Senior Parent Presentation Class of 2022

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We are located in: Room 102

College and Career Center Room 104



Resources and Upcoming Events

Post-secondary Options & Resources

The College Application Process

FERPA

Naviance Research Tools
Scholarships
Requesting transcripts
Requesting recommendations
Tips on Finishing Strong
Supporting your Senior

TUESDAY TELEGRAPH

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

- Weekly email from the Counseling Office
- Receive through CTLS/email parents, please forward these to your seniors!
- Upcoming events
- Scholarships
- Deadlines
- Lots of important information from the Pope Counseling Office for seniors this year!!





Financial Aid Night w/ Marcus Hilliard, GSFC

Tuesday, Sept. 14 6:30pm PAC



Mini College Fairs

We will again be hosting 4 mini college fairs for students this fall!

There will be 20 or fewer colleges at each fair

During X Block

September 1st
September 15th
October 6th
October 27th



- The college reps at these events are usually the first readers of applications. Students need to learn how to 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!





Wed 25 Peach State Tour Virtual Fair 06:00PM

Show more



Virtual Visits

- We will also be advertising Virtual Visits specifically for Pope students
- Wednesdays, X-block
- 2:30pm, 3:30pm
- You can do these at home or wherever you have access to a computer
- Students, let us know if you need a space for this on campus!





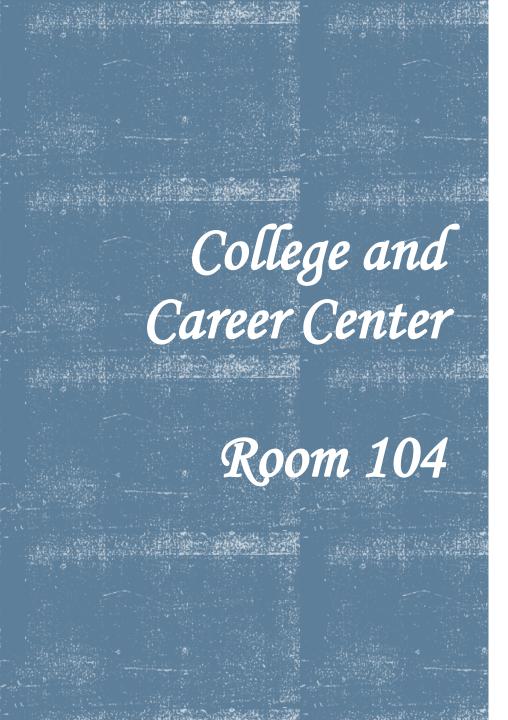




We will host a Career Fair in the spring

Details to come!!

Watch Tuesday Telegraph!



The **College and Career Center**, **room 104**, will be staffed by a Pope counselor and open to students on **Wednesdays during all lunches**, starting **August 25**th

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
- Research Apprenticeships
- Learn about military opportunities
- Scholarships/financial aid
- How to request transcripts, counselor &/or teacher recommendations
- Building a college list

OR

Simply take time to work on your application

Postsecondary options

Apprenticeships and Job Training

Military

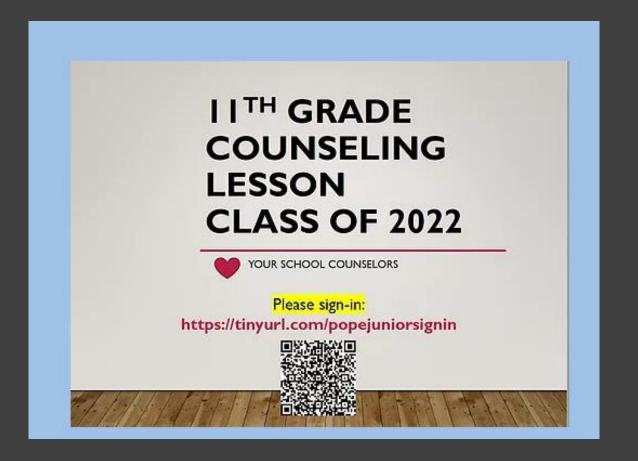
Specialty School

Technical College

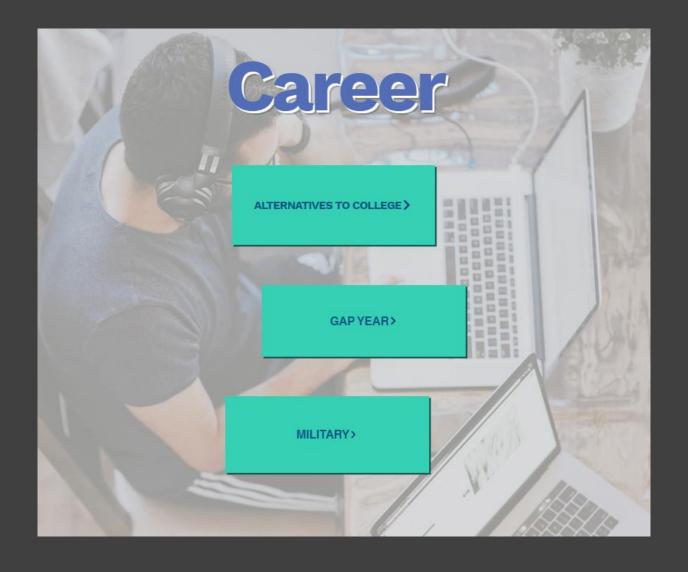
2-Year/Community College

4-Year College/University





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https://bit.ly/PopeCollegeCareer



College Search Overview



1st- Know what each college considers for admission

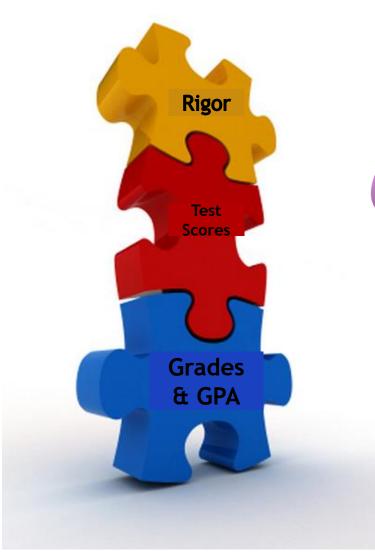
2nd- Build a college list

- 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

3rd- Apply and send materials

4th - Pay attention to deadlines!!

Know the Factors for College Admission



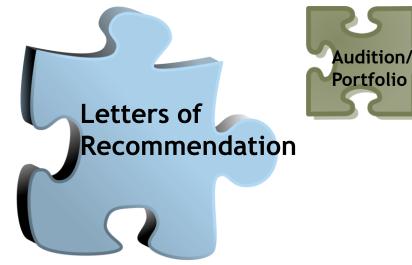








Audition/





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.



GRADE POINT AVERAGE REMINDERS

Overall or Cumulative GPA (on transcript)

 Take a look at the GPA on your transcript, then FORGET IT!!

Academic or Core GPA (NOT on transcript)

- Only English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages courses
- Most colleges recalculate GPA and will not look your Pope GPA
- A Core GPA that a college calculates is often unweighted

HOPE GPA

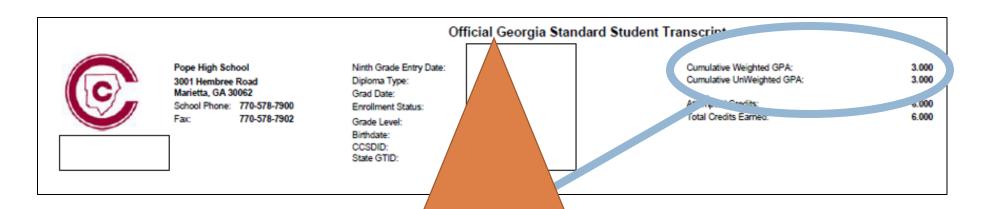
- A type of Core GPA
- Provides weight, but differently than Pope (NOT on transcript)

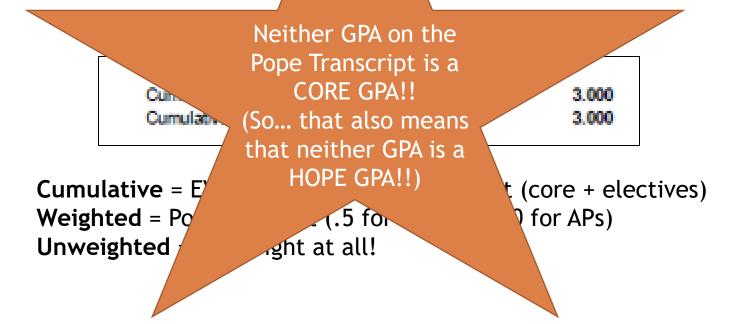


We have a GPA Calculator on the Pope Counseling website Academics → Academics



Pope's GPA calculation







If you haven't tested yet, test this fall

Find out the final test date each college accepts for admissions

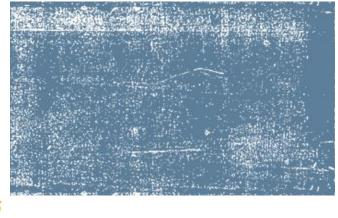
"Official" test scores for colleges must be sent directly from the SAT or ACT.

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







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



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



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"

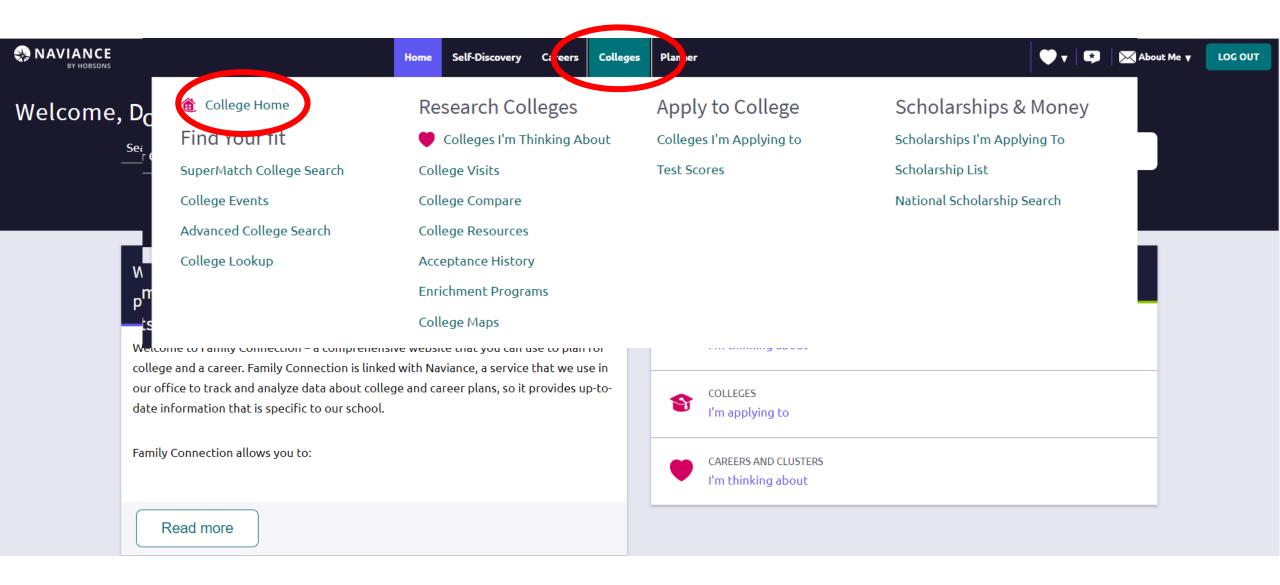


- Coalition Application http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/
 - Over 90 institutions have joined
 - Similar to Common App

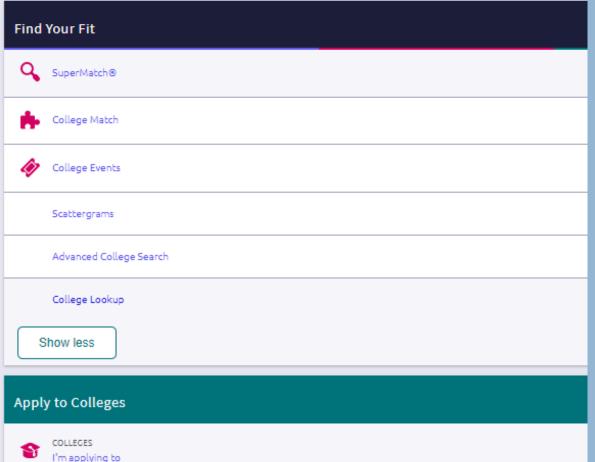


COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

- 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!







College Dr

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.

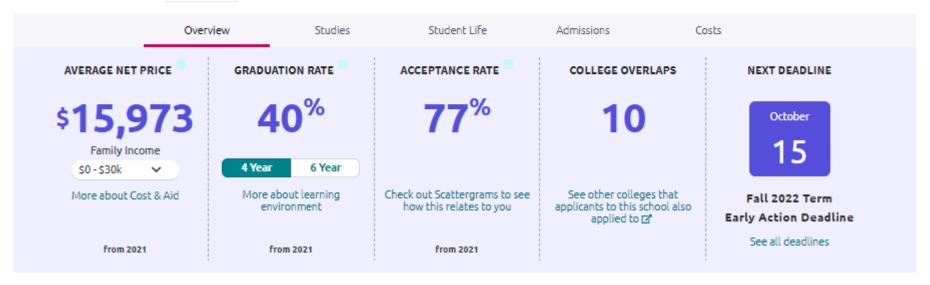
College Lookup- this tool allows you to find specific colleges by name, by alphabet, by state or by country. From here you can view the college profile, which has the same valuable information that you can view in Naviance



Georgia College & State University Milledgeville, GA, United States gcsu.edu



Communicate



Get to know the college

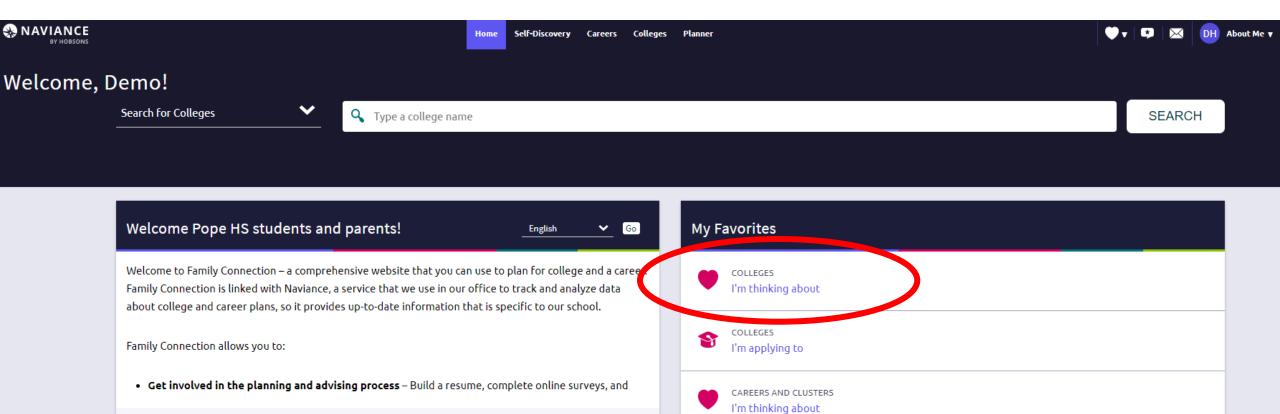
Learn more about Georgia College & State University.

From its founding as a women's educational center in 1889, our institution has consistently been a destination for students looking to make a difference in the world. We are Georgia's designated public liberal arts university. More importantly, we teach every student how to learn; and we strive to instill a lifelong passion for learning that serves our students well regardless of the career paths they choose. The main Georgia College campus is located in Milledgeville, a charming, traditional southern town less than a two-hour drive from Atlanta.

Quick Facts

| Website | gcsu.edu |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| School Type | Public / Four Year School |
| CEEB Code | 5252 |
| ACT Code | 828 |
| Undergraduate | 5,987 |





Read more



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FERPA

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Rights &

Privacy

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.





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



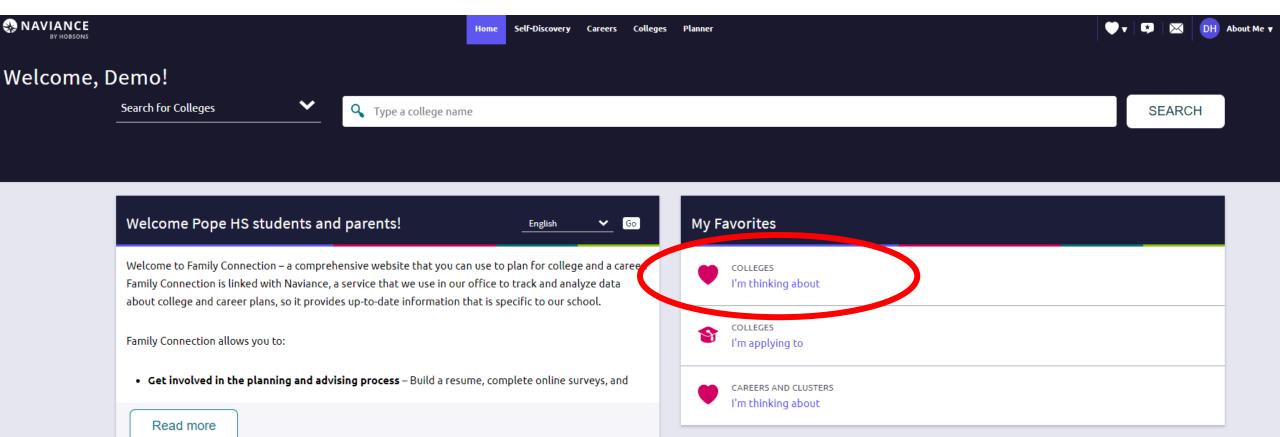
Requesting Transcripts

- 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):

OR

b. Complete the request/pay in MyPaymentsPlus

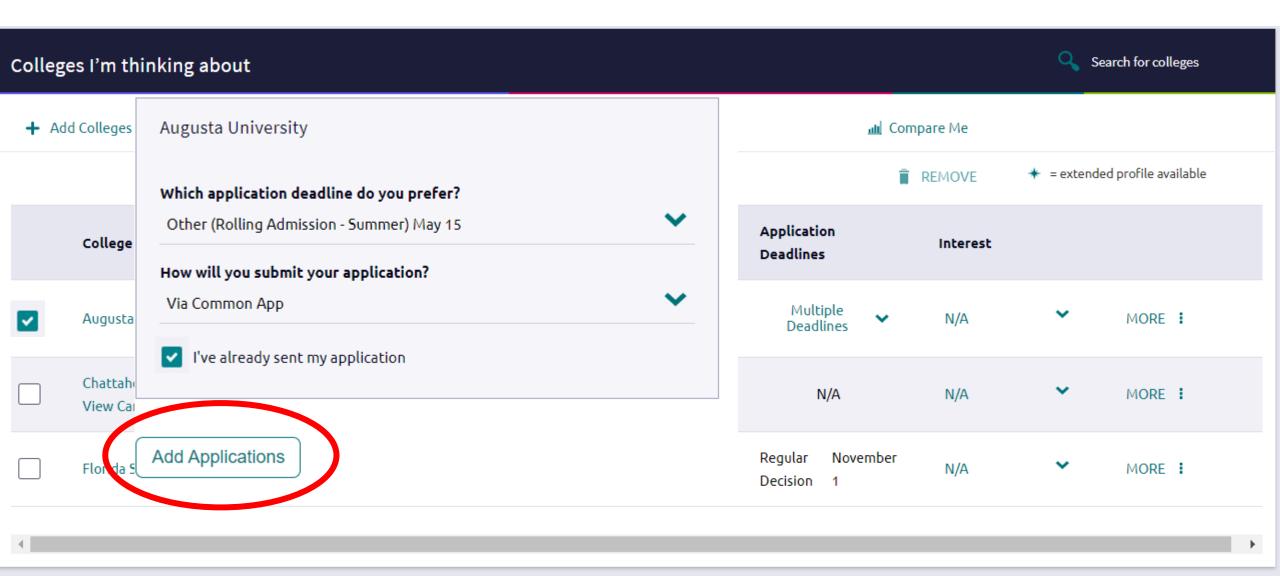




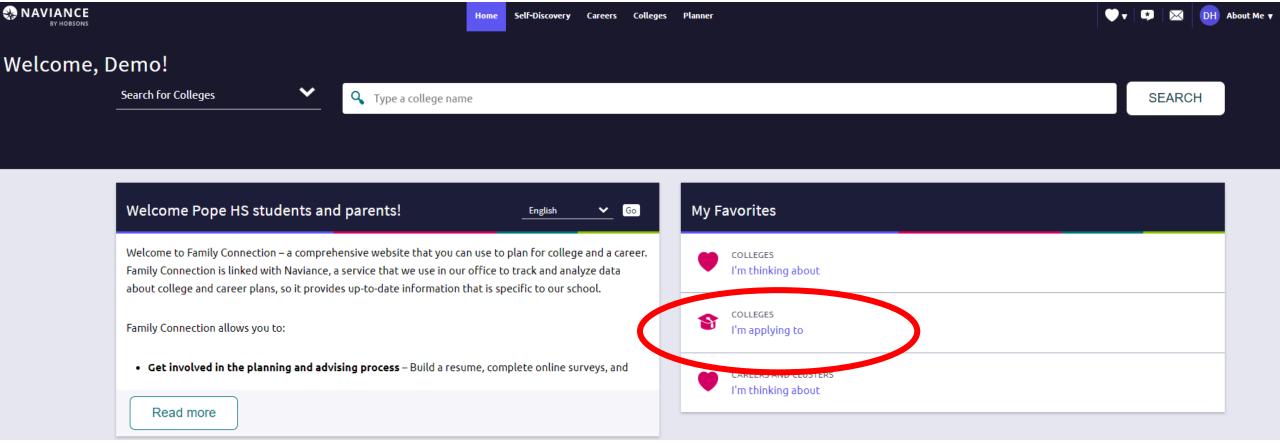


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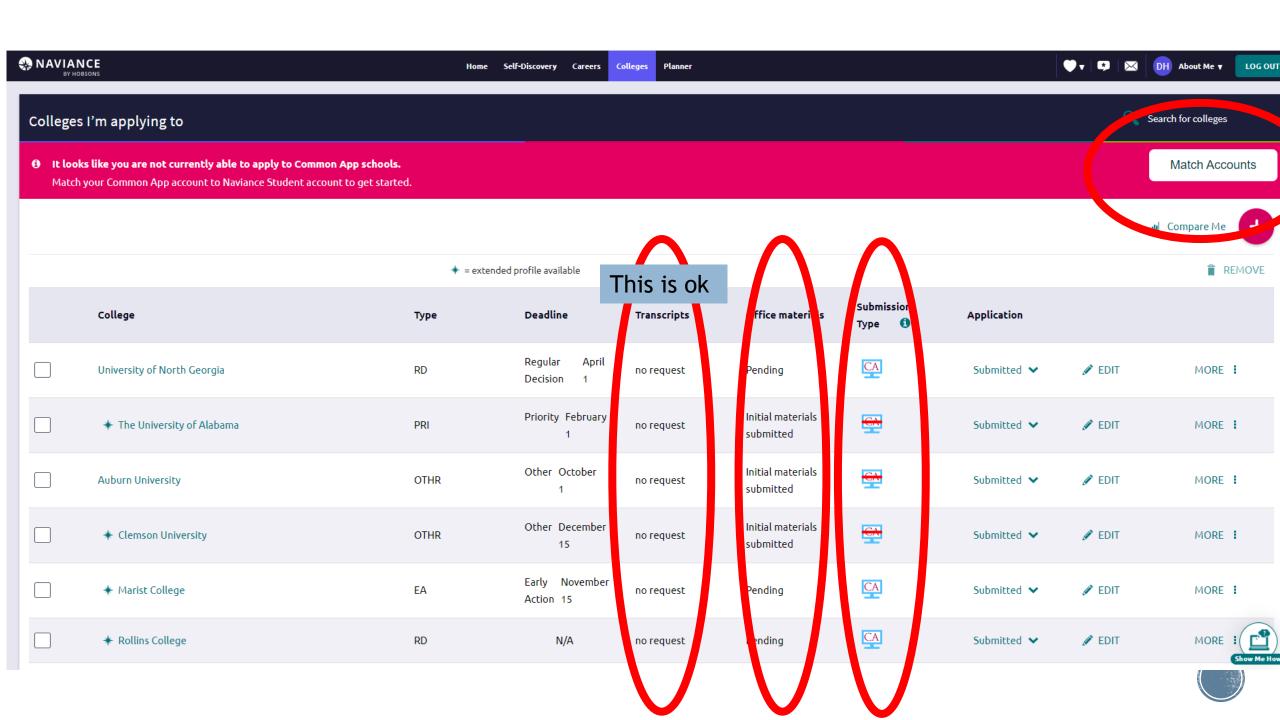












Next, come to the Counseling Transcript Request Card Office to fill out your:

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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

1 CHECKOUT

Shopping Cart



1. Transcript for Counselors

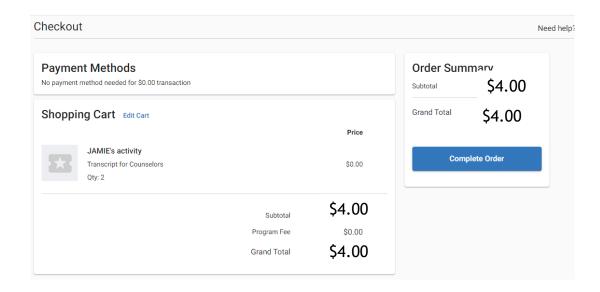
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Qty: 2 at \$2.00 each

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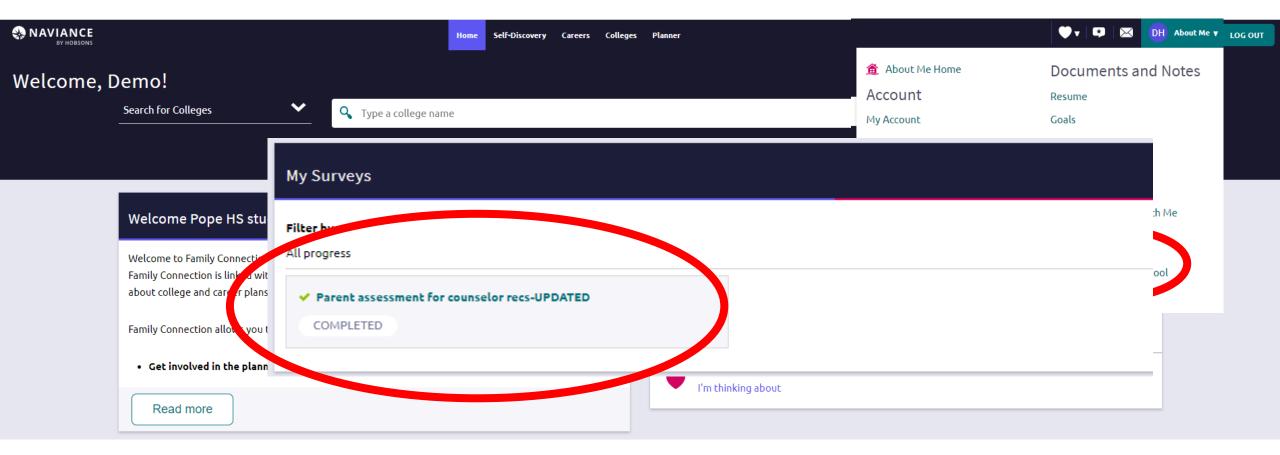
Counselor Recommendations

Also known as a Secondary School Report

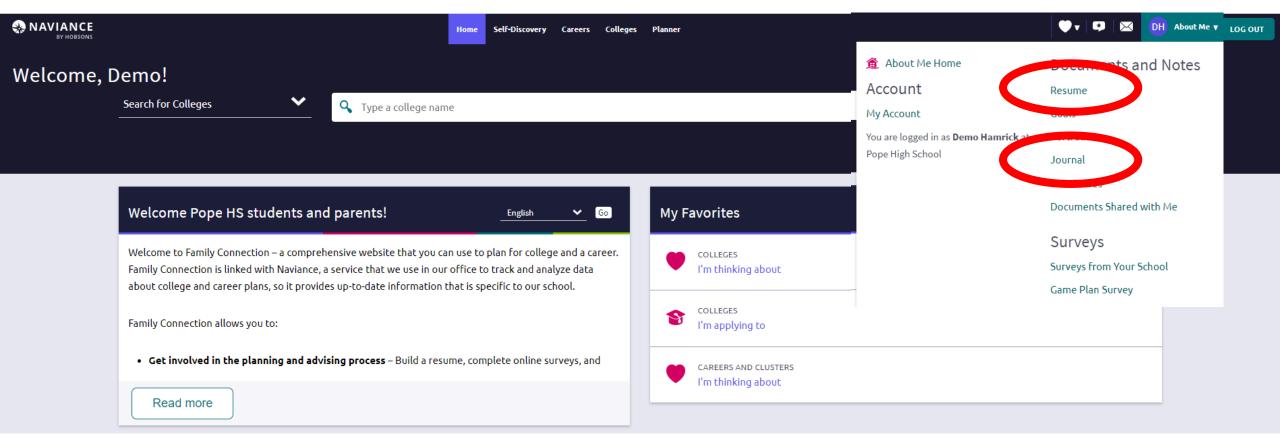


- Know if it is required by the college or not
 - If it is not required, **DO NOT** request one
- You officially request a Counselor Recommendation on the Transcript Request Card
- Three items are needed for a Secondary School Report/Counselor Recommendation:
 - 1. Student Self-assessment (ABOUT ME →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











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



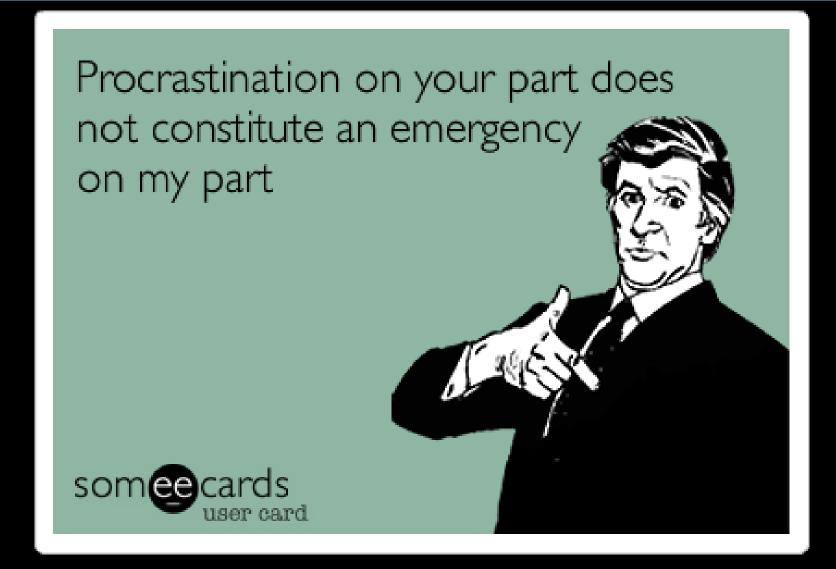
Work Backwards to Determine All Your Deadlines:

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)



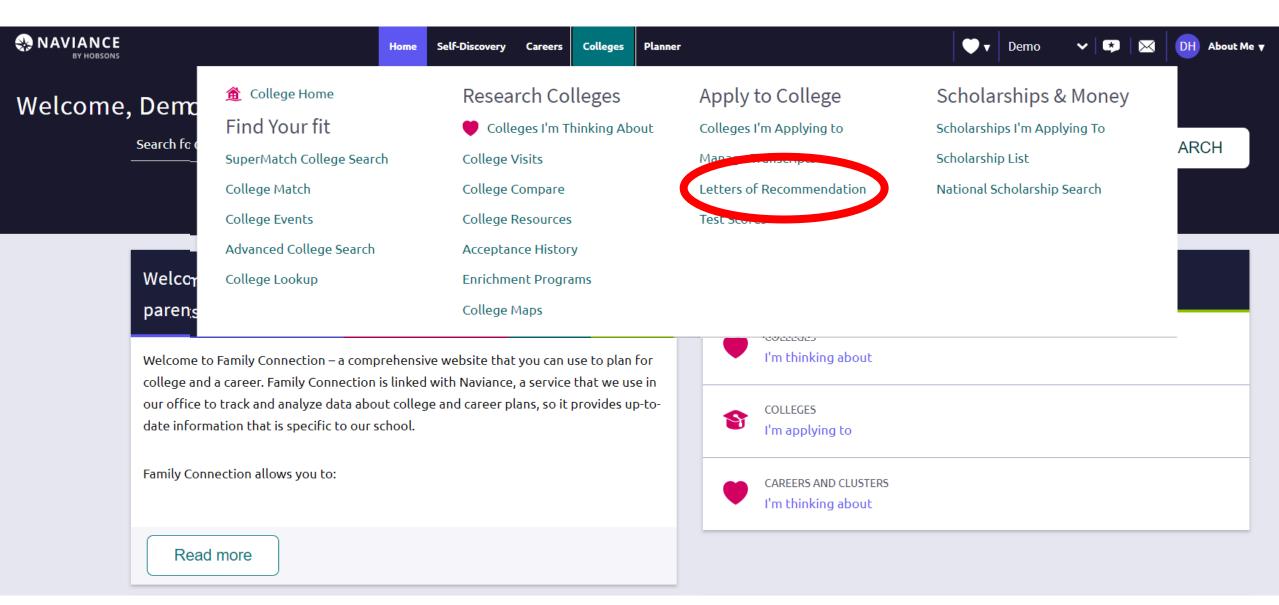
Your recommendation is guaranteed to be done by the deadline only if you complete requirements by the counselor rec deadline!!



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







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

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:Class of 2022:

College Jumpstart Series for Pope Juniors!

To help Juniors begin thinking about the college application process, the Pope Counseling Office will be hosting a new Zoom program on Digital Learning Days called the *College Jumpstart Series!* These interactive sessions will encourage participation and hopefully help to demystify the college application process. We will build off the Junior Lesson that was presented in the fall, so if you haven't viewed that yet, please do that first (see lesson video below). The goal of *College Jumpstart* is to get you *doing* and starting some processes early, rather than waiting until senior year. The live 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

If you missed 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



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 1st semester
- Pays 100% tuition (will refund balance of 1st 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





4 "Rigorous" Course Requirement

HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements Georgia Student Finance Commission 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 MINIMUM NUMBER GRADUATING STUDENTS MUST RECEIVE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES OF COURSES REQUIRED CLASS PRIOR TO GRADUATION 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; 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; 2022 Advanced placement courses in core subjects; 4) International baccalaureate courses in core subjects; 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

Examples of "rigorous courses" include:

credit at an eligible postsecondary institution.

Chemistry 2nd year of a Language and higher

6) Advanced foreign language courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level

Physics Algebra II

Anatomy Precalculus

Core APs Core dual enrollment courses



HOPE Grant + HOPE CAREER GRANT = FREE TUITION!

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

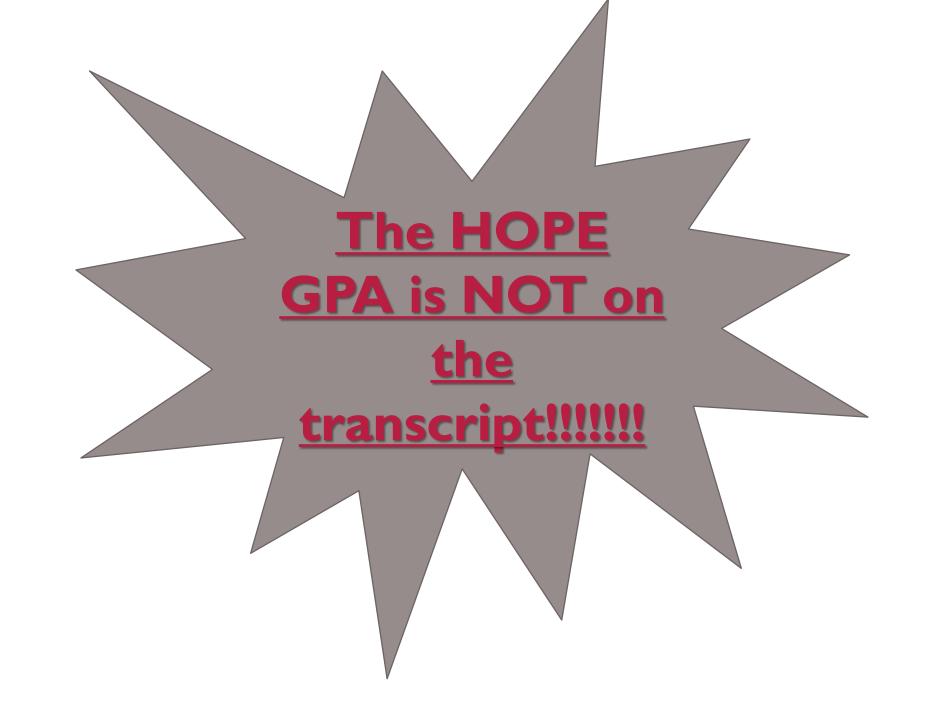
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Technology
- Certified Engineer Assistant
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Computer Programming
- Computer Technology
- Construction Technology
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Early Childhood Care and Education

- 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





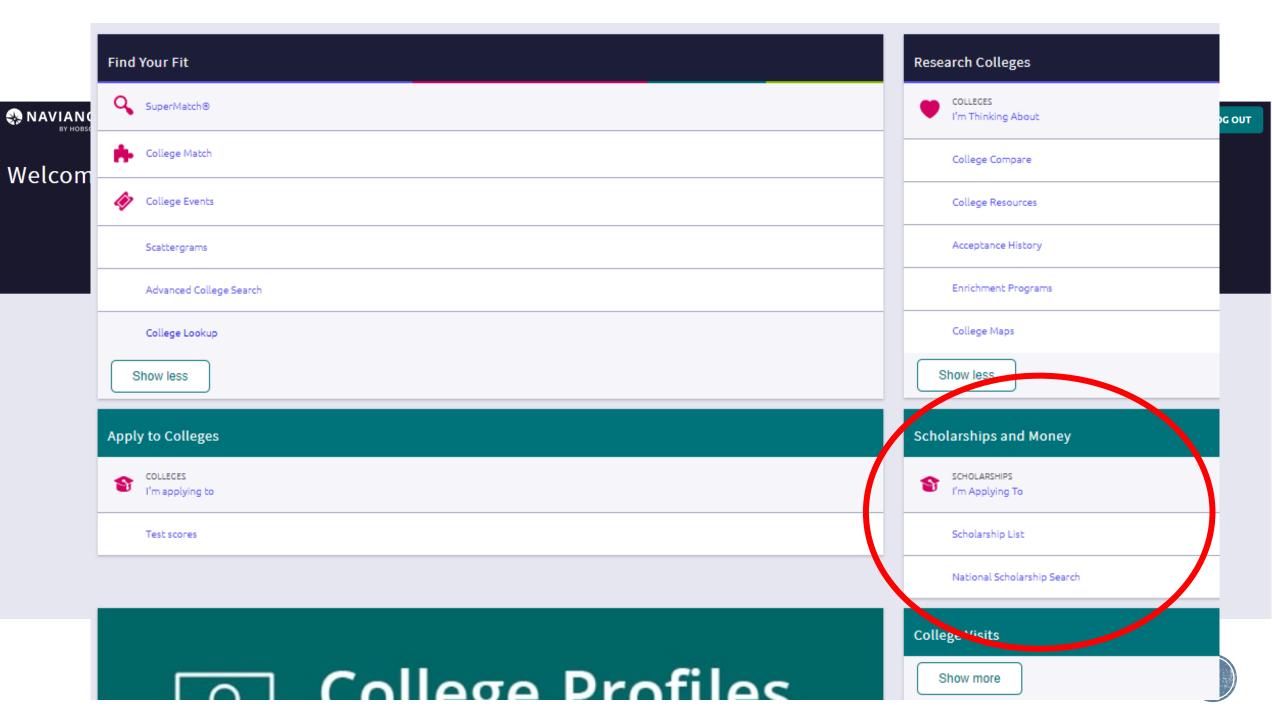






- Two types of scholarships:
 - Internal- offered by each college
 - External- can be found in many places and are offered by many different agencies
- More on external scholarships:
 - Many scholarships are available
 - You need to spend time searching and applying
 - Most external scholarships come 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!!





Tips for Senior Parents Dos Don'ts

- Do encourage your student to start applications early - help them with deadlines
- Do visit colleges if you can (if you haven't already)
- Do encourage balance in college applications (Reach, Good-fit & Confident!)
- Do schedule a specific day of the week to review progress together
- Do attend Financial Aid night & complete the FAFSA
- Do have an honest discussion with your student EARLY about financing college
- Do support your child throughout the entire process
- Do give help to your student if they have a question
- Do help your student look at acceptances realistically
- Do encourage growth mindset and self-reliance
- Do encourage your senior to ask questions of those who have answers rather than doing it for them

- Don't do your student's college applications
- Don't ask all the questions on visits, at fairs, etc.
- Don't pressure students to apply to schools that may not be right for them
- Don't do scholarship applications for your student
- Don't ask them every day about college/career plans
- Don't wait until April to ask them if they have thought about what they will do after high school
- Don't wait until April to discuss financing college
- Don't request your student's transcripts for them
- Don't make the decision for your student
- Don't do everything for your student- RESIST- they will be on their own next year!!!





WEARE EXCITED TO WORK WITHYOU THIS YEAR!

A-E: Ms. Blount
F-La: Mrs. Shearstone
Le-R: Mrs. Gully
S-Z: Mrs. Hamrick
Mrs. Watterson

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