

# JUNIORS' INTRO TO COLLEGE NIGHT

Presented by the  
BAHS Counseling  
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## THUS FAR...

1. Focused on your grades
2. Taken the PSAT
3. Impressed possible teacher recommenders
4. Explored potential colleges using online resources
5. Updated your "Game Plan," "Goals" and "Resume" in Naviance
6. Added schools to your "Colleges I'm Thinking About List" in Naviance
7. Scheduled the right courses for Senior year
8. Registered for May or June SAT/ACT



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# CREATING YOUR COLLEGE LIST

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## COLLEGE OPTIONS



About 3,000 4-year Colleges in the nation!

- CALIFORNIA:
- o 9 University of California campuses
  - o 23 Cal State campuses
  - o 77 Private colleges

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## CREATING A COLLEGE LIST

The Student	The College
Interests & Goals	Majors & Programs
GPA	Academic Profile
SAT/ACT Test Scores <small>(SAT II Test Scores – if applicable)</small>	Size
Difficulty of Courses	Activities
Extra Curriculars	Location
Preferences	Cost & Financial Aid

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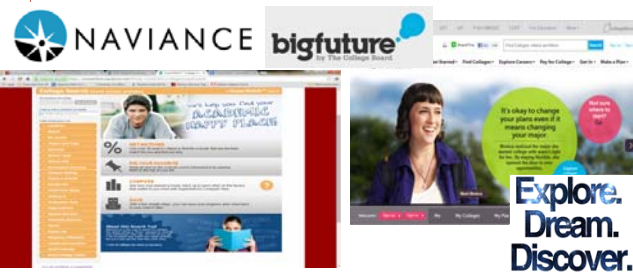
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## CREATING A COLLEGE LIST




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## CREATING A COLLEGE LIST

Category	Meaning
Reach	Low probability of admission; even though student may match admission profile
Probable (Target)	Admission looks good; students matches school admission profile and school admits reasonable %
Safety	Admission is highly likely; student is above admission profile and school admits high %

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## THE NUMBERS

- Grade and Test Scores (SAT or ACT) are very important in the college admissions process.
- Most colleges only look at grades from the **Sophomore** and **Junior** years.
- Junior year = **50% of the student's GPA!**

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## AVERAGES

Schools	GPA	SAT (Reading/Writing + Math)
University of California	over 4.00	about 1270
California State University	about 3.30	about 980

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### SOME MORE AVERAGES

Schools	GPA	SAT (Reading/Writing + Math)
Stanford	over 4.2	1490
USC	over 4.0	1390
Loyola Marymount	3.8	1240
Arizona State	3.4	1100

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### AVERAGE RANGES

Schools	GPA	SAT (Reading/Writing + Math)
University of California	3.7 – 4.2	1060 – 1410
California State University	3.0 – 3.9	850 – 1230

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# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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## NEXT FALL...

1. Testing
2. Applications... online
3. Personal Statements... are required by *some* colleges
4. Recommendations... are required by *some* colleges
5. Transcripts

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## 1. TESTING

- ✓ All Juniors took the PSAT last October and were given their official score reports as part of a workshop provided by the Counseling Department.
- ✓ Next Up:




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## SAT – ACT TEST COMPARISON

SAT	ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Hours 50 Minutes</li> <li>• 3 Sections:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing</li> <li>• Essay (Optional... but not really)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Score Range = 200-800</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Hours 25 Minutes</li> <li>• 5 Sections:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• Essay (Optional... but not really)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Score Range = 1-36</li> </ul>

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## 1. TESTING

- ✓ All Juniors have been encouraged to register for the upcoming May and/or June test dates.
- ✓ Official SAT and/or ACT test scores are essential for college advising.
- ✓ Students must register online. Each website also offers free test prep and additional helpful resources.
- ✓ Most students will test 2-3 times. Most colleges require that all testing should be completed by November of senior year at the latest.

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## OFFICIAL PRACTICE WITH KHAN ACADEMY – IT’S FREE!

- ✓ Go to [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org) and create a free account.
  - Thousands of practice questions and videos
  - Six official, full-length SAT practice tests with more to come
  - Personalized recommendations based on each student’s strengths and weaknesses
  - Tailored practice schedule mapping out each student’s path to test day
- ✓ Follow these steps to link your College Board account to Khan Academy:




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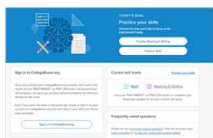
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## HOW TO LINK YOUR COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT TO KHAN ACADEMY

- Step 1:** Log in or create a Khan Academy account.
- Step 2:** When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts. You will then be directed to [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org).
- Step 3:** Sign in or create a College Board account.
- Step 4:** When prompted, hit “Send” to authorize the account linking.
- Step 5:** Start practicing on Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy!




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SAT	ACT
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	June 10 <sup>th</sup>
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	September 9 <sup>th</sup>
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	October 28 <sup>th</sup>
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> *	December 9 <sup>th</sup> *

*\*Remember... only use December as a last resort. Not all colleges will accept December test scores.*

Register for the ACT @ [www.actstudent.org/regist/](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/)

Register for the SAT @ [www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register](http://www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register)

## UPCOMING TEST DATES

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### SAT/ACT FEE WAIVERS

Family Size	Income must be below:
2	\$29,637
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273

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### HELPFUL HINTS

- ✓ Take *both* tests. Students usually perform better on one versus the other.
- ✓ Do *not* test cold. You need to study – even for your first SAT/ACT.
- ✓ Utilize free test prep resources. If able, consider taking an SAT/ACT prep course.
- ✓ Always double-check testing requirements for your college/university (example: SAT Subject Tests, last acceptable test date, etc.)
- ✓ We need official SAT/ACT test scores in order to provide students with effective and accurate college counseling.
- ✓ Plan ahead. Remember... Most students will test 2-3 times.

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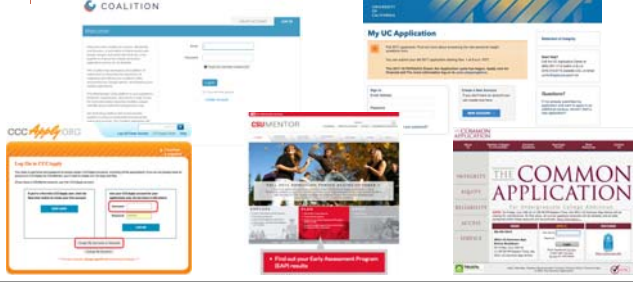
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## 2. APPLICATIONS (MUST MEET DEADLINES!)




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- ✓ Students *MUST* meet all deadlines for college applications. Colleges do not accept anything late.
  - Application deadline
  - Deadlines for submitting SAT/ACT test scores
  - Deadlines for sending transcripts
  - "Statement of Intent to Register" (SIR) deadline
- ✓ Always double-check application requirements.
- ✓ Its best to organize college applications by deadline.
- ✓ Plan ahead in order to allow yourself plenty of time to complete each component.

## APPLICATION ADVICE

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## 3. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

- ✓ Not required for CSU's.
- ✓ Are required for UC's and most private colleges
- ✓ Work closely with your Counselor and/or Senior English Teacher
- ✓ Most will require multiple revisions/drafts
- ✓ Example Prompt:  
Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
- ✓ Prompts are already available online. *Students should get started asap!*

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## 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Not required for CSU's or UC's.
  - UC Berkeley will invite some students to submit two.
- ✓ Are required by most private colleges
- ✓ 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers within the subject area of proposed major are preferred
- ✓ Students must complete their "Senior Brag Sheet" on Naviance *prior* to requesting a letter of recommendation.
- ✓ Students should request recommendation letters *in person* first and then via Naviance.
- ✓ Students must give recommenders at least two weeks notice before the deadline.

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## 5. TRANSCRIPTS

- ✓ 3 Types: Initial, Midyear and Final
- ✓ Generally requested later in the process (January)
- ✓ 2 Methods of Sending Them:
  - Counselors send transcripts electronically via Naviance.
  - Students can order "snail mail" transcripts from our Registrar.

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## EARLY DECISION VS. EARLY ACTION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>Early Decision:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deadline tends to be November 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>○ All application materials (including test scores, LOR's, etc.) must be submitted by the ED deadline.</li> <li>○ BINDING on the student</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>Early Action:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deadline tends to be November 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>○ All application materials (including test scores, LOR's, etc.) must be submitted by the ED deadline.</li> <li>○ NOT binding on the student</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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If considering either ED/EA, students must notify their counselor ASAP!

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KEY DATES	DATE	EVENT
	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UC applications open</li><li>• Common App opens</li></ul>
	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CSU applications open</li><li>• FAFSA opens</li></ul>
	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UC applications can be submitted</li><li>• EA/ED Deadline</li></ul>
	November 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UC &amp; CSU Deadline</li></ul>
	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cal Grant Deadline (<i>FAFSA must be submitted in order to be considered</i>)</li></ul>
	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SIR National Deadline</li></ul>
<p><i>*Note: Private college deadlines vary. Generally, most are in December and January. Students are responsible for monitoring their individual school deadlines.</i></p>		

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# NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION

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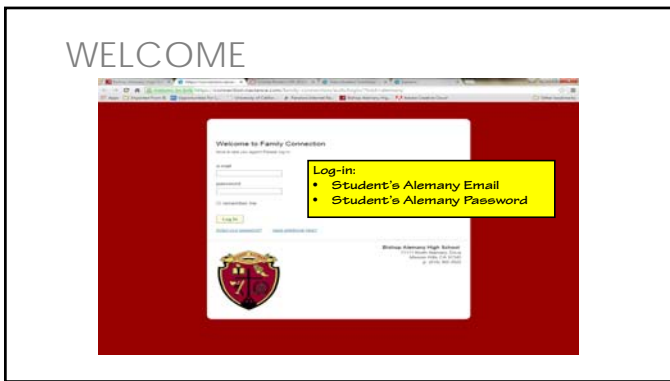
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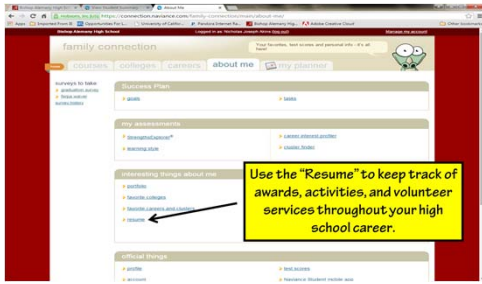
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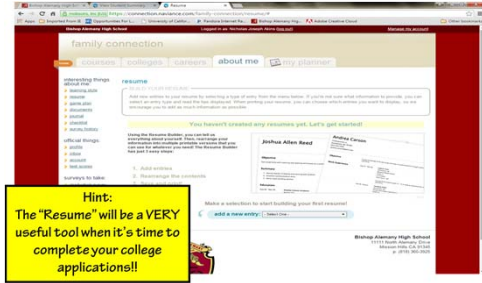
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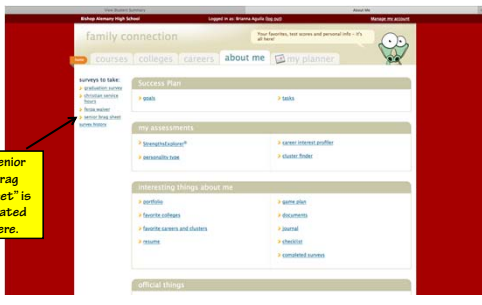
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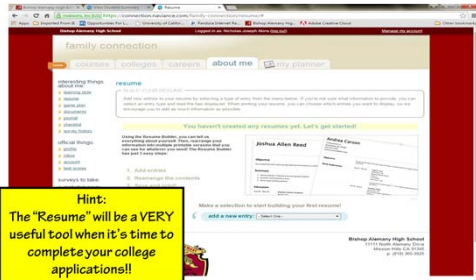
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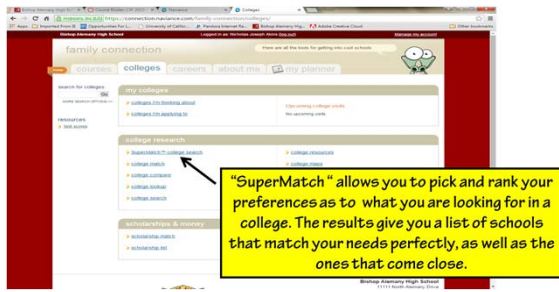
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### "COLLEGES" TAB




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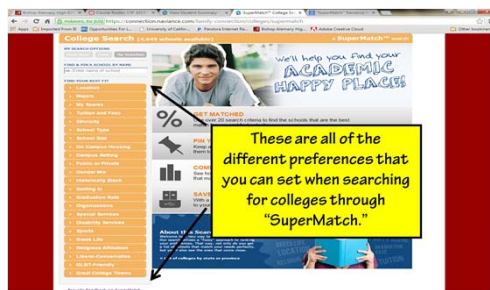
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### "SUPERMATCH COLLEGE SEARCH"




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## "SUPERMATCH COLLEGE SEARCH"

Search & add specific colleges here.

"My Preferences"

You can add colleges to your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list by clicking here.

My "Top Matches"

You can also click the "Pin It" box to compare multiple colleges at once.

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## "COLLEGES" TAB

When you add schools to your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list, you will be able to access them much quicker.

This list will help your counselor in helping you through the college application/ career search process.

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## "COLLEGES" TAB

You can also quickly compare, graph and view school websites from here.

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## NAVIANCE RECAP

- Create a RESUME to keep track of all your accomplishments
- Keep track of your progress towards your GOALS
- Create a GAME PLAN to help you achieve your post-high school goals
- Use CLUSTER FINDER or CAREER INTEREST PROFILER to explore careers
- Use SUPERMATCH COLLEGE SEARCH to browse colleges track deadlines for COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
- Sign up for upcoming college visits (12th grade)
- Use SCHOLARSHIP MATCH to search for scholarships
- Receive IMPORTANT EMAILS from the Counseling Department
- Keep a JOURNAL of your high school years

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- ✓ Be patient.
- ✓ Naviance takes a lot of browsing through each tab (Colleges/Careers/About Me) and clicking around!
- ✓ Practice by visiting the website often to explore it on your own.
- ✓ Remember, next year, you will be using it every day to monitor your college applications.

## NAVIANCE TIPS

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## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

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COLLEGE MONEY: USEFUL WEBSITES

FAFSA  
Federal Student Aid  
An office of the U.S. Department of Education

fastweb  
Paying for school just got easier

NAVIANCE

bigfuture  
The Big Future of Education

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We hold a variety of informational meetings, workshops and programs throughout the year to keep students and parents informed about college planning and successfully complete the application process.

- o College Rep. Visits
- o College Fair
- o College Field Trips
- o College Application Sessions (Fall)
- o Guidance Nights
- o College Knowledge Night
- o Case Studies Night
- o College Financial Aid Night:
- o NCAA Night
- o Community College App. Sessions (Spring)

COUNSELING  
EVENTS

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE 101

- ✓ We offer a program in the Spring for seniors interested in attending a Community College.
- ✓ Finding the right campus (major, sports, student organizations)
- ✓ Preparing for the Assessment Tests
- ✓ Filling out applications
- ✓ Registering for classes
- ✓ Transfer process
- ✓ CC reps or visits

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## STUDENT ATHLETES

*Planning on playing Division I or II?*

- ✓ Must be registered with NCAA
- ✓ Must meet eligibility requirements regarding GPA, High School Courses & Test Scores!
- ✓ See Mrs. White for a review



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