2 at \$2.00 each \$4.00





PROCEED TO CHECKOUT

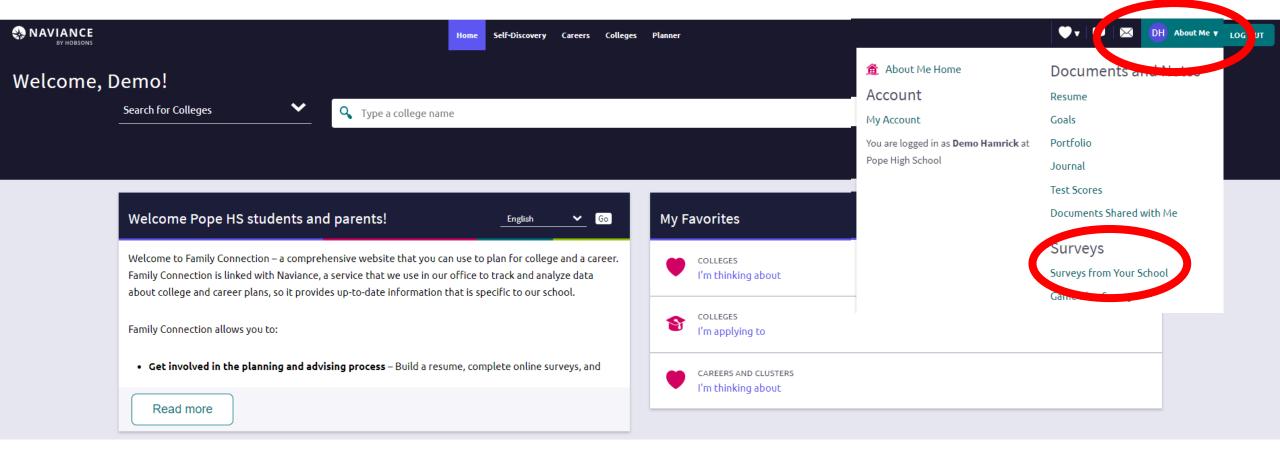
#### Counselor Recommendations

Also known as a Secondary School Report

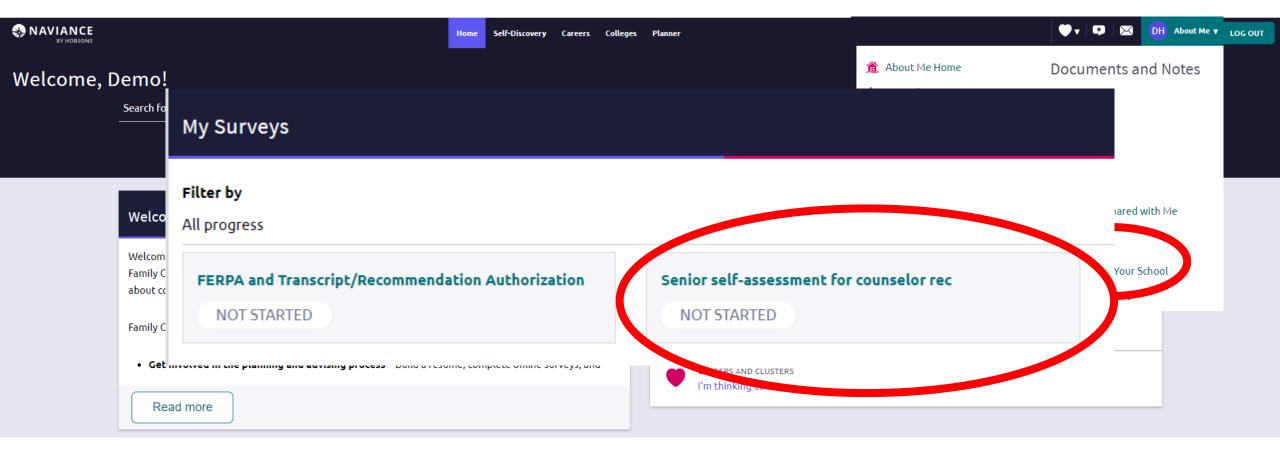


- Know if it is required by the college or not
  - If it is not required, **DO NOT** request one
- You officially request a Counselor Recommendation on the Transcript Request Card
- Three items are needed for a Secondary School Report/Counselor Recommendation:
  - 1. Student Self-assessment (ABOUT ME → Surveys)
  - 2. Parent Assessment (Parent account ABOUT ME→ Surveys)
  - 3. Resume (Create directly in Naviance or upload to your journal in Naviance)



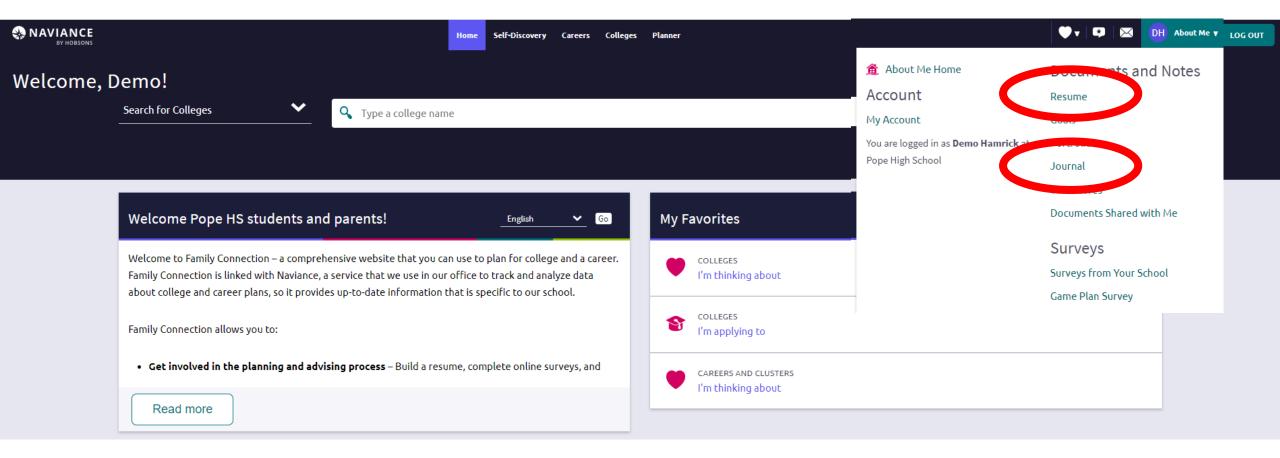








#### Completing or Uploading your Resume





# WARNING: DEADLINES ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR!



All documents required for a counselor recommendation must be RECEIVED by your counselor......

## NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE COLLEGE DEADLINE.

#### The steps to request the counselor recommendation are:

- Application Submitted
- 2. Transcript Request
  - This is also your official counselor rec. request
- 3. Student Self-assessment
- 4. Parent Assessment
- 5. Resume

#### Work Backwards to Determine All Your Deadlines:

#### Example:

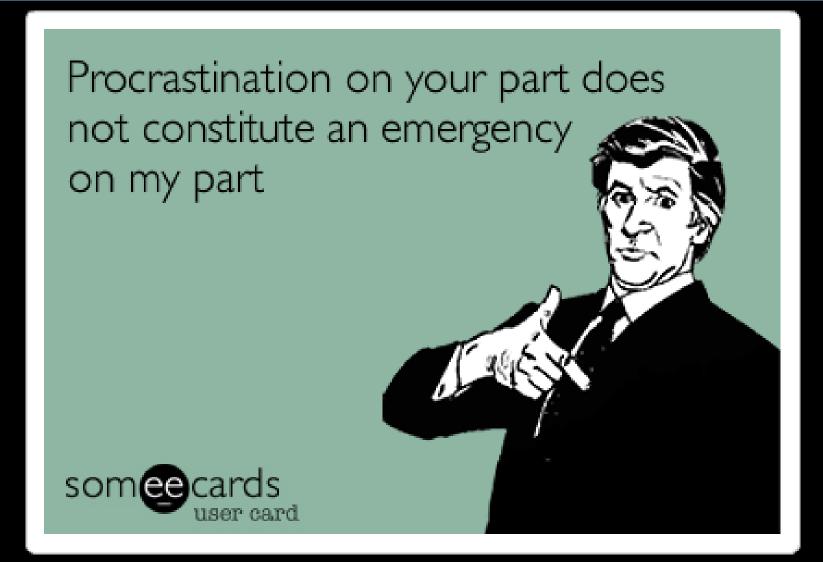
- Application deadline for the college is: Oct 15.
- Counselor recommendation request deadline : Oct 1st (2 weeks prior).
- The sooner you complete the application, transcript request, 3 counselor rec requirements in Naviance, the sooner your rec can be completed!

#### This means you have:

- 1) submitted the application to the college
- 2) completed your self-assessment, parent assessment, and resume
- 3) Moved your college to Colleges I'm Applying to in Naviance, paid
- \$2, and signed your transcript card

by Oct. 1st for an October 15th deadline.

(Since we are on September break Oct. 1, we will allow submission by Oct. 4)



Your recommendation is guaranteed to be done <a href="bythe deadline">by the deadline</a> only if you complete requirements by the counselor rec deadline!!

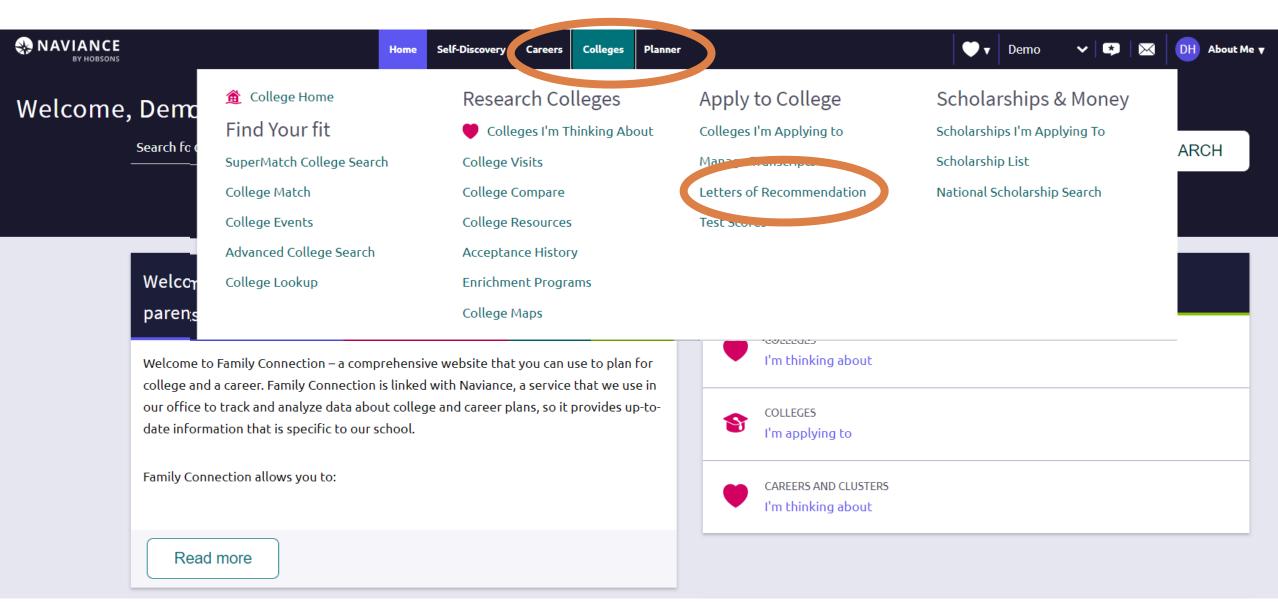
Counselors have many recs to do so they may not be done the day (or week) after you request it but it WILL be done by the counselor rec (or document) deadline.



#### Teacher Recommendations

- Know if a teacher rec is required by the college or not
  - If it is not required, <u>DO NOT</u> request one
- Ask the teacher(s) if they would be willing to write a recommendation BEFORE you submit a request in Naviance
  - They may require info from you (resume, info sheet, etc.)
  - They may not complete the rec until you speak with them
  - They may say "no"
- Inform your teacher which college(s) you are requesting recommendations to and what their deadlines are.
  - Some teachers have deadlines to request a rec but if they don't it is recommended to give them <u>at least two weeks</u> to write your recs.
  - MORE TIME IS BETTER!!
- Make the request in Naviance







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Letters of recommendation

#### **Your Requests**

Recommendation For A

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Deadline A Recommender(s) Status (1) Cancel Request



Your recommendation requests will show up here.



Add Request





#### Letters of recommendation

### Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel

Submit Request

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?\*

Register, Sara

2. Select the recommendation request type:\*

Select All	Colleges ^	Due ^	
	Auburn University 0 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested		
	Clemson University 0 required / 10 allowed / 0 requested		
	Marist College 0 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested	Nov 15 2021	
	The University of Alabama required / allowed / 0 requested		



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Thank you so much for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation for me! I have really enjoyed your class so far. Learning about screenwriting and the movie industry has really helped solidify my desire to pursue a career in this industry. Your passion for the subject makes it fun and I am looking forward to learning as much as I can in this class! By the way, my favorite assignment so far was analyzing our favorite movie scene by pointing out the theatrical methods used to elicit the emotional response from the audience.





2471 characters remaining

Cancel

**Submit Request** 

\* Indicates a required field

The University of Alabama

-- required / -- allowed / 0 requested



### Teacher quotes about Recommendation requests

- "Have students <u>notify us when they add schools [in Naviance]</u> because many times we are not aware to go back in to help with those new schools."
- "Really stay up on <u>completing their end</u> because it will continue to come back incomplete to us waiting on them."
- "<u>Time</u>! I think they think they're giving us ample time, but often it's not much."
- "<u>Details</u> about the scholarship (if it's a scholarship) requirements, a <u>resume</u>, and <u>giving time</u> to get it completed and turned in."
- "The students who ask for recs need to have been good and respectful students in class have done their work regularly, stayed off their phones, fulfilled their promises, had good attendance, etc. This doesn't mean straight A's. This means you are someone who is worthy of my respect."
- "Treat every day in class like an <u>on-going job interview</u>. If you can't keep yourself screwed down and <u>do the important stuff on a regular basis</u>, I have no enthusiasm for lying to someone else about what a superstar you are.
- "When students ask for recommendations, they have no idea what the teachers are actually sending in for them. [Therefore,] a recommendation is not just a piece of paper. It is a teacher's affirmation that you are someone who is worthy of future trust."



- I am going to re-emphasize to <u>ask</u>, often I go into Naviance for a student and find that a couple more are there that I was unaware of. <u>I will not touch those until I am asked</u>.
- Resume is very important.....we don't know everything there is about these kids.
- One other thing that I think has to be brought up, is us liking the personality of a students does not automatically mean the recommendation will be stellar. We are asked about <u>academic promise</u>, not always if they are a "good kid."
- One of the things I consider is, <u>has/did the student exhibit qualities that would make them successful in higher education</u>. Things like <u>academic initiative</u>, being able to THINK for themselves, and low on excuse making.
- Academic integrity is VERY IMPORTANT. We are specifically asked about this in the evaluations...
- [T]hey need to let us know if they add a school [in Naviance]. I can't speak for other teachers, but I don't open Naviance everyday just for kicks.
- Lastly, I try to personalize recommendations every time, the more I know about what they are applying for the better the letter can be."



- "Along the lines of a resume (or instead of one in most cases), I often just ask students to tell me about an activity they did or something they learned in my class that had a lasting impact on them. It is much easier to personalize a recommendation when I have that piece of info to jog my memory regarding a student I taught 1-2 years ago!"
- "Most recommendation forms (like GHP) specifically ask <u>how a student performed on some</u> <u>activity</u> in your class, so that's a great way for me to narrow it down."
- "I also think it is important for students to know that <u>our recommendation is not simply a "rubber stamp" and the way they act in class is exactly what is going in the recommendation.</u> I have had to tell a few students this in the past and they decided to ask a different teacher."
- "What I find helpful is some indication of the <u>likely course of study</u>. What are they intending to study, likely major, ... That information <u>enables me to highlight those attributes</u>, skills, and <u>activities</u> which are best suited to that pursuit and thereby <u>have a greater impact in our recommendation letters</u>."
- "Re-emphasizing the <u>importance of asking</u>. I will open Naviance and find requests from students that have not asked in person or even through email. I think <u>requesting the recommendation is an important part of the process."</u>
- "It is not our duty to write letters or give recommendations for any student who asks. They are asking us to vouch for their <u>academic promise</u>, <u>character and integrity</u>. We are putting our name on the document and <u>will not lie</u> for the kids. I am so happy to help kids and most of ours are deserving, but <u>we look at the whole child</u>; <u>have they earned a recommendation</u> on their own merit? <u>This starts on day one of class</u>. I am willing to run through walls for the kids who have earned it."

To view our Jumpstart
Presentation that we
recorded last spring
about College Essays,
Resumes, and Letters of
Recommendation, visit
the Junior Page on the
Pope Counseling
Webpage!

### \*Class of 2022:

### College Jumpstart Series for Pope Juniors!

egin thinking about the college application process, the Pope Counseling Office will be hosting a sum on Digital Learning Days called the *College Jumpstart Series!* These interactive sessions will ipation and hopefully help to demystify the college application process. We will build off the Junior presented in the fall, so if you haven't viewed that yet, please do that first (see lesson video below). The Jumpstart is to get you \*doing\* and starting some processes early, rather than waiting until ve College Jumpstart Series is designed for STUDENTS ONLY to help encourage participation and

instill ownership of these steps. We will post recordings on this page at a later date for those who can't attend, those who wish to watch later, and for parents. We hope that these sessions will be conversation starters at home. There will be a Q & A at the end for topics that we don't get to! We will send out a link later to for you to add your questions for that specific session.

Friday, March 19, 1pm - How to Develop a Solid College List

Friday, March 26, 1pm-A Deep Dive into Navigating College Websites & Getting Started with College Applications

Wednesday, March 31, 1pm - Decoding Essays, Resumes, & Letters of Recommendation

Guest speaker: college essay expert Rachel West, Associate Director of College Admission at Agnes Scott College

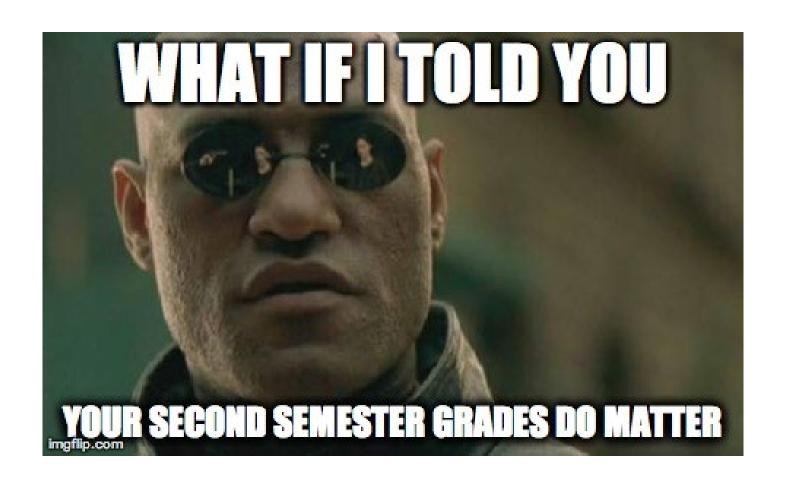
Typessed above, please watch live recording HERE

Friday, April 23, 1pm – Money Matters: Financial Aid Basics & Scholarship Searching for Students Guest speaker: Marcus Hilliard from GA Student Finance Commission



### Attendance in the senior year

- You are more successful when you are HERE
- Being present in school prepares you for the future
- A missed school day is a <u>permanently</u> lost opportunity to learn
- Great attendance builds rapport and relationships with your teachers
- Poor attendance is linked to discipline problems in school and with law enforcement
- Prepares you for "the real world"
  - Missing work-days without a VALID excuse will get you fired
  - Georgia is an at will state they can fire you for any reason



## Tips to avoid falling into this DANGEROUS TRAP

- 1. Stay on top of your grades they still matter!
  - 1. You are "college student and employee in-training"
  - 2. Use a planner
  - 3. Make to-do lists
- 2. Take breaks and stay healthy
- 3. Enjoy time with family
- 4. Challenge yourself
  - 1. Set goals
  - 2. Learn or try something new
- 5. Seek out help see your counselor!
- 6. Have fun!! Enjoy your senior year!!

Ultimately, do not close doors for yourself by letting everything go as you near the finish line... RUN to the finish line!!

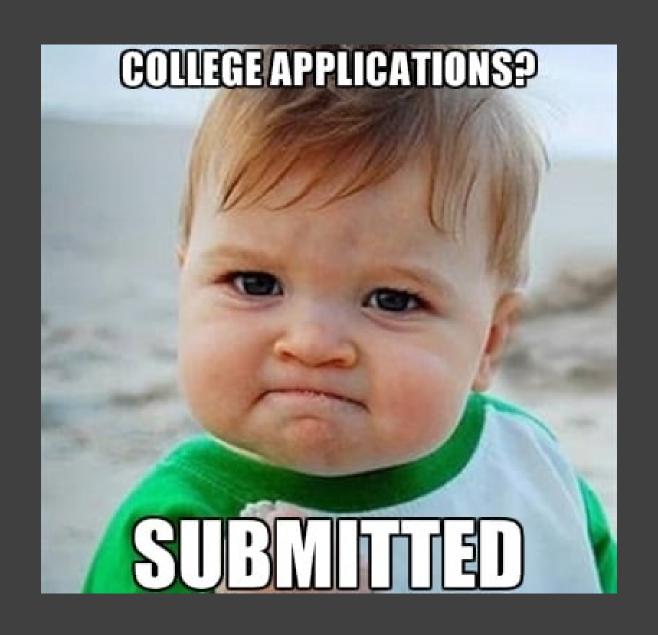
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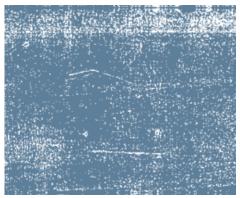
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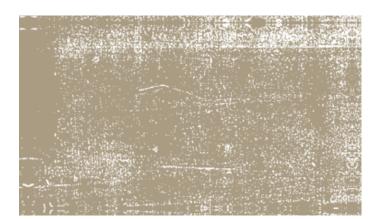






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