



HT College Night for Seniors and Families

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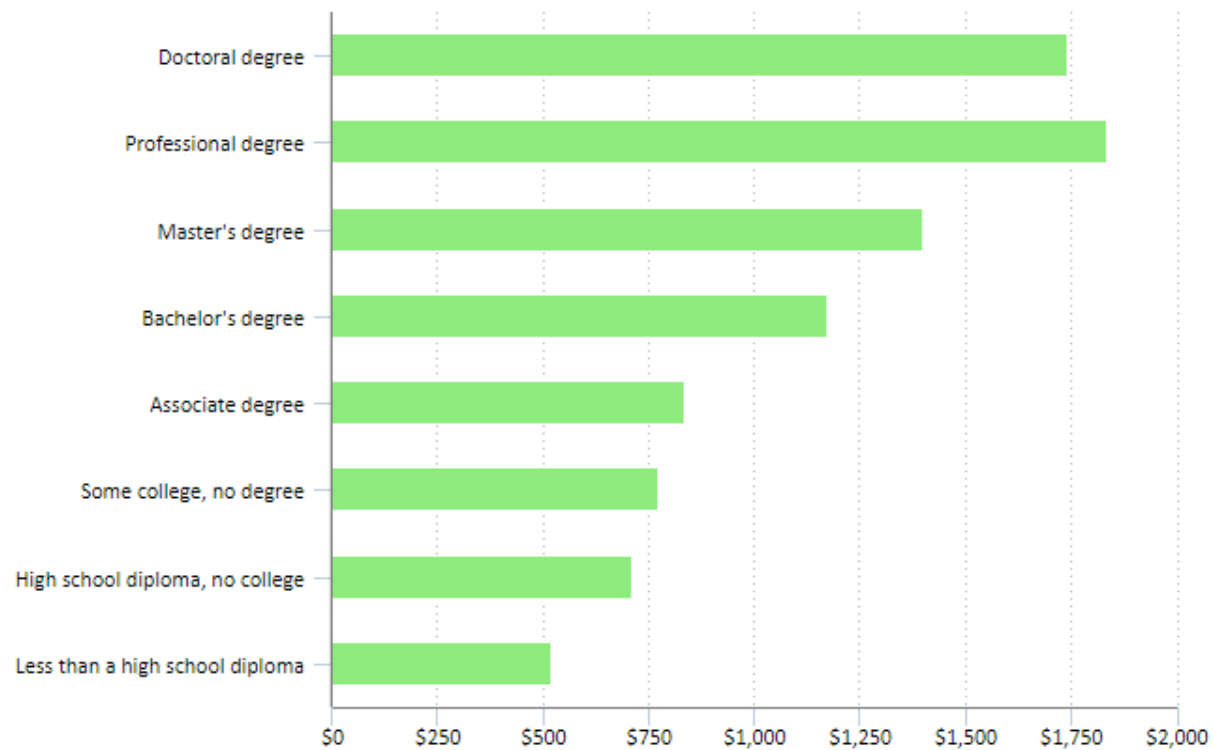


Agenda

- Helping your student figure out their post secondary plan
- Overview of application process
- Transcripts, recommendation letters, and standardized tests
- Financial aid process
- Important events/dates coming up

Career Choice Determines Education and Training

College is an Investment





Emotions Surrounding College

- Your concerns are NORMAL
- Focus on finding the best fit → calm your worries
- Figure out what you and your child need from a school

Getting Ready to Apply



Finding a Good Fit

- Some factors to consider
 - Private/public, size, location, academics, study abroad, internship opportunities, social life, athletics, etc.
- Recommend applying to 5 - 8 schools (HT requires proof of minimum 3 applications)
 - Safety-For sure
 - Reach-Toss up
 - Match-Fair chance



Resources for Undocumented Students

- Sheet of paper with butterfly in your packet
 - Websites and how to guides
 - Scholarships
 - Scholarships for DACA students
 - Scholarship search engines inclusive of undocumented students
- See Ms. Hogen as early in the process as possible

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.



The Application



The Common Application

- If you are applying to two or more schools that accept the Common Application, please create an account.
- More than 700 schools use the Common App
- Go to www.commonapp.org to apply
- Be sure to select the correct application status (RD, EA, ED)
- Complete the FERPA waiver



Merging Common App and Naviance

- Students will receive information on how to merge their Common App and Naviance accounts tomorrow. This is mandatory!
- Allows counselors to send materials
- Must add schools to both the Common App and 'Colleges I'm Applying To' list in Naviance in order to begin requesting teacher letters of recommendation and transcripts.
- Parents can log in to Naviance for viewing but cannot edit. See me if you need a login.



Application Fees

- Students on free/reduced lunch are eligible for application fee waivers!
- For Common App schools, students will request a fee waiver through Common App on the Profile screen.
- For non-Common App schools
 - Student will ask counselor for a paper fee waiver to send via postal mail

Transcripts & Letters of Recommendation



How to Request Transcripts

- Transcripts will not be sent out without submission of Transcript Release Authorization
 - Students who are missing this form will receive a copy during their individual meeting
- All transcript requests are made through Naviance
 - Video will be sent to students
- Please see the registrar, Ms. Bannon if required to mail a paper copy
- For Self-Reporting Schools - DO NOT REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS



Letters of Recommendation from Teachers

- Waiver of Access Form
 - Students who are missing this form will receive a copy during their individual meeting
- Know what your applications require and inform your recommenders
 - Ask in person and allow ample time for completion!
- Methods
 - Electronic (preferred method)
 - Common App and Non-Common App Schools
 - Student invites teacher to be a recommender through Naviance, teacher receives an email, teacher uploads recommendation
 - Paper (rare)
 - Provide the teacher with all required forms, deadlines and a stamped/addressed envelope for each recommendation, use HT return address, complete student information and waive your right to access the letter



Letters of Recommendation from Counselor

- Letters will only be sent to schools where students request!
- Counselor sends Secondary School Report to all schools (written request is not needed).

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ACT



ACT Score Reports

- Student is responsible for sending ACT score reports (act.org account)
- Next test date is October 26th
- Deadline before a \$35 late fee is Friday, September 20th!
- Test scores are processed 4-8 weeks post test-date
- Allow at least 3-6 weeks for current score report requests to arrive at the college.
- Fee Waiver: you can send up to 20 score reports for free.
- \$13 per score sent
- If you are eligible for a fee waiver and have only used one, please visit the counseling center.
- Test optional schools do exist



Financial Aid Process



FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Determines eligibility for Federal and State need-based assistance (loans, grants, and work study)
- Everyone should apply! Application is open on October 1, 2019



Types of Financial Aid

- Grants
 - Need-based aid that does not have to be repaid
- Scholarships
 - Gift aid based on academic achievements, athletic accomplishments, artistic talent, ethnic background, etc.
- Work Study
 - Allows students with need to earn money for educational expenses
- Loans (subsidized/unsubsidized)
 - Borrowed money which must be repaid with interest
 - Federal Parent PLUS Loans



First Step: Create a FSA ID

- Before you can apply for FAFSA, both a parent and the student need to create their own FSA IDs
- FSA ID serves as your electronic signature to access the FAFSA
- To create yours go to: <https://fsaid.ed.gov>
- FSA ID Workshop Dates: September 11th & 18th



FAFSA Completion Workshops

Get your FSA ID before attending a workshop!

Location: 2nd Floor Computer Labs

Dates:

October 16th 3:00-4:30

October 23rd 5:30-7:30

November 13th 5:30-7:30

For this year's seniors, you will need financial information from 2018.

Please bring:

- Your Social Security card. It is important that you enter your SSN correctly!
- Your driver's license (if any)
- Your (and if married, your partner's) 2018 federal income tax return and other records

Important Events/Dates



Individual Senior Meetings

- Senior Meetings begin next Monday
 - Senior Credit Check
 - Discussing List of Schools
 - ACT Scores
 - Updating Naviance
 - Discussing Letters of Recommendation
 - Parents are welcome to attend!

Reach out if you have questions!



Holy Trinity College Fair

- Monday, October 7th from 8-9:30am
- Hoping to have around 35 colleges/ reps present
- Great time to ask questions/gather information



Local College Fairs

- NACAC Performing and Visual Arts Fair
 - Thursday, October 24th, 7-9pm
 - Location: University of Illinois at Chicago Forum
- National College Fair
 - Saturday, October 5th, 11am-3pm
 - Location: McCormick Place
- National Portfolio Day
 - Sunday, October 20th, 10am-2pm
 - Location: School of the Art Institute of Chicago



Daily College Visits

- During Lunch and Homeroom in the counseling center
- All visits are posted on Naviance and in morning announcements



College Application Workshops for Students

October 30th, November 6th

Workshops are from 3:10-4pm in the Counseling Center computer
labs!



Holy Trinity's College Application Requirements

- Submit at least 3 Application Submission Receipts
- Submit a copy of all acceptance and rejection letters
- Submit a copy of all award letters and financial aid packages
- Share your decision/plan for Fall of 2020 in Naviance

Check-out with Ms. Hogen, no later than Friday, April 24th. You must bring the above materials in order to participate in **College Signing Day Celebration on May 1st!**



Reminder for Students: Check email & Naviance Regularly!

- Updates from colleges
- Scholarship opportunities
- Application reminders from Counseling
- Meeting reminders



QUESTIONS?