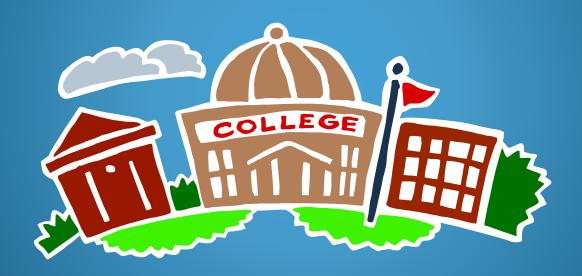
# HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PARENT NIGHT CLASS OF 2017



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

### THIS EVENING'S AGENDA



Welcome and Introduction

Kitty R. Klein, Director of Guidance and Testing Services, K-12

Video

**Embracing Change: The Road to College** 

Various Topics Discussed

Mrs. Bernadette Walsh, College Advisor

- Post Secondary Planning
- Student responsibilities
- The College Process and Procedures
- Common Application Matching with Family Connection
- Letters of Recommendation
- Standardized tests (SAT's and ACT's)
- SUNY & CUNY
- Financial aid & scholarships
- Special considerations
- Q & A

# POST SECONDARY PLANNING

- All students have options!
- It's not where you go, but what you do when you get there



- Everyone's path will be unique; try not to compare
- Organizing post secondary planning into steps can reduce stress
- Our role in the process = to advise and support

#### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES



- Own the Process!
  - Have you verified the accuracy of your transcript?
  - Are you taking a rigorous academic program?
  - What steps have you taken to research schools and complete applications ontime?
  - Have you started working on your college essay?
- Communicate and Monitor!
  - Have you made an appointment with the College Office?
  - Have you requested official SAT/ACT/AP scores to be sent to colleges and the NCAA?
  - Do you know which of the schools you are applying to require supplemental essays?
  - Do you know how to utilize Family Connection to request recommendation letters and transcripts?
- Follow-up with the College Office on all admission decisions!

#### THE COLLEGE OFFICE

**ROOM 120** 



- Mrs. Bernadette Walsh
  673-2131
  bwalsh@hufsd.edu
- Mrs. Linda Catalano: College Office Secretary
- College visits
- College fairs

- Scholarships
- Friday flyer
- Financial aid
- NCAA
- Computers
- Essay & Activity Résumés
- Family Connection/Naviance

# FAMILY CONNECTION/NAVIANCE

To access Family Connection through Naviance, log onto the HUFSD website at <a href="www.hufsd.edu">www.hufsd.edu</a> and click on the Quick Clicks bar on the top right, and select Naviance/Family Connection.

About Me

- Colleges
- Careers
- Document Library

### COLLEGE & DMISSION CRITERIA

#### 4 year colleges

- Transcript
- Standardized test scores (OR test optional - www.fairtest.org)
- Extracurricular activities
- Recommendations
- Essay
- Demonstrated interest
- Interview (if offered or required)

#### 2 year colleges

- Transcript
- Standardized tests (used for placement)

# COLLEGE & PPLIC & TION OPTIONS

attend."



- **Early Action**: "I am very interested and if accepted, I will most likely attend."
- **Early Decision**: "It's true love, and if accepted, I *must attend*, because it is *contractually binding*." (ED I & II)
- Single Choice/Restrictive Early Action: "I'm very interested, and you're the one and only school I may apply to early." (Non-binding)
- Rolling Admission: "I must apply as soon as possible because applications are reviewed and decisions are made on a rolling basis."

# HOW DOES THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS BEGIN?

- Meet with Mrs. Walsh (college advisor)
- ©Submit Necessary Forms
  - Activity Sheet
  - Appraising Myself as I Plan for the Future
- ©Complete Application Forms
  - Records Release Form
  - Common Application
  - Individual college applications

# WHAT MAY BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION?

- Application for undergraduate admission
- Student transcript
- Huntington High School Profile
- Counselor Recommendation and Secondary School Report
- Teacher Recommendations and evaluations
- Mid-year report
- Optional Report (if applicable)
- Essay
- Activity Résumé/Sheet
- Supplemental Essay (individual colleges)
- Early Decision (ED) contract and Final report

#### COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES



All college application related materials will be submitted electronically through our Naviance/Family Connection Program. This includes the following:

- Transcripts
- Teacher recommendations and evaluation forms
- Counselor recommendations and secondary school reports
- Other relevant college documents (Early Decision agreements, Fee Waivers, etc.)

#### COALITION APPLICATION

• The application is completed online and can be accessed by logging onto <a href="www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org">www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org</a>. Some schools will accept the Coalition application in addition to other applications, such as the Common Application, while other schools are exclusive and therefore require students to use the Coalition application.

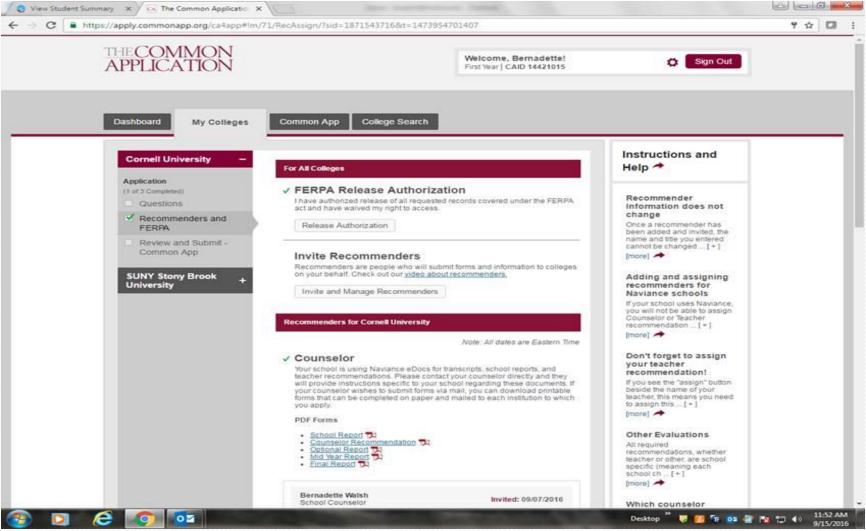
• The platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their applications to numerous institutions. Coalition schools graduate at least 70 percent of their students within six years, with many having much higher graduation rates. There are currently over 90 Coalition member colleges across the country, and only 53 are actively accepting applications.

#### THE COMMON & PPLIC & TION

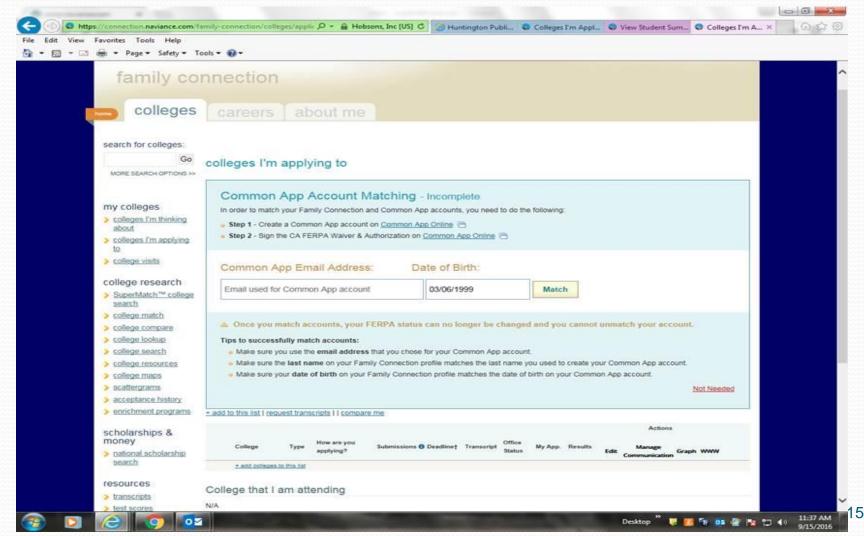


- www.commonapp.org
- Over 600 colleges and universities, private and public (please refer to The Post-Secondary Planning Guide)
- 1 application, 1 main essay
- Various deadlines, application fees and supplemental essays
- Online application only

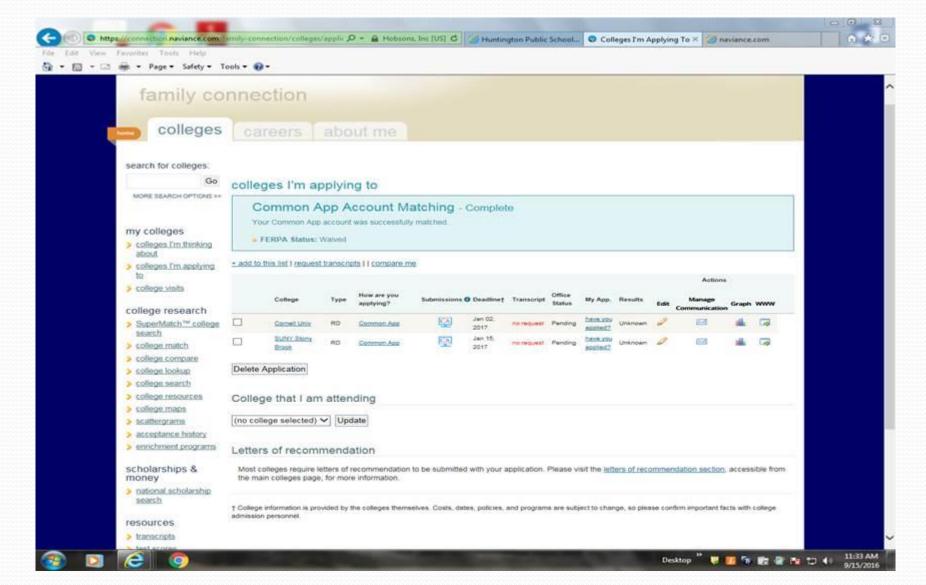
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# COMMON & PPLICATION MATCHING WITH FAMILY CONNECTION



### COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO

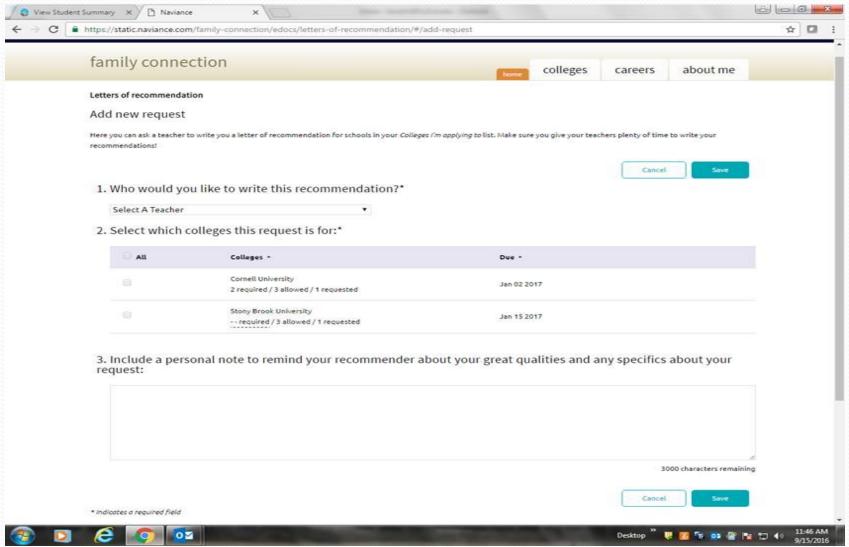


## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



- 2 core-academic recommendations
  - Recommendation Request form
  - Student Brag Sheet
  - Request recommendation through the Family Connection
  - See the official Recommendation Request Form for specific procedures
- 1 counselor recommendation
  - Mrs. Walsh will write and forward to all Common Application colleges and non Common Application colleges where applicable

#### REQUESTING RECOMMENDATION LETTERS



#### STANDARDIZED TEST SUBMITTAL

- SAT score reports
  - www.collegeboard.com
  - College Board customer service (866) 756-7346
  - Cumulative or Score Choice
- ACT score reports
  - www.actstudent.org
  - ACT score reports (319) 337-1313
  - Report by test date
- AP scores
  - www.collegeboard.com/apcentral
  - AP customer service (888) 225-5427

**Huntington High School CEEB: 332490** 

#### STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY)

- www.suny.edu/student
- 64 campuses
  - 30 community colleges
- 7,000+ academic programs
- 426,314 students enrolled in the SUNY system (4 and 2 year colleges)
- Varying academic requirements
- Common application, SUNY application, or Coalition application
- Various deadlines (EA, ED, RD or rolling)

## CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY)

- www.cuny.edu
- 11 senior colleges
- 7 community colleges
- 1,750 programs of study
- Varying academic requirements
- Macaulay Honors College at 8 senior colleges (12/1/16 deadline-11/4/16 HHS deadline)
- One application and one fee used for up to 6 campuses
- February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline (general freshman admission) and then rolling admission on a space available basis, 1/10/17 HHS suggested deadline





- CSS/ Financial Aid Profile
  - Approximately 600 colleges & universities use the profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds
  - Available beginning 10/01/2016 https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study. In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.
  - Available beginning 10/01/2016 www.fafsa.ed.gov
- HHS Financial Aid Night October 18, 2016 at 7:00pm

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**



- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.freescholarshipfinder.com
- www.finaid.org
- Religious organizations, employer, cultural organizations, service organizations
- Merit scholarships: awarded in recognition of achievement, usually in academics, athletics or the arts
- Quarterly scholarship newsletters are posted on the website

#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

• Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services



- NCAA <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u>
- Portfolio requirements
  - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition
- Audition deadlines
  - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Thank you for coming.

Oh and don't worry..... You will get through this process and survive. You might even enjoy it!