

Surviving the College Application Process



WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM GLENELG STUDENT SERVICES

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Senior Conferences

- ▶ Schedule with counselor
- ▶ Parents invited
- ▶ Don't delay



How many schools should a student apply to?

- ▶ Choose 6 – 8 schools that “fit”
- ▶ Think about:
 - ▶ Does the school have my academic major?
 - ▶ Can my family afford the tuition?
 - ▶ How far will I be from home?
 - ▶ Will I enjoy the campus setting and layout?
 - ▶ Does the school have the extracurricular activities I want?
- ▶ Still not sure???
- ▶ Talk to the school counselor



HCC Programs to Consider

- ▶ Freshman Focus



- ▶ Silas Craft



- ▶ Rouse, Schoenbredt and S



Visit www.howardcc.edu for deadlines & applications

Dates & Deadlines

- ▶ Many schools have early action and priority deadlines as early as Oct. 15, Nov. 1 or Dec. 1
 - ▶ University of MD College Park
 - ▶ November 1st – Priority Consideration Deadline
- ▶ Howard Community College
 - ▶ Freshman Focus – March 15, 2017
 - ▶ Rouse , Schoenbrodt and STEM Scholars – November 15, 2016
 - ▶ Silas Craft – March 15, 2017
- ▶ December 1st – priority scholarship deadline at MANY universities

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Where to find a college application

- Common Application
www.commonapp.org
- College Website
- Paper versions rarely used

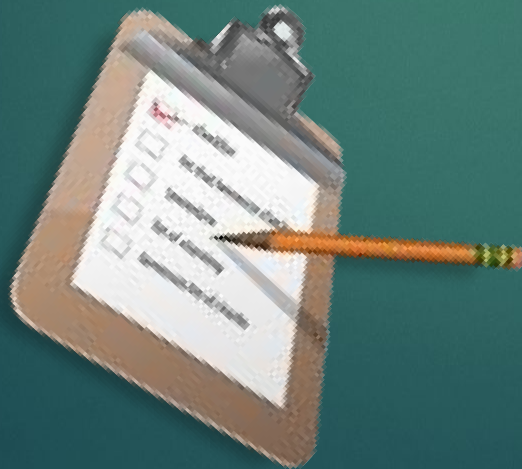


We need a few
volunteers from the
audience for a quick
activity!



Factors in the admissions process

- ▶ Grades/GPA
- ▶ Curriculum Strength
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ Class Rank
- ▶ SAT & ACT Scores
- ▶ Essay/Personal Statement
- ▶ Extracurricular
- ▶ Interviews
(if applicable)
- ▶ Portfolio



Application Requirements

- Completed Application - Student
- SAT and ACT Scores - Student
 - MUST be sent electronically by student.
- Transcript – GHS Student Services
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Counselor & Teacher(s)
- Essay
- Interview (optional for some colleges)

Details of Application Process on GHS
Website

Last Minute Admissions Testing

ACT

October 22

December 10

February 11

SAT

October 1

November 5

December 3



Sending SAT & ACT Scores

- ▶ Must be sent electronically from
 - ▶ www.collegeboard.com
 - ▶ www.actstudent.org
- ▶ HCPSS does not send test scores



The College Essay

- Voice
- Most (but not all) Schools will require
- College Essay Workshops

Where: Media Center

When: Wednesday, October 5

When: Wednesday, October 20

Time: 2:10-3:30pm

*Sign up on Naviance Family Connection
under “view all upcoming college visits”



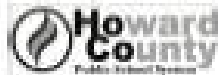
High School Transcript



- ▶ Unofficial transcripts - September
- ▶ Rank – Early October
- ▶ Weighted and Unweighted GPA
- ▶ Final grades from all courses 9 – 11
- ▶ Senior year schedule
- ▶ Mid and End of year reports

Transcript Request Form

- Submit to Mrs. Thorne in Student Services
- Parent Signature Required
- Include...
 - First three transcripts free
 - \$2 per transcript after (cash or check made out to GHS)
- Allow *20 school* days for requests
 - ▶ A deadline cheat sheet provided in senior folders



Transcript/Student Records Request

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Phone: (____) _____-____-____ Counselor: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Teachers Willing Your Letters of Recommendation: _____

College/University, Armed Forces, Scholarship, Employer, Trade/Technical School, MOAA, Internship Program, Other (List below)	City in which College is located	Application Deadline Date	Application Deadline Type* (SA, BA, Associate, Regular, Rolling, etc.)	Are you using the Common App? (Y or N)	Do you need a Counselor Letter of Recommendation (Y or N)	For OFFICE USE ONLY
						Receipt Submission or Mailed Date
Date of Request:					Paid?	

Release of Student Records
The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts, including mid year reports and other student records can be released to a third party.

I give approval to have transcripts and other student records sent by U.S. Mail or transmitted electronically to those listed above when a request to do so is made by my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Transcript Fee: 1-3: no cost; 4+: \$2.00 per transcript to be paid at the time of request.
Please allow 20 school days to process transcript requests.

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*Consult your application or Reviewer to confirm type and method to mail the date
SA=Early Action (usually non-binding)
BA=Early Decision (usually binding)

Return to Student Services with \$2 per transcript after first three!

Electronic Submission: What Gets Sent?

ALL TRANSCRIPTS, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS WILL BE SENT THROUGH NAVIANCE

- ▶ A certified copy of your high school transcript which includes your current schedule
- ▶ Glenelg High School Profile
- ▶ Letter of recommendation from counselor (if requested)

Teacher Recommendations

1. Personally ask teachers
2. Complete teacher information form or provide information teacher requests
3. Submit yellow teacher request form (hard copy) to teacher
4. Request teacher on Naviance after transcripts requests are submitted
5. Write a thank you note!

Complete
& return
to each of
your
teachers
20 days in
advance



Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Date Received from Student: _____

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Name of College/University	Application Deadline Date	Do you need the letter mailed? (Write Y if your college has a stamp icon in Naviance)	Are you using the Common Application? (Y or N)	For Teacher Use: Date Letter Sent

Release of Student Records

The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts and other student records can be released to a third party. I have completed the Waiver of Right to Access Teacher Letters of Recommendation Form and have waived my rights not waived my rights to examine a copy of the letter. I give approval to have transcripts and other student records sent by U.S. Mail or transmitted electronically to those listed above when a request to do so is made by my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Note for teachers: If a student requests additional recommendations from colleges not on this list, they must provide you with another Teacher Recommendation Request Form with appropriate signatures.

Inviting Teachers on Naviance

Colleges tab



Colleges I'm Applying To



Under "Teacher Recommendations" click in "add/cancel requests"



Use the drop down menu to select teacher(s)



Click "Update Requests" button to finalize requests

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "home", "colleges" (selected), "careers", "about me", and "my planner". Below the tabs is a search bar for colleges with a "Go" button and a link to "MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>". The main content area is titled "colleges I'm applying to" and features a table with columns: "College", "Type", "Applying via Common App?", "Submissions", "Deadline†", and "Transcr". Below the table, there are sections for "my colleges" (with links for "colleges I'm thinking about", "colleges I'm applying to", and "college visits"), "college research" (with links for "SuperMatch™ college search", "college match", "college lookup", and "college search"), "College that I am attending" (showing "N/A"), and "Teacher Recommendations" (with a link for "add/cancel requests"). A large red arrow points to the "add/cancel requests" link. At the bottom, there is a footnote: "† College information is provided by the colleges themselves. Costs, dates, policies, and programs admission personnel."

The Common Application

The screenshot displays the Common Application website interface. At the top left is the logo "THE COMMON APPLICATION". To its right are navigation links: "About Us", "Member Colleges", "Media Inquiries", and "Application Resources". Below the navigation is a "MISSION" section with a text box describing the organization's purpose. To the right of the mission is a login area with tabs for "Applicants", "Members", and "Recommenders". The "Applicants" tab is active, showing fields for "Email Address" and "Password", a "Sign In" button, and a link for "Forgot your Password?". To the right of the login fields are two buttons: "HELP CENTER" and "CREATE AN ACCOUNT", each with a "Go" button. Below the mission section is a "SEARCH FOR COLLEGES" section with a search input field containing the placeholder text "Type college name here" and a "Search" button.

Common Application can be sent to over 500 schools.

Students must create a Common App Account and “Match” it with their Naviance account.

Technology's Impact on College Admissions



Student Services Website



Glenelg High School

[Contact Us](#) [Search](#)



[About](#) ▾

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[Student Services](#) ▾

[Student Life](#) ▾



IMPORTANT NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Naviance Family Connection

family connection

Here are all the tools for getting into cool schools

home colleges careers about me my planner

search for colleges:
 Go
MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

resources
> [test scores](#)

my colleges

- > [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- > [colleges I'm applying to](#)

Upcoming college visits

- 09/13/13 Morehouse College [details](#)
- 09/16/13 University of Maryland, College Park [details](#)
- 09/20/13 Duke University [details](#)

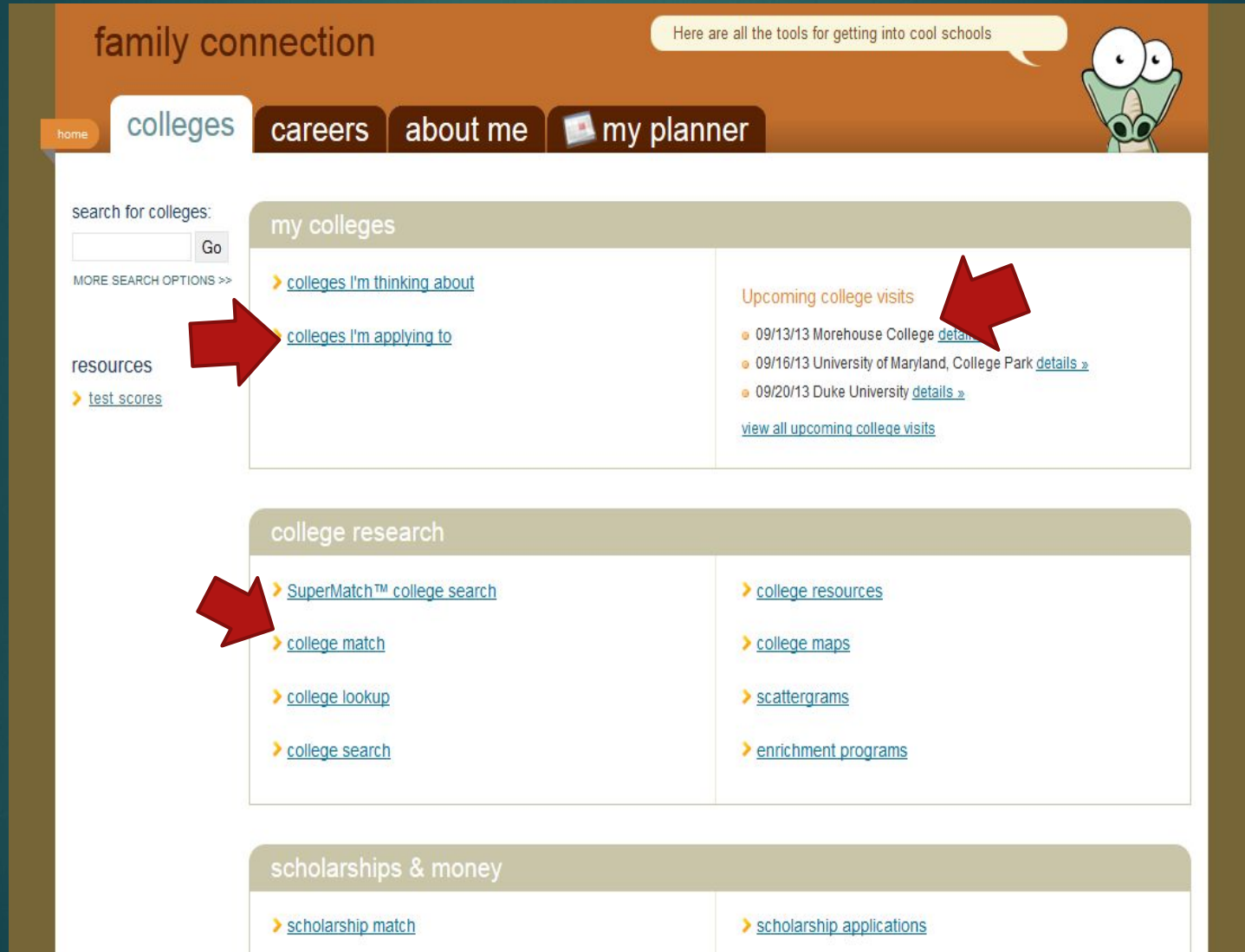
[view all upcoming college visits](#)

college research

- > [SuperMatch™ college search](#)
- > [college match](#)
- > [college lookup](#)
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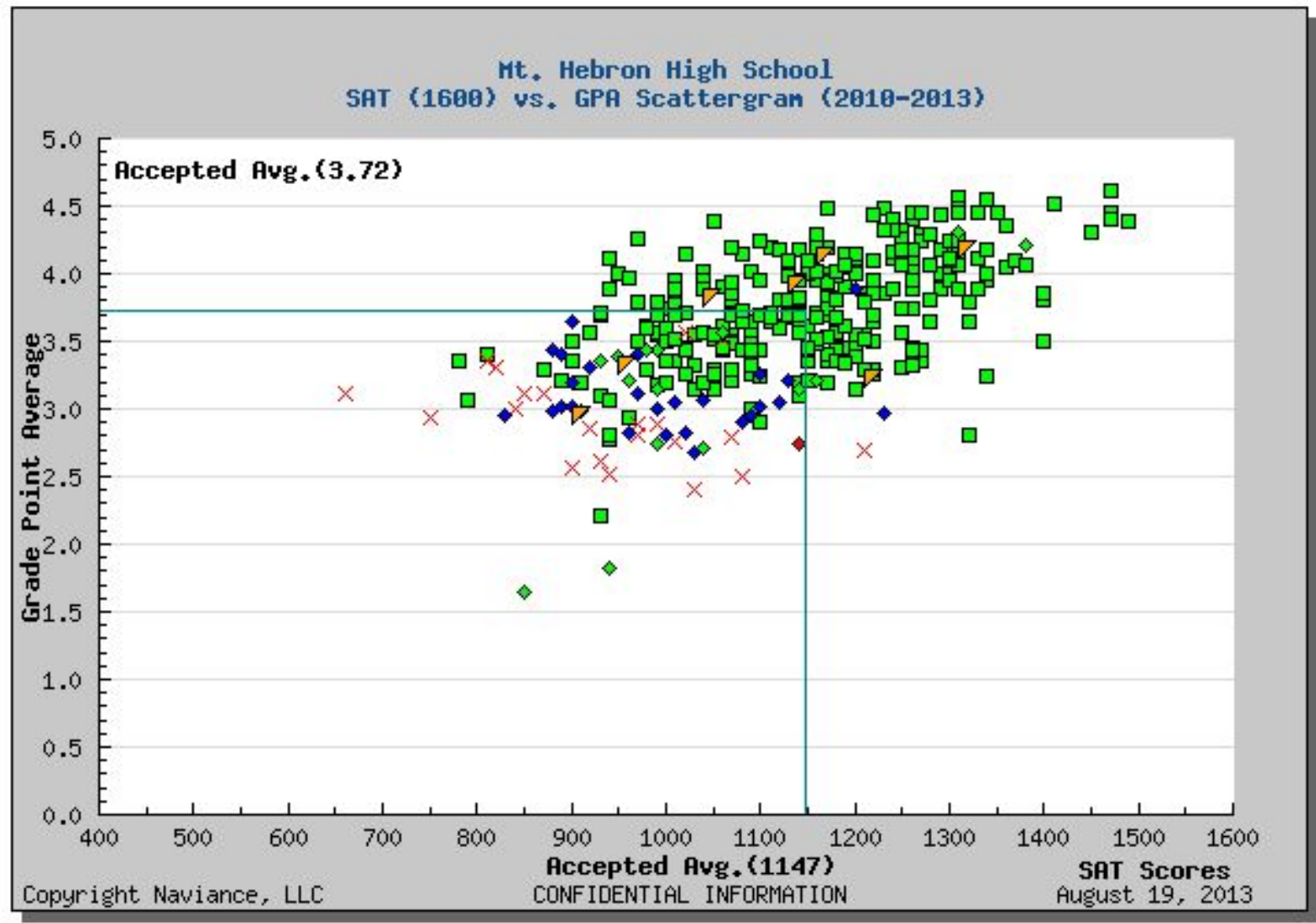
scholarships & money

- > [scholarship match](#)
- > [scholarship applications](#)



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Naviance Family Connection



Scholarships

- ▶ Merit scholarships awarded with initial application
 - ▶ www.meritaid.com
- ▶ Scholarship Bulletin in Student Services
- ▶ Check Naviance Family Connection

Other sites to check:

- ▶ bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- ▶ www.fastweb.com
- ▶ Parent employer
- ▶ Google special talents or interests and “scholarships”



Financial Aid

- ▶ FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - ▶ Apply now for FASFA pin number
 - ▶ Available for completion October 2016
 - ▶ www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - ▶ HCC will support FAFSA completion regardless of school attending
- ▶ Some websites to visit:
 - ▶ www.MDgo4it.org
 - ▶ www.finaid.org
 - ▶ www.mhec.state.md.us
- ▶ Also resources in Student Services



Financial Aid & Naviance Support

- ▶ Naviance Support for parents available during parent teacher conferences in November.
- ▶ Financial Aid workshops being offered regionally in Howard County - **STAY TUNED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS!**
- ▶ Be aware of impact of deadlines for college applications and FAFSA



College Visits to Glenelg

- ▶ Check schedule of college rep visits to GHS in Naviance and newsletter
- ▶ Students Sign up on Naviance Family Connection account



Howard County College Fair

Sunday, October 16

1 – 3pm

Howard Community College

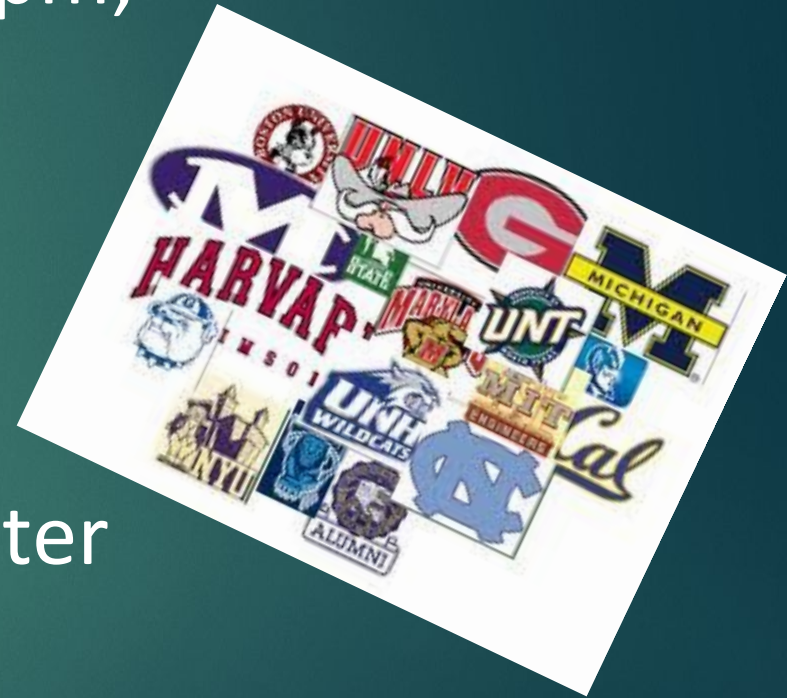


Baltimore National College Fair

October 17, 2016 9 am-12pm;
6:00 pm-8pm

October 18, 2016
9 am-11:30 am

Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD



Fine Arts College Night

- ▶ Monday, October 10
- ▶ Mt Hebron High School
- ▶ 7-9 P.M.
- ▶ 6:30 Registration



BSAP Parent College Night

- ▶ October 26th
 - ▶ grades 8 - 12
 - ▶ Long Reach High School
 - ▶ Time: 5:30-9:00 p.m.



Questions???

