



Senior Parent Night

CLASS OF 2022

# Agenda

- Roles
- Search Process
- Submitting Applications
- Test Requirements
- COVID Updates
- Important Deadlines
- Naviance
- Scholarship Resources

## **Student Role**

- Research, research, research
  - colleges, scholarships, deadlines
- Complete preliminary forms for counselor/teachers
- Complete applications
- Seek out help with applications/essays
- Plan college visits
- Attend Res college informational sessions throughout the year

## **Parent Role**

- Help guide college process
- Attend college night virtually
- Encourage awareness of deadlines
- Assist with planning campus visits
- Allow student to lead the process
- Help complete FAFSA/CSS profile
- Attend Financial Aid Info Night (Virtually October 8th)

## **Counselor Role**

- Provide education about the college search process
- Meet with students
- Plan college Rep Visits/College Night
- Stay up to date about college admission trends
- Write letters of recommendations
- Process counselor forms/transcripts

## The Search Process

- Explore online
  - [student.naviance.com/resurrection](https://student.naviance.com/resurrection)
  - college's website
  - [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
  - [collegescorecard.ed.gov](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov)
- Plan college visits
- Talk to college reps
- Attend Financial Aid Info Night

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced College Search - Type' interface. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Search for colleges'. Below this, a paragraph of instructions reads: 'To start, begin with a section that's important to you. It's up to you which questions you answer and in what order. You can view your results at any point along the way by clicking **View Matches**. Once you have narrowed down your list of schools, you will be able to compare these colleges using historical admissions results from your own school.' Below the instructions, it says '0 Matches'. There are two buttons: 'View Matches' (dark teal) and 'Start Over' (light teal). A horizontal menu bar contains the following tabs: 'Type' (underlined), 'Location', 'Students', 'Admission', 'Athletics', 'Majors', 'Costs', and 'Special Programs'. Under the 'Type' tab, there are three sections: 'School Type' with radio buttons for 'Two-Year vs. Four-Year' (with 'Two-Year' selected), 'Public vs. Private' (with 'Public' selected), and 'Campus Surroundings' with checkboxes for 'Large City' and 'Small City' (both unselected). In the bottom right corner, there is a circular icon with a laptop and a plus sign, with the text 'Show Me How' below it.

## Things To Consider

- Location
- Cost
- Size
- School's mission statement
- Fields of study/degrees offered
- Personal factors
  - Religious affiliation
  - Single gender/co-educational
  - Setting

## **Number of Applications**

- There's no exact answer to this, it's truly a personal decision
- Typically lists should narrow by application time to 4-6 schools
  - 1-2 Safety Schools
  - 2-3 Match Schools
  - 1-2 Reach Schools



## **Submitting Materials**

- Seniors will:
  - Apply online (Common App or College Website)
  - Request Letters of Recommendation Via Naviance
  - Send test scores through testing website (act.org)
  - Submit official transcript request to Ms. Masura

# Student Checklist

## August

(\*Should already be completed)

- \*Build your college list
- Start your application essays
- \*Contact teachers about letters of rec
- Apply for scholarships
- \*Tour/Research schools

## September

- Create spreadsheet to track deadlines and requirements
- Talk to college counselor
- Attend financial aid workshop

## October

- Complete FAFSA
- Finish application essays
- Fill out applications and get ready to submit
- Request letters of rec

## **Completing Applications**

- Read the application carefully
  - Be aware of all required items (every school is different)
  - Letters of recommendation, essays, counselor forms, etc.
- Proofread the application and all essays
  - Encouraged to write optional essay
  - Common app essay prompts are available
- Be aware of all admission criteria
  - G.P.A., ACT, etc.

## Test Requirements

**\*\*Resurrection does not send test scores\*\***

- Consult the college's website to see which scores are required
- If you need to send official test scores....
  - Two ways for YOU to send scores to colleges
    - 1** When registering for the test (up to 4 free)
      - ✓ Note: The four schools you elect to receive your score report DO NOT review those scores unless you authorize them to on your application!
    - 2** Online at:
      - ✓ ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (\$13 each)
      - ✓ SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (\$12 each)

## COVID Test Updates

- If you choose to apply Test-Optional:
  - Students will be evaluated based upon a “Holistic Review”:
    - Application
    - Major they intend to apply to
    - GPA
    - Course rigor on their transcript
    - Essay(s) (if applicable)
    - Extracurricular/leadership opportunities
  - Students are evaluated based upon the high school they attend, and the opportunities that have been offered to them during their high school experience

### **Here's a tip:**

- More colleges are allowing students to “self-report” on their applications to save money on ordering official score reports.
- Check each school's application requirements - many schools will still accept standardized test scores, past the deadline you're apply for **IF you indicate this on your application at the time of submission!**

# Important Deadlines

- **October 15th/November 1st Deadlines**
- Early Action/Priority: Receive a decision back earlier
- Early Decision: Binding
- **December-February Deadlines**
- Rolling Admission
- Regular Admission
- **Deadlines vary from school to school**

How are you  
applying to  
school?  
ED, EA, EDII,  
ROLL, RD

	EARLY DECISION	EARLY ACTION	EARLY DECISION II	ROLLING ADMISSION	REGULAR ADMISSION
<b>WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?</b>	Early to mid-November	Early to mid-November	Mid-December to mid-January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varies by school</li> <li>Applications can be accepted as early as July and as late as April</li> </ul>	Mid-December to mid-January
<b>WHEN DO YOU LEARN ADMISSION STATUS?</b>	Mid-December	January or February	Mid-February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varies by school</li> <li>Typically two to six weeks after receipt of application</li> </ul>	March or April
<b>IS ADMISSION BINDING?</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
<b>CAN YOU APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL USING THIS METHOD?</b>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varies by school</li> <li>If early action is "restrictive," you can only apply to one school.</li> </ul>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>ARE ACCEPTANCE RATES HIGHER WITH THIS METHOD?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	The earlier the application is received, the higher the acceptance rate.	No
<b>WHEN DO YOU NEED TO ACCEPT ADMITTANCE?</b>	Immediately	Typically by May 1	Immediately	Typically by May 1	Typically by May 1
<b>CAN YOU COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES?</b>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>BENEFITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to finish application season early</li> <li>Learn admittance decision early</li> <li>Increased admittance odds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn admittance decision early</li> <li>Increased admittance odds</li> <li>Ability to compare financial aid packages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn admittance decision early</li> <li>Increased admittance odds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to finish application season early</li> <li>Potential to learn admittance decision early</li> <li>Potential to increase admittance odds</li> <li>Ability to compare financial aid packages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More time to complete applications</li> <li>Ability to compare financial aid packages</li> </ul>
<b>DRAWBACKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to research, apply and decide on top choice school early</li> <li>Must commit to school early</li> <li>No flexibility with financial aid package</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to research, apply and decide on top choice school early</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must commit to school early</li> <li>No flexibility with financial aid package</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To gain greatest advantage, need to research and apply early</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long wait for admission decision</li> </ul>

## Other Deadlines

- **October 18, 2021 for November 1st deadline**
  - Request all transcripts with a 11/1 application deadline by 10/18
- **December 13, 2021**
  - Request transcripts with a January 1 or 15th deadline by December 13th



## Naviance

- College and Career Readiness Tool
  - Interest Inventories, College/Career Search Engine
- Do What You Are Personality Inventory
  - See Careers/Majors Related to Your Personality Type
- SuperMatch College Search
  - Search Colleges by What's Important to You
- View a calendar of upcoming College Rep Visits
- College Search
  - Research admission criteria, average price, graduation rate

# Naviance Access

- All students use their school email to login & password they created
- [student.naviance.com/resurrection](http://student.naviance.com/resurrection)

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student portal interface. At the top, a dark blue header bar contains the text "Resurrection College Prep High School", "Logged in as: Betty Bandit (log out)", and "Manage my account". Below this is a blue banner with the text "family connection". A navigation bar features tabs for "home", "courses", "colleges", "careers", "about me", and "my planner". The main content area has a "pages" section on the left with a message: "No custom pages or links are available at this time." The central area displays a "Welcome Resurrection College Prep High School students and families!" message, followed by a paragraph: "The guidance department is excited to provide you with this new college and career readiness program. We recommend that you access your account regularly to explore a wealth of scholarship, college, and career information." On the right, there is a "Get the mobile app! Naviance Student" banner with an "Available on the App Store" logo. Below the banner are links for "You have no new messages", "document library", and "contact us". The footer section includes the "Resurrection COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL" logo on the left and contact information on the right: "Resurrection College Prep High School", "7500 W Talcott Avenue", "Chicago IL 60631", and "p: (773) 775-6616".

# Naviance Access

● College visits

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

SuperMatch®

Advanced college search

College lookup

MY COLLEGES

Upcoming college events

Colleges match

Colleges Visits

Colleges I'm thinking about

Colleges I'm applying to

Letters of recommendation

COLLEGE RESEARCH

Scattergrams

College resources

SEPTEMBER

Wed 16

02:35PM

Maryville College

📍 Chicago; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

Register Now

View Details

SEPTEMBER

Thu 17

11:15AM

Millikin University

📍 Chicago; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

Register Now

View Details

SEPTEMBER

Fri 18

11:30AM

University of South Alabama

📍 Chicago; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

Register Now

View Details

SEPTEMBER

Mon 21

11:15AM

Saint Johns University (with College of Saint Benedict)

📍 Chicago; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

Register Now

View Details

SEPTEMBER

Tue 22

11:30AM

Providence College

📍 Chicago; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

Register Now

View Details

SEPTEMBER

Tue 22

12:30PM

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

📍 Chicago; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time)

Register Now

View Details

SEPTEMBER

# Naviance Access

- Applications
  - How to add applications to Naviance
  - How to request transcript on Naviance

This screenshot shows the 'Colleges I'm applying to' dashboard. At the top, a green banner states: '✓ Your Common App account has been matched. Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.' Below this, there are navigation links: 'Manage Transcripts', 'Application Milestones', and 'Compare Me', followed by a pink '+' button. A status indicator shows '+ = extended profile available'. The main section is titled 'College that I'm attending:' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'N/A' and an 'Update' button. Below this, a section titled 'Letters of recommendation' includes a note: 'Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information.' A 'Show Me How' icon is located at the bottom right.

This screenshot shows the 'STEP 1: Add Application' form. It has a progress bar with 'STEP 1' highlighted and 'STEP 2: Request Transcript' as the next step. The form includes a dropdown menu for 'Which college are you applying to?'. Below this, a message states: 'Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.' The 'App type' section has a dropdown menu currently set to 'Regular Decision'. The 'I'll submit my application' section has a checkbox labeled 'I've submitted my application'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Add Application' and 'ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPT'. A 'Show Me How' icon is at the bottom right.

# Letters of Recommendation

- Ask teachers either verbally or through email
  - Send brag sheet (found on schoology)
  - Request on Naviance
- Must give teachers/counselors 10 working days to complete

✦ = extended profile available      + REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS    🗑 REMOVE

College that I'm attending:

N/A      ▼      Update

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# Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Opens Oct. 1st of Senior Year
  - Will provide financial aid based on need
  - FAFSA4caster gives you a free early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid: **fafsa.ed.gov**
- Sticker price Vs. Actual Price
  - Will not know the actual price until accepted and receive financial aid award letter (Winter-Spring Senior Year)
  - Check out the net price calculator on every school's website and collegescorecard.ed.gov
- Have a variety of schools on your list
  - Public vs. Private, In-State vs. Out-of State

## **After You Submit Materials**

- Most scholarships will come from school directly- usually with admissions decision
- Look and apply for scholarships from private organizations
  - [www.student.naviance.com/resurrection](http://www.student.naviance.com/resurrection)
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Email a copy of all acceptance letters and scholarship offers to Ms. Masura

# Questions

- All information will be posted to our website
- Please refer to the College Planning Guide For Seniors for more detailed information

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