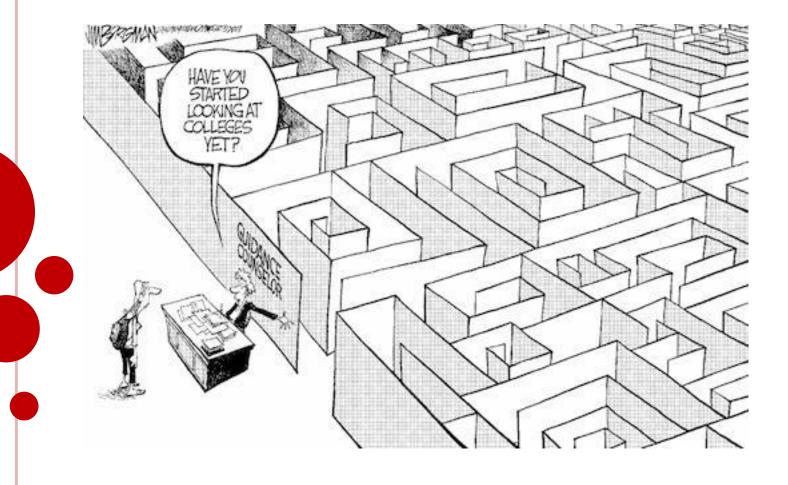
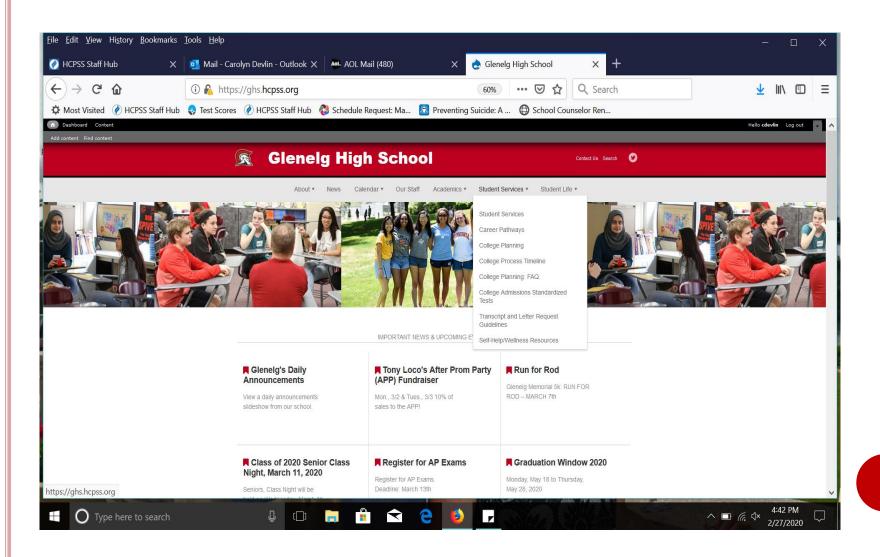
SIMPLE WAYS TO PREPARE

Breaking Down the College Process



EASY ACCESS TO HELPFUL COLLEGE INFORMATION



GUIDELINES FOR FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORES

Discuss post-secondary goals

Encourage

- Healthy study habits
- Balance
 - Seek challenge in areas of interest and natural ability
- Independence in problem solving
- Participation in sports, clubs and other extracurriculars

Plan college visits

Exploring a variety of college campuses

Discuss PSAT results and benefit of test prep

Khan Academy (free, easy and self-paced)

FACTORS IN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

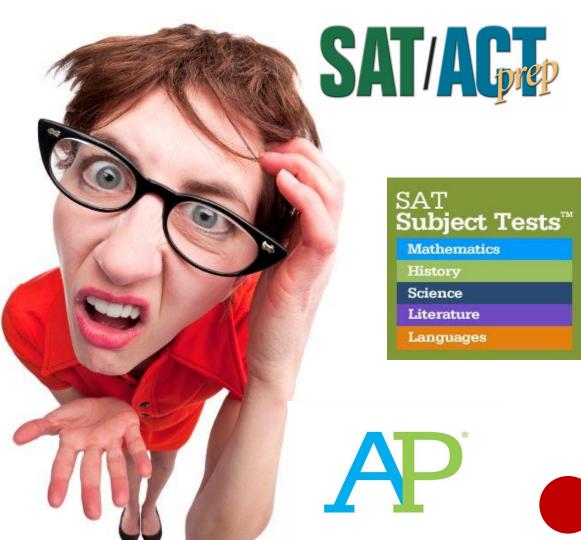
- Rigor of high school courses
- Grades/ cumulative GPA
- SAT/ACT scores
- Essay
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay
- Demonstrated interests
- Extracurricular activities/personal accomplishments
- Personal characteristics
- Course selection for senior year



ADMISSIONS TESTS – WHICH AND WHEN?







JUNIOR YEAR

- √ Take SAT/ACT in the spring
- √ Begin to tour colleges
- ✓ Add colleges to "Colleges I'm Thinking of Applying to" in Naviance account
- ✓ Explore Summer internships, employment, or enrichment options

SUMMER

- ✓ Continue college visits
- ✓ Begin applications and essays
- ✓ Great time to schedule meetings with counselors
- ✓ Register for first available SAT/ACT for the fall (if needed)

SENIOR YEAR

- √ Distribution of Senior Folders
- ✓ Sign up for college visits and workshops through Naviance
- ✓ Submit Teacher and Transcript Request forms
 20 <u>school days</u> prior to indicated deadlines
- √ Complete essays and applications
- √ Take earliest SAT/ACT so colleges can super score
- √ Register for FAFSA (10/1)
- √ Begin researching scholarships NOW!

Your College & Career Planning Tool

- Career Search Inventory
- College SuperMatch
- Registration for all college related events
 - College Visits
 - Essay writing, FAFSA and other workshops
- Manage/Oversee the college application process
- Student Acct vs. Parent Acct
 - Email your designated counselor for parent registration code in order to create parent Naviance acct.

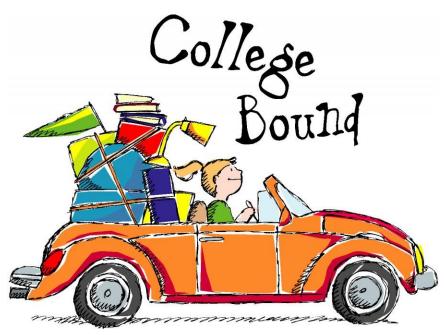


COLLEGE SUPERMATCH TOOL



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN RESEARCHING SCHOOLS:

- Size
- Cost
- Location
- Financial aid
- Available majors
- Learning environment
- Athletics
- Reputation
- Travel abroad opportunities
- Religious affiliation
- And so much more...





TO BE READY FOR FALL 2020 APPLICATION DEADLINES **STUDENTS** MUST DO THE FOLLOWING BY JUNE 1ST:

- Turn in pink Waiver of Rights form to Student Services
- **Obtain** verbal commitment from 2 teachers for Letter of Recommendation
- Complete Counselor & Teacher Information forms in Naviance
- Ask parent to complete Parent Information form available in parent Naviance acct.

CLOSING REMARKS



- There's no such thing as a perfect school
- Do your research and you will find a school that fits
- It's not where you go, but what you make of the *experience*
- Remember...this is <u>not</u> a status competition
- Don't allow the cost of a college education to derail your educational pursuits
- *Understand* the implications of your digital footprint
- Create a designated email address for your college correspondence and check it regularly
- Don't hesitate to seek our help!

NEXT ON THE AGENDA



College Planning Breakout Sessions Schedule

	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E	Session F
6:20-6:40	Room 144	Room 148	Room 150	Room 146	Room 145	Room 142
6:45-7:05	Room 144	Room 148	Room 150	Room 146	Room 145	Room 142
7:10-7:35	Room 144	Room 148	Room 150	Room 146	Room 145	Room 142
7:40-8:00	Room 144	Room 148	Room 150	Room 146	Room 145	Room 142

Session	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E	Session F
Topic	College Entrance	Inside the Crystal Ball: Demystifying	Financial Aid	College Essay Writing	HCC Scholars Programs	NCAA
	Exams	College	Isaiah Ellis,	writing	Programs	Jackie Boswell
	LAGIII3	Admissions	Maryland	Gail Jacobson,	Catrina Slater,	Women's
	Rebecca		Higher	Application-to-	Howard	Basketball
	Mason,	Sam Chaplin,	Education	offer.com	Community	Coach
	Score More	Towson University	Commission		College	Stevenson
	Test Prep					University



Have individual questions?

Please contact your designated counselor.