For Seniors & Families:

Post-Secondary Planning

HARRITON HIGH SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

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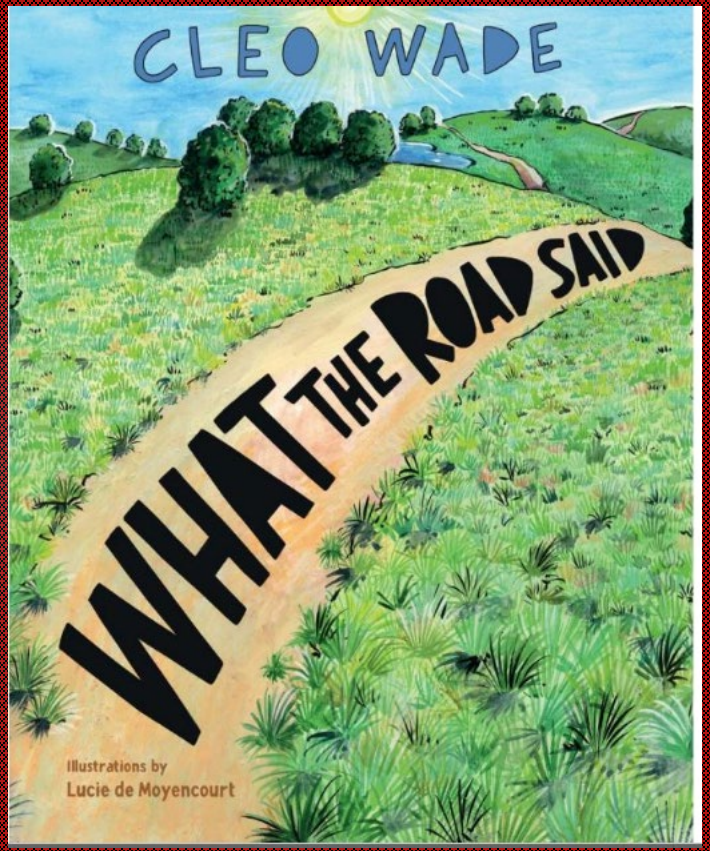
Agenda

A timeline for senior year

- Post-Secondary Pathways
- Timeline for College Applications
- Defining College Admission Options & Deadlines
- Standardized Testing in Admission
- The mechanics of Naviance and Common Application
- Financial aid and Scholarships
- Breakout meetings with Counselors (7:45 – 8:15pm)

Pause

Breathe….What the Road Said



The prospect of a college education should be filled with possibility, hope, and joy – and so should the experience to get there. Attitude is everything, so start by internalizing that it really, truly is all going to work out. The great strength of our higher education system is its incredible diversity….suspend preconceived notions about what the "right" school is and open your mind to the countless number of incredible options out there".

Jenny Rickard, President and CEO of The Common App

Post-Secondary Pathways

What are my options?

- Career/Technical Schools
- Military Service – (college, enlist, combination)
- Employment/Apprenticeship
- College/University
- Gap Year
- Other

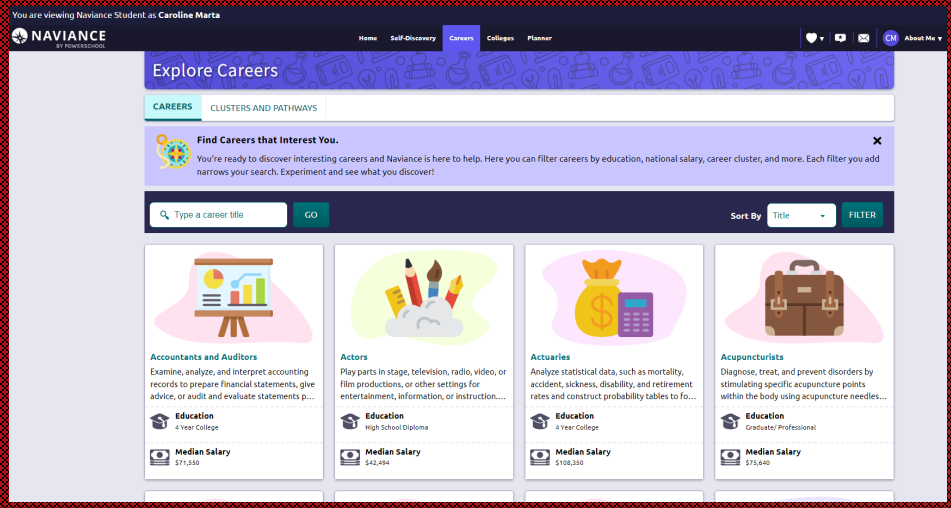
PA Career Ready

(social/emotional skills)

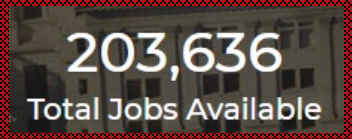
- Self-Awareness and Self-Management
- Establishing and Maintaining Relationships
- Social Problem Solving

Career Resources

- Naviance Careers Tab



- PA Careers Link: https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/individual

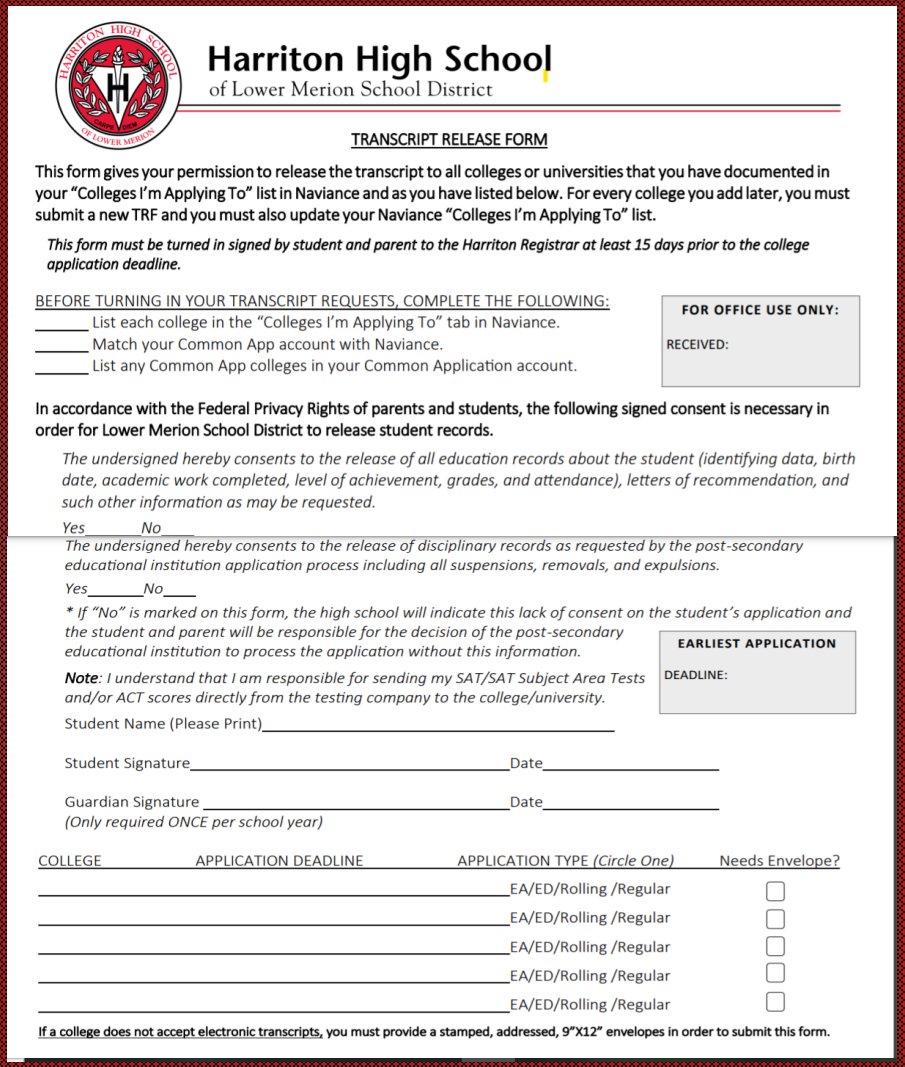


Senior Timeline: Fall

- Carefully review your transcript and have a copy to use for apps.
- Teacher letters of recommendation – request and add to Naviance
- Standardized Tests
  - SAT – 10/1, 11/5, 12/3
  - ACT – 10/22, 12/10
  - TOEFL/ DuoLingo
- "Match" Naviance & Common App
- Turn in *Transcript Release Form* 15 school days prior to the deadline

Transcript Release Form Deadline	Application Deadline
September 27	October 15
October 11	November 1
October 25	November 15
November 10	December 1
November 24	December 15
December 6	January 1 and January 3
December 23	January 15

Transcript Release Form



Harriton High School
of Lower Merion School District

TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

This form gives your permission to release the transcript to all colleges or universities that you have documented in your "Colleges I'm Applying To" list in Naviance and as you have listed below. For every college you add later, you must submit a new TRF and you must also update your Naviance "Colleges I'm Applying To" list.

This form must be turned in signed by student and parent to the Harriton Registrar at least 15 days prior to the college application deadline.

BEFORE TURNING IN YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
_____ List each college in the "Colleges I'm Applying To" tab in Naviance.
_____ Match your Common App account with Naviance.
_____ List any Common App colleges in your Common Application account.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
RECEIVED:

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Rights of parents and students, the following signed consent is necessary in order for Lower Merion School District to release student records.

The undersigned hereby consents to the release of all education records about the student (identifying data, birth date, academic work completed, level of achievement, grades, and attendance), letters of recommendation, and such other information as may be requested.

Yes_____No____

The undersigned hereby consents to the release of disciplinary records as requested by the post-secondary educational institution application process including all suspensions, removals, and expulsions.

Yes_____No____

** If "No" is marked on this form, the high school will indicate this lack of consent on the student's application and the student and parent will be responsible for the decision of the post-secondary educational institution to process the application without this information.*

EARLIEST APPLICATION DEADLINE:

***Note**: I understand that I am responsible for sending my SAT/SAT Subject Area Tests and/or ACT scores directly from the testing company to the college/university.*

Student Name (Please Print)_____

Student Signature_____Date_____

Guardian Signature _____Date_____
(Only required ONCE per school year)

COLLEGE	APPLICATION DEADLINE	APPLICATION TYPE *(Circle One)*	Needs Envelope?
		EA/ED/Rolling /Regular	☐
		EA/ED/Rolling /Regular	☐
		EA/ED/Rolling /Regular	☐
		EA/ED/Rolling /Regular	☐
		EA/ED/Rolling /Regular	☐

If a college does not accept electronic transcripts, you must provide a stamped, addressed, 9"X12" envelopes in order to submit this form.

- Turn in to Registrar, Ms. Kate Wosczyna in Student Services
- The first copy should be a hard copy and signed by student and guardian.
- You may turn in additional forms if adding colleges later. This copy does not have to be signed by a parent.
- Copies can be found in Naviance (*Document Resources*)

Senior Timeline: Fall and Winter

- Athletes: Register with the NCAA for Div. I & II.
- Register for college visits at Harriton and visit college campuses in person.
- Complete all parts of Common App and the SRAR when required. Be prepared for deadlines as early as Oct. 15 – Nov. 15.
- Request fee waivers for both testing and college applications when necessary
- Communicate with your counselor and teacher recommenders.
- Review and submit your applications in Common App and others
- Apply for Financial Aid - https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa - October 1 FAFSA is open
- Register for AP Exams if taking AP classes

Senior Timeline: Winter and Spring

- ❑ Complete Regular Decision, ED II, and Rolling Applications
- ❑ Complete all Financial Aid documents: FAFSA, Profile, College Forms
- ❑ Be realistic, balanced, and prepared for Decisions:

  - ❖ **Accept** (Congratulations!)
  - ❖ **Deny** (disappointing but not the end of the world)
  - ❖ **Waitlist** (if interested, maintain good grades and send later)
  - ❖ **Defer** (send a letter of continued interest and good grades later)
  - ❖ **Conditional Acceptance** (rare, but may have requirements)
  - ❖ **Guarantee Transfer** (rare, acceptance possible a year from now)

Important deposit deadline for most all colleges EA, RD, Rolling is **May 1**

What application plan is best for you?

Regular Decision

Submit by specified date, receive decision in clearly stated period of time.

Rolling Admission

Applications are reviewed as they are submitted, decisions are rendered throughout the cycle.

Early Action (EA)

Apply early and receive a decision well in advance of regular response date.

Early Decision I & II (ED)

Binding commitment to 1st choice - if admitted, student will definitely enroll and withdraw all other applications.

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

Apply to institution of preference and receive decision early, may be restricted from ED or EA/REA at other institutions.

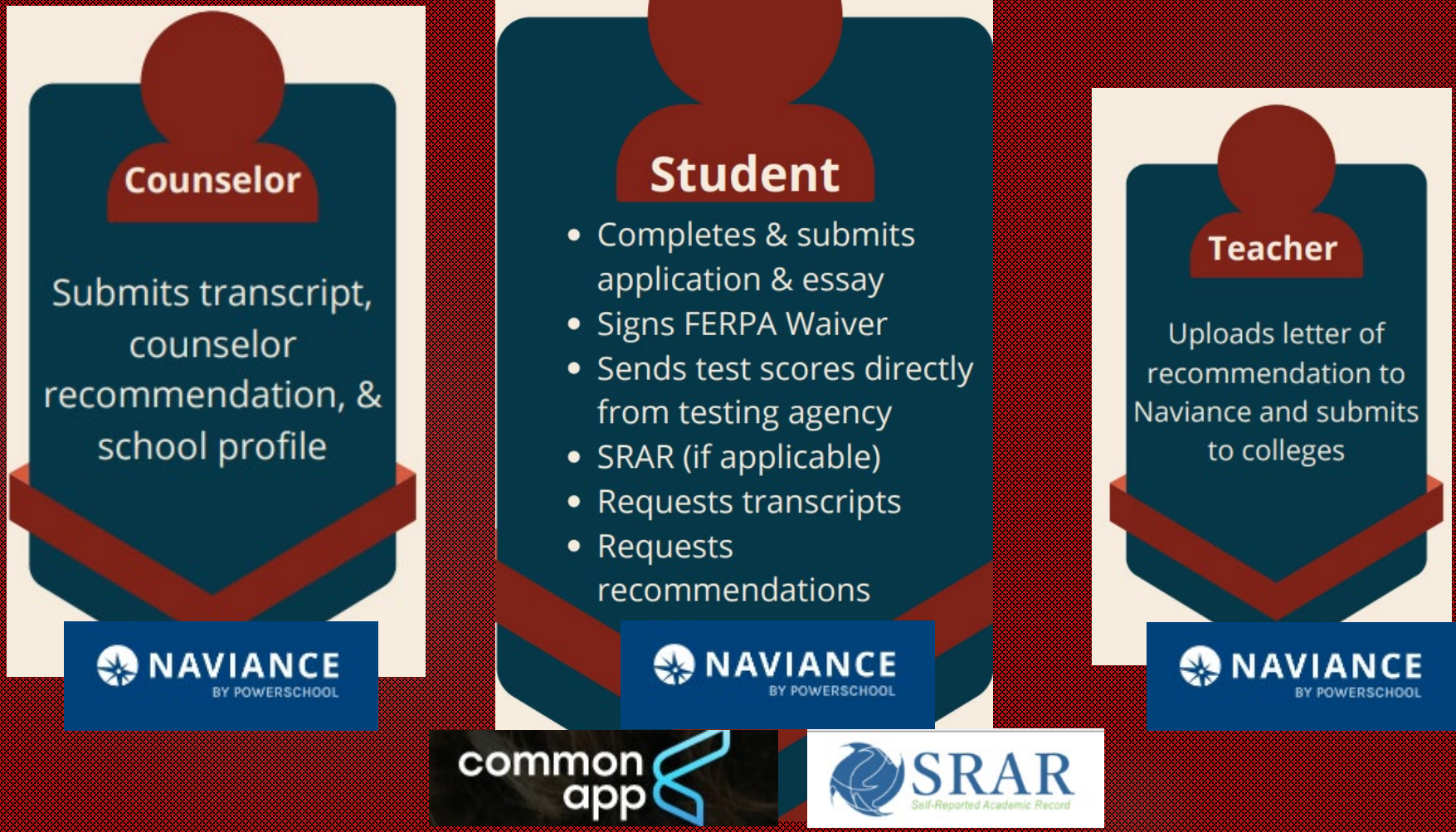
Navigating "Test Optional"....

FairTest
The National Center for Fair and Open Testing

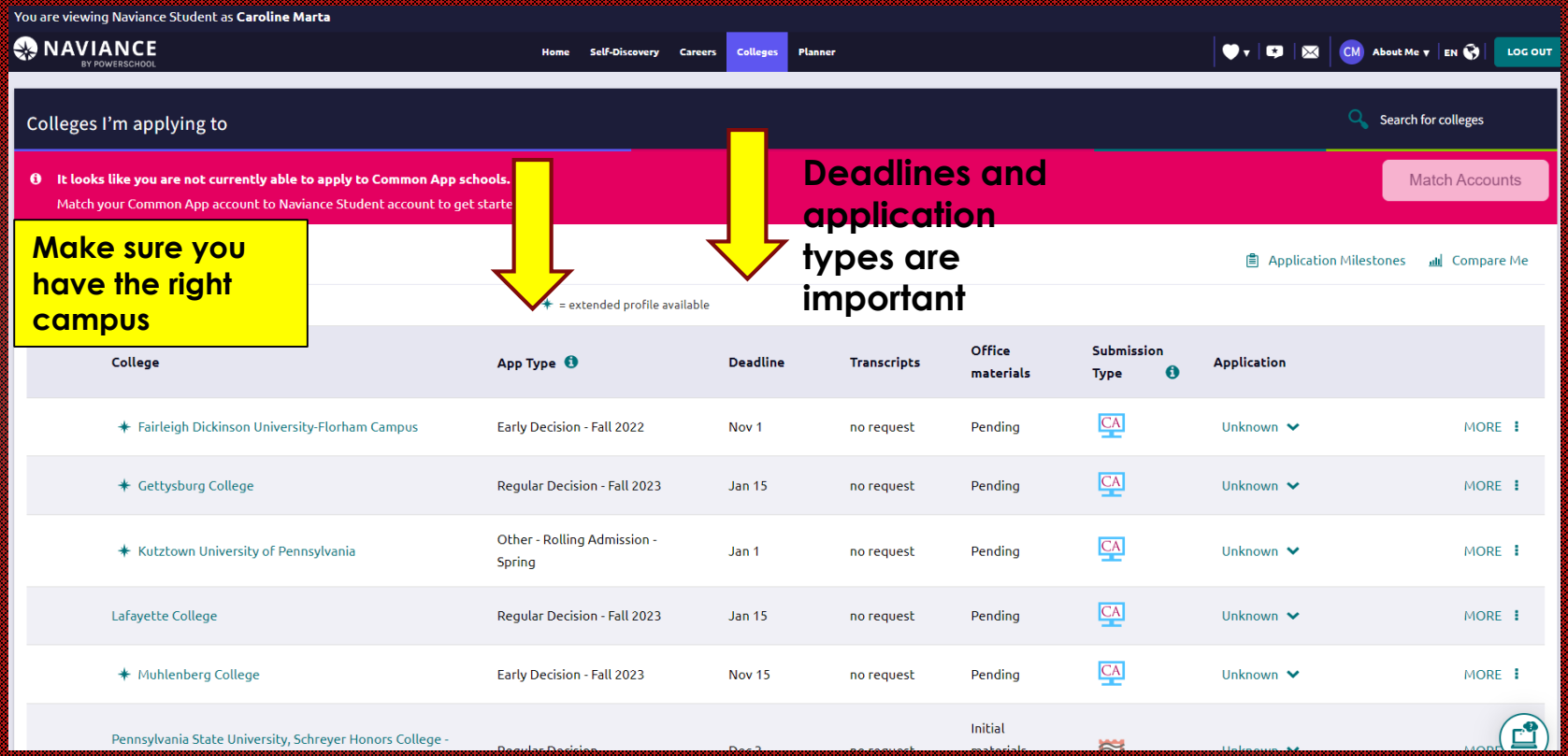
NACAC
National Association for College Admission Counseling

- More than 1,800 four-year schools will not require students to submit ACT/SAT scores to be considered for fall 2023 enrollment.
- At the most selective institutions, students who are in the top quartile and incredibly qualified may be denied. This often has nothing to do with the decision to send (or not send) test scores.
- Questions to consider:
  - Are scores required to be considered for merit aid/scholarships?
  - How do my scores fit in with the rest of my application?
  - What does the data from last year's application cycle tell me?

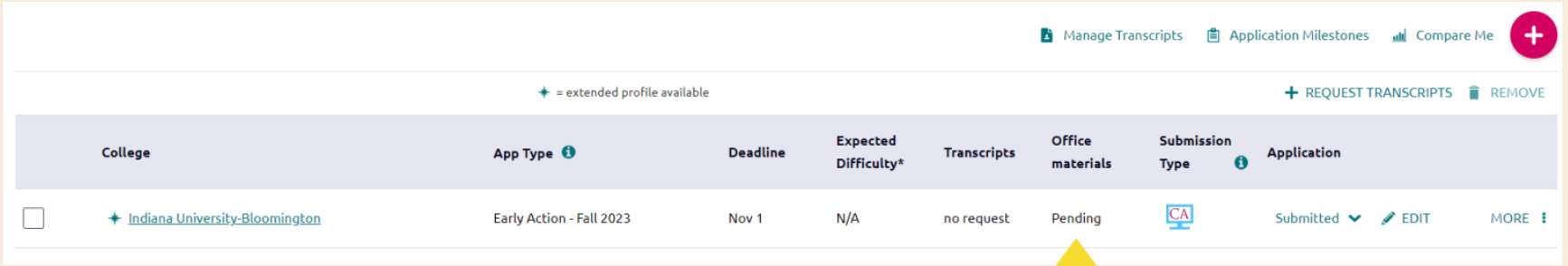
Mechanics of the Process



Naviance: Colleges I'm Applying To



How do I know when a transcript has been sent?

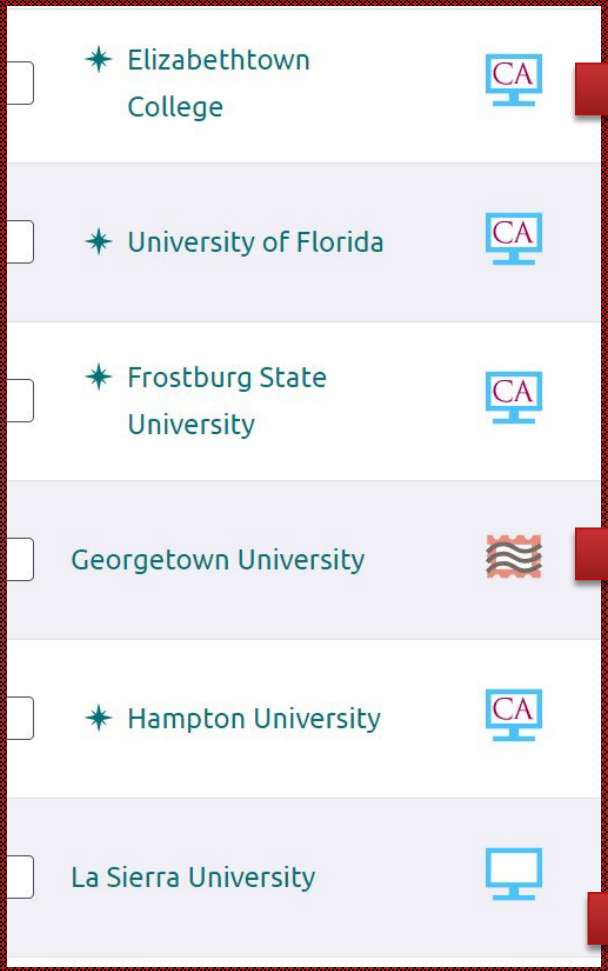


The status "Pending" under "Office materials" will change to "initial materials submitted".

Please note:

- Paper transcript requests - "no request" listed under Transcripts in Naviance is ok!
- Things don't all have to arrive at the same time.
- College "missing document" emails are auto-generated - they may not have downloaded what we have sent or matched it to your application yet!

"Submission types"

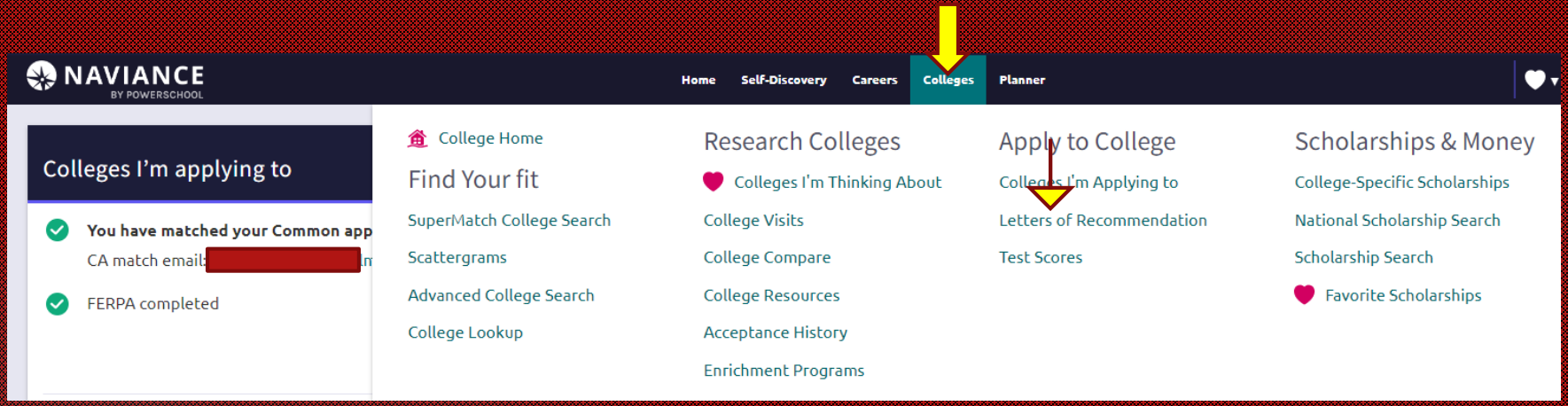


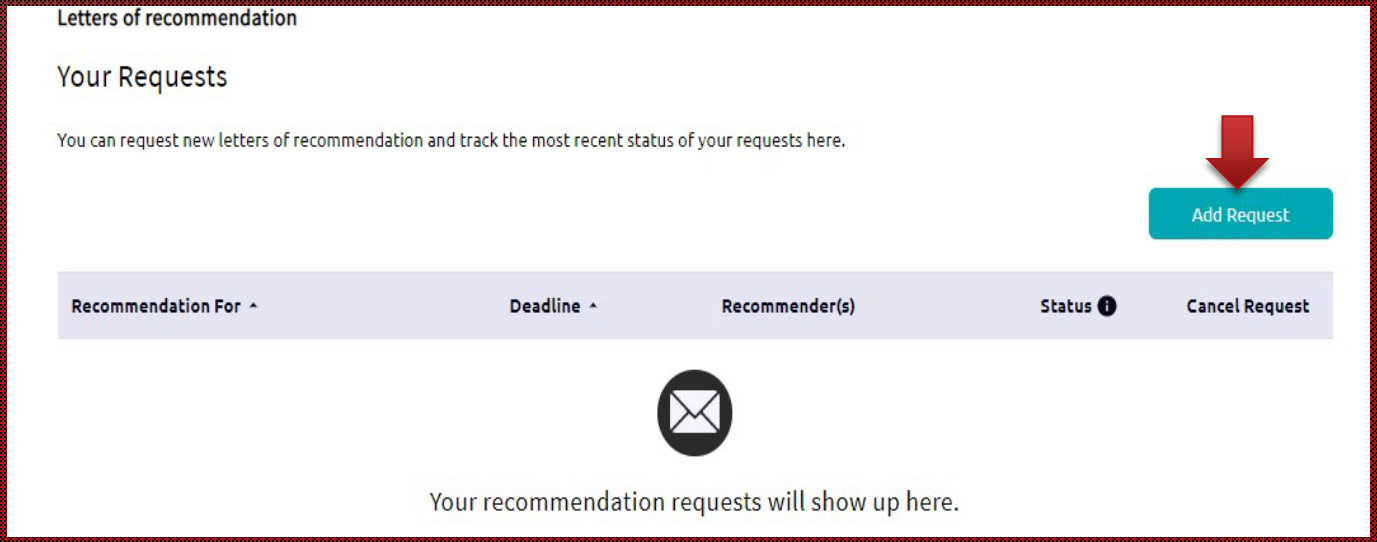
Common Application School – transcripts accepted electronically through Common App – must "match" with Naviance

Requires stamped addressed envelope (address to college) and send/mail to Mrs. Newberg and teacher recommenders– (transcript and recommendation letters are not accepted electronically). Put your name on the inside flap of envelope and the due date

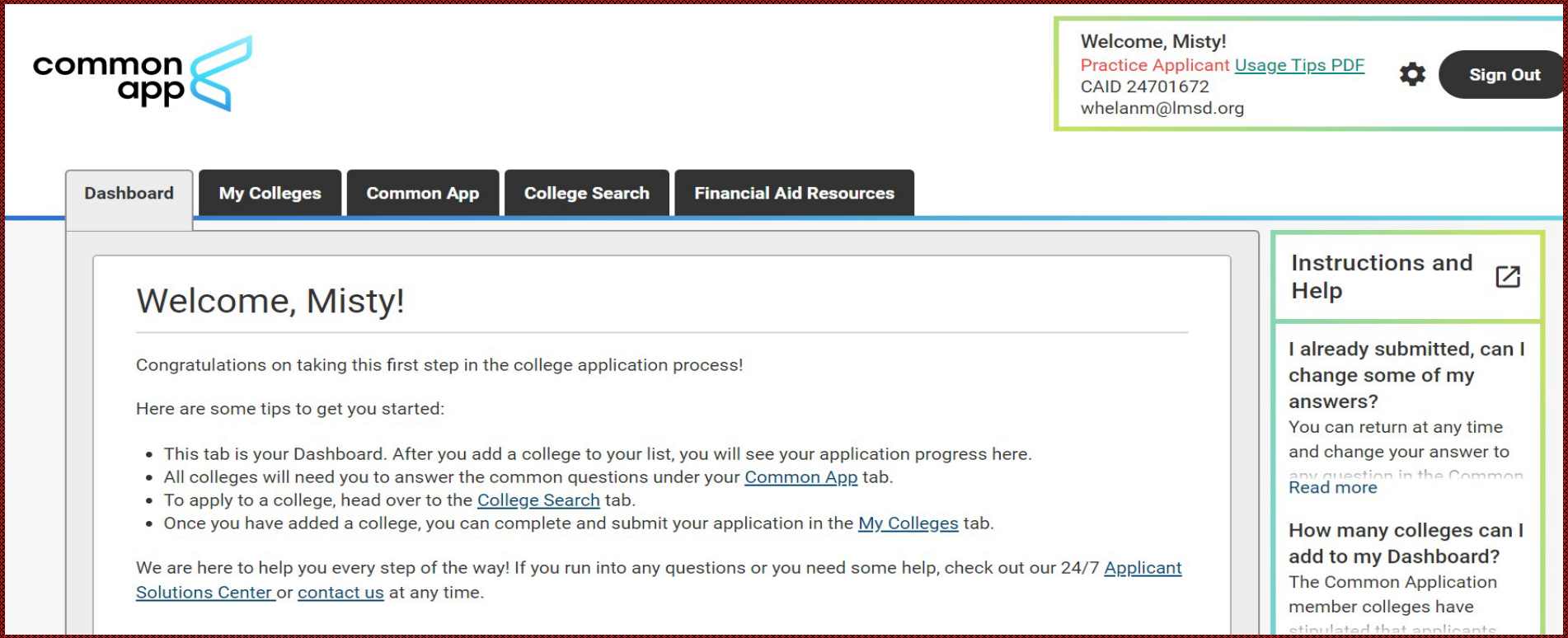
Not a Common Application school but the transcript can still be sent electronically

Adding a teacher recommender





Common App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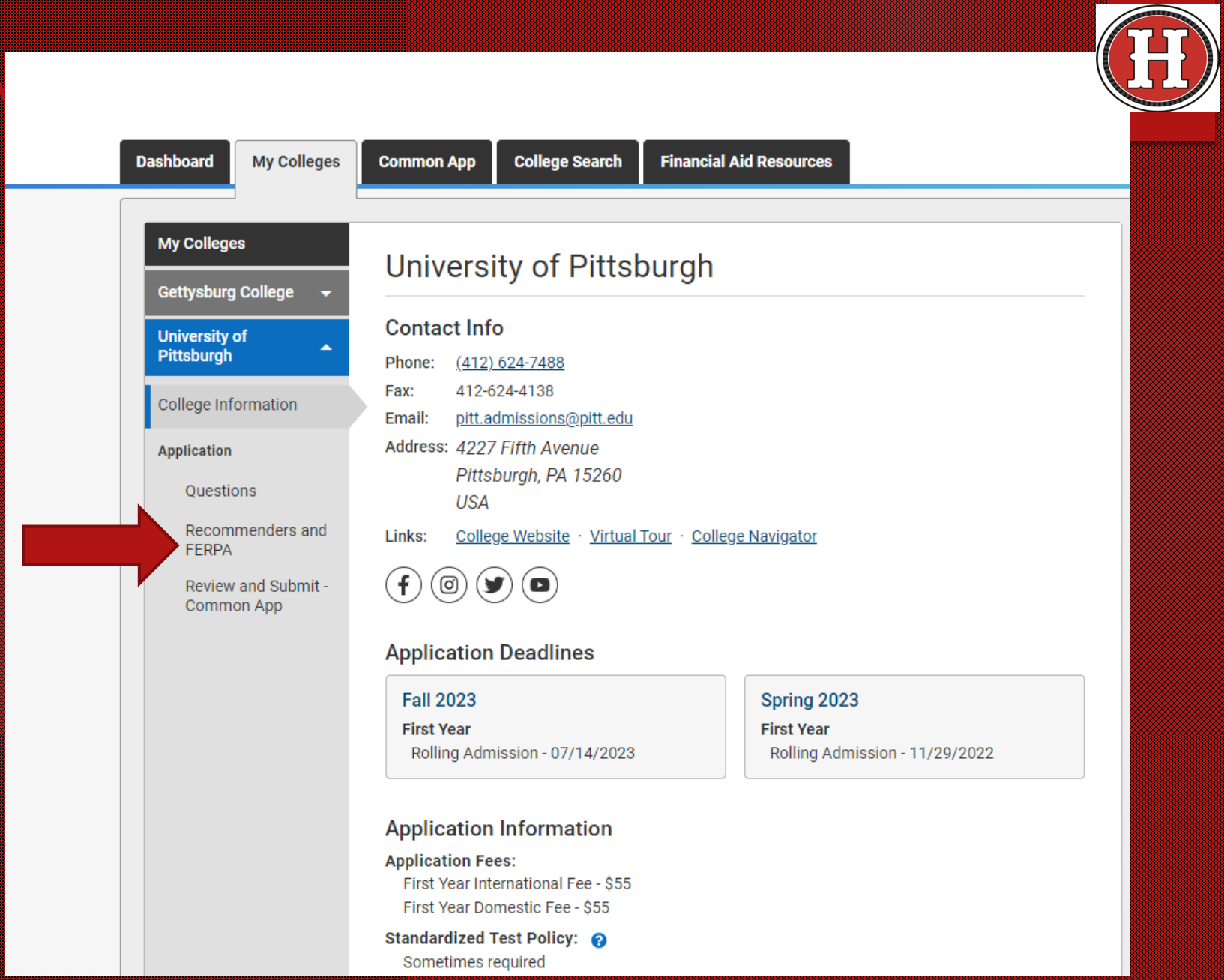
Welcome, Misty!
Congratulations on taking this first step in the college application process!
Here are some tips to get you started:
This tab is your Dashboard. After you add a college to your list, you will see your application progress here.
All colleges will need you to answer the common questions under your Common App tab.
To apply to a college, head over to the College Search tab.
Once you have added a college, you can complete and submit your application in the My Colleges tab.
We are here to help you every step of the way! If you run into any questions or you need some help, check out our 24/7 Applicant Solutions Center or contact us at any time.
Instructions and Help
I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?
You can return at any time and change your answer to
Read more
How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?
The Common Application member colleges have

Common App - FERPA

FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.

In the application you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review confidential letters of recommendation.

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.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University of Pittsburgh
College Information
Application
Questions
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University of Pittsburgh
Contact Info
Phone: (412) 624-7488
Fax: 412-624-4138
Email: pitt.admissions@pitt.edu
Address: 4227 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
USA
Links: College Website · Virtual Tour · College Navigator
Application Deadlines
Fall 2023
First Year
Rolling Admission - 07/14/2023
Spring 2023
First Year
Rolling Admission - 11/29/2022
Application Information
Application Fees:
First Year International Fee - $55
First Year Domestic Fee - $55
Standardized Test Policy:
Sometimes required

Right About Now….items to complete – take a handout and link to our newsletter!

Right About Now #1

Stay on track with this **College Application Check List**
Check off each task as you complete it!

To Do:	
Confirm your unofficial transcript is correct. **This was mailed home in mid-August.*	
Submit your Transcript Release Form to Mrs. Wosczyna AT LEAST 15 days before your first deadline. **We will begin sending transcripts and documents to colleges 9/21*	
Register for a College Visit on the Naviance homepage. **You received an email from Mrs. Whelan with instructions and tips*	
Confirm your Letters of Recommendation (LOR) from two teachers (if your colleges require LOR). • To add your teachers on Naviance, click "Colleges" → "Letters of Recommendations"→ Add Request → Find your Teacher's Name. Then, select the colleges to which you teachers should send their letter. • *If your teacher does not use Naviance, provide them with any forms they may need.*	
Create a Common App account: www.commonapp.org	
Link your Common App and Naviance accounts *Instructions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEi95mlJfZc	
Identify on Naviance how you are applying to each school **This will appear in the submission column. Be sure to select either Common App or the college's website*	
Mark your calendar and attend our evening programming **Schedule and program details can be found here: https://www.lmsd.org/departments/counseling/special-programs*	
Apply for Financial Aid *The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens 10/1 https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa	

Conquering the Common Application: What to Know for Self-Reporting Courses & Grades

1. **The Education Section**
   You will be required to enter the following information:
   - Graduating Class Size: 355
   - Class Rank Reporting: None
   - GPA Scale: 5.0
   - GPA Weighting: Weighted
   - Your Cumulative GPA can be found on your transcript.

2. **Courses & Grades Section**
   - Select "Yes" when asked "I can access a copy of my transcript or official grades"
   - When reporting your transcript
     - Grading Scale: A-F
     - Schedule System: Semester
       - Later you can select yearly or semester for each individual course
   - Everything that is on your transcript MUST be included on the list
   - Write the name of each course EXACTLY as you see it on your transcript

Note: Some schools (such as Pitt, Penn State and Temple) have a **separate** Self-Reporting system. For these schools, you must submit your Self-Reported grades through their system **after** you complete your Common Application. Once you send the Common App, these schools will reply to you with a link for their self-reporting system.

https://www.smore.com/tnahq-hhs-student-services-newsletter

Student Services Newsletter Coming Soon!

Applying for Financial Aid

- File for aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) beginning October 1 and join us this fall:
  - Financial Aid Night – Thursday, Oct. 6, virtual
  - FAFSA Completion Night – Thursday, Oct. 18, virtual

- The 2022-23 FAFSA form asks for 2020 tax information. Application and information available at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid

- The CSS Profile (College Board) may also be required. https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/

- **Net Price Calculators** give estimates for each individual college of the potential cost of attendance

Applying and Searching for Scholarships

- Your individual colleges. Search their Scholarship and Financial Aid pages.
- The Lower Merion Township Scholarship Fund for LM and HHS students who qualify: https://lmtsf.org/
- LMSD Scholarship Google Doc:
  - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dK1-HDn5p_WYygdVWCkAw1Vd73EEbPzPd8gjUnx3luk/edit?usp=sharing
- Other scholarship search platforms:
  - Going Merry - https://www.goingmerry.com/
  - FastWeb - https://www.fastweb.com/
  - The College Board - https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search

Career & College Access Counselor

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Office Hours – Lunch and Learn

College Visits – Juniors and Seniors must pre-register on Naviance and receive teacher permission if they have to miss a class – at least one day ahead. Visits run Sept. 13 through Dec. 1.

College Fair – Oct. 28, 2022 – a small optional fair – stay tuned for more information.

Resources I recommend:

- **The Truth About College Admission: A Family Guide** (both book and workbook), by Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark
- **Where You Go is not Who You'll Be** by Frank Bruni

Give us feedback about tonight's program.

Thank you for joining us!

Scan the QR code to give us feedback!

Individual Counselor Meetings

Dr. Korey Bell, (A – Dio) Auditorium

Barbara Serratore (Dip - Kl) Room 125

Genny Waldman (Ko – M) Auditorium

Allison Bowman(N – Shin) 169

Mike Mallozzi (Shio – Z) Room 170