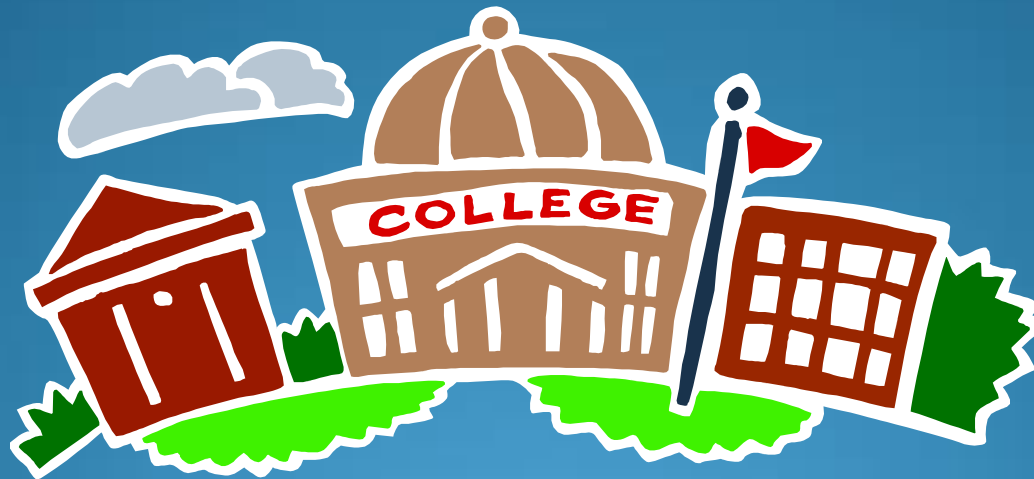
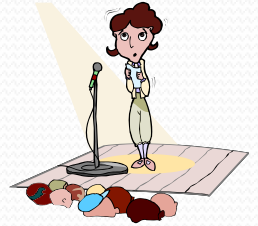


HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PARENT NIGHT CLASS OF 2015



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

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

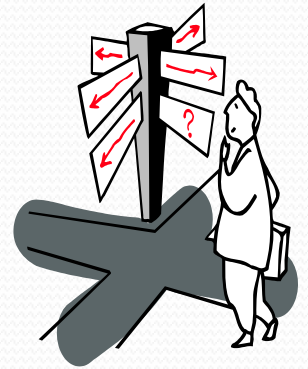
Mrs. Bernadette Walsh, College Advisor

- Post Secondary Planning
- Student/parent/college office responsibilities
- The College Process and Procedures
- Common Application Matching with Family Connection
- Letters of Recommendation
- Standardized tests (SAT's and ACT's)
- The Common Application
- 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 on-time?
 - 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 Applications?
 - Have you downloaded the Family Connection/Naviance app on your iphone?
 - Do you know how to utilize Family Connection to request recommendation letters and transcripts?
- Follow-up with the College Office on all admission decisions!

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES



- Educate yourself about the process
- Familiarize yourself with Family Connection
- Be a member of your child's support team
- Continue to visit colleges with your child
- Discuss financial resources with your child
- Assist in exploring financial aid/scholarship opportunities

COLLEGE OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES



- Assist and facilitate the college application process
- Help students finalize their college lists
- Send mid/final-year grades
- Encourage students to maintain high grades and academic rigor
- Write letters of recommendation
- Serve as a resource to students, parents, and staff

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

THE CAMPUS VISIT

- Seniors are provided with up to 5 college visitation days
- Helping to find the 'Right Fit' includes:
 - Attending Information sessions at the college, as well as local receptions on Long Island and in the Tri-State area
 - Taking a campus tour
 - Sitting in on a class
 - Meeting with department professors and/or coaches
 - Visiting the Financial Aid office

COLLEGE ADMISSION CRITERIA

4 year colleges

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

2 year colleges

- Transcript
- Standardized tests (used for placement)

COLLEGE APPLICATION OPTIONS



- **Regular Decision:** “I am interested and if accepted, I might want to 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)

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 application (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
- Guidance counselor recommendations and secondary school reports
- Other relevant supplemental college application documents (ED agreements, FWs)

THE COMMON APPLICATION



- www.commonapp.org
- Over 500 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 applications
- Online application only (effective this year).

COMMON APPLICATION FERPA

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://commonapp.org/ca4app#lm/219/RecAssign/?sid=1871543864&tt=1410371246011>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The page itself has a navigation bar with 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', and 'College Search'. The 'My Colleges' section is active, showing 'Sacred Heart University' with a minus sign. Under 'Application (1 of 3 Completed)', there are three items: 'Questions' (unchecked), 'Recommendations and FERPA' (checked), and 'Review and Submit - Common App' (unchecked). The main content area is titled 'FERPA Release Authorization' and 'Counselor'. It includes a 'Manage Recommenders' link and a note: 'Note: All dates are Eastern Time'. The 'FERPA Release Authorization' section states: 'I have authorized release of all requested records covered under the FERPA act and have waived my right to access. [show details](#)'. The 'Counselor' section states: 'Your school is using Naviance eDocs for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. If your counselor wishes to submit forms via mail, you can download printable forms that can be completed on paper and mailed to each institution to which you apply.' Below this, there is a table of 'Offline Forms' for 'Lauren Baglivi School Counselor'. The table has two columns: the form name and the status. The forms listed are 'School Report', 'Optional Report', 'Mid Year Report', and 'Final Report'. The status for 'School Report' is 'Invited: 08/26/2014' and 'Not started'. The other forms have no status listed. To the right of the main content area, there is a sidebar with 'Instructions & Help Center' and several links: 'Recommender Information does not change', 'Resend a Recommender Invite', 'FERPA Waiver', 'Adding and assigning recommenders for Naviance schools', and 'Don't forget to assign your teacher recommendation!'. The bottom of the browser window shows the Windows taskbar with various icons and the system clock displaying '1:48 PM 9/10/2014'.

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

Sacred Heart University

Application (1 of 3 Completed)

- ☐ Questions
- ☒ Recommendations and FERPA
- ☐ Review and Submit - Common App

[Manage Recommenders](#)
Note: All dates are Eastern Time

✓ **FERPA Release Authorization**
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✓ **Counselor**
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Offline Forms

- [School Report](#)
- [Optional Report](#)
- [Mid Year Report](#)
- [Final Report](#)

Lauren Baglivi School Counselor	Invited: 08/26/2014
School Report	Not started
Optional Report	
Mid Year Report	
Final Report	

• **Teacher**
Your school is using Naviance eDocs for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. Once your teachers submit their recommendations online you will see the status below. If your teacher(s) wish to submit forms via mail, you can download printable forms that can be completed on paper and mailed to each institution to which you apply. [offline form](#)

Instructions & Help Center

Recommender Information does not change
Once a recommender has been added and invited, the name and title you entered cannot be changed ... [+]
[\[more\]](#)

Resend a Recommender Invite
From the "Recommendations and FERPA" page, click on the link "Manage Recommender". The page with th ... [+]
[\[more\]](#)

FERPA Waiver
All applicants complete the FERPA waiver from within their Common App accounts by clicking the A ... [+]
[\[more\]](#)

Adding and assigning recommenders for Naviance schools
If your school uses Naviance, you will not be able to assign Counselor or Teacher recommendation ... [+]
[\[more\]](#)

Don't forget to assign your teacher recommendation!
If you see the "assign" button beside the name of your teacher, this means you need to assign this ... [+]
[\[more\]](#)

<https://commonapp.org/ca4app#lm/219/Submission/?sid=197157003&formType=CommonApplication>

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COMMON APPLICATION MATCHING WITH FAMILY CONNECTION

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On the left sidebar, there are sections for 'my colleges', 'college research', 'scholarships & money', and 'resources'. The 'my colleges' section includes links like 'colleges I'm thinking about', 'colleges I'm applying to', and 'college visits'. The 'college research' section includes links like 'SuperMatch™ college search', 'college match', 'college compare', 'college lookup', 'college search', 'college resources', 'college maps', 'scattergrams', 'acceptance history', and 'enrichment programs'. The 'scholarships & money' section includes a link for 'national scholarship search'. The 'resources' section includes links for 'transcripts' and 'test scores'.

The main content area is titled 'colleges I'm applying to'. It features a search bar with the text 'search for colleges:' and a 'Go' button. Below the search bar is a link for 'MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>'. The main content area also displays a section for 'Common App Account Matching - Incomplete'. This section includes instructions on how to match accounts and a form for entering the 'Common App Email Address' and 'Date of Birth'. The form has a 'Match' button. Below the form, there are tips to successfully match accounts and a warning about FERPA status.

The 'Common App Account Matching - Incomplete' section contains the following text:

In order to match your Family Connection and Common App accounts, you need to do the following:

- Step 1 - Create a Common App account on [Common App Online](#)
- Step 2 - Sign the CA FERPA Waiver & Authorization on [Common App Online](#)

Common App Email Address: Date of Birth:

⚠ Once you match accounts, your FERPA status can no longer be changed and you cannot unmatch your account.

Tips to successfully match accounts:

- Make sure you use the email address that you chose for your Common App account.
- Make sure the last name on your Family Connection profile matches the last name you used to create your Common App account.
- Make sure your date of birth on your Family Connection profile matches the date of birth on your Common App account.

Not Needed

+ add to this list | request transcripts | compare me

Below this section is a table with the following columns: College, Type, Applying via Common App?, Submissions, Deadline†, Transcript, Office Status, My App., Results, Edit, Manage Communication, Graph, and WWW. The table is currently empty.

College that I am attending

N/A

Teacher Recommendations

COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO

https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/appl... Hobsons, Inc [US] View Student Summary Colleges I'm Applying To

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

home colleges careers about me

search for colleges:
Go
MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

my colleges
> colleges I'm thinking about
> colleges I'm applying to
> college visits

college research
> SuperMatch™ college search
> college match
> college compare
> college lookup
> college search
> college resources
> college maps
> scattergrams
> acceptance history
> enrichment programs

scholarships & money
> national scholarship search

resources
> transcripts
> test scores

colleges I'm applying to

Common App Account Matching - Complete
Your Common App account was successfully matched.
• FERPA Status: Waived

+ add to this list | request transcripts | compare me

College	Type	Applying via Common App?	Submissions	Deadline†	Transcript	Office Status	My App.	Results	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Binghamton	ROLL	Yes		-	requested	Pending		Unknown	
<input type="checkbox"/> UMD College Park	ROLL	-		-	requested	Pending		Unknown	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacred Heart Univ	RD	Yes (CA Exclusive)		-	requested	Pending		Unknown	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacred Heart Univ	ROLL	Yes (CA Exclusive)		-	requested	Pending		Unknown	
<input type="checkbox"/> Suffolk County CC Western	ROLL	-		-	requested	Pending	app submitted	Unknown	

College that I am attending
(no college selected) Update

Teacher Recommendations
add/cancel requests

Teacher	Status	Your Note
Bernadette Walsh	CANCELLED	my deadline is November 1st
Christopher Walsh	In progress	Deadline is 11/1

† College information is provided by the colleges themselves. Costs, dates, policies, and programs are subject to change, so please confirm important facts with college admission personnel.

Huntington High School
Oakwood and McKay Roads

9:42 AM
6/26/2014

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 guidance recommendation
 - Mrs. Walsh will write and forward to all Common Application colleges and non Common Application colleges where applicable

REQUESTING RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

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The main content area has a search bar for colleges and a link to "request teachers to prepare recommendations". Below this, there is a section for "Cancel Current Requests" with a table showing two requests: one cancelled and one in progress.

Teacher	Status	Cancel
Bernadette Walsh	Cancelled	
Christopher Walsh	In progress	<input type="checkbox"/> cancel request

Below the table is a section for "Add New Requests" with a form to request a recommendation letter from a teacher.

Teacher	Personal note to teacher (optional)
(select teacher)	
(select teacher)	
(select teacher)	
(select teacher)	

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)

- 64 campuses
 - 30 community colleges
- 5,000+ degree & certificate programs
- 426,314 students enrolled in the SUNY system (4 and 2 year colleges)
- Varying academic requirements
- Common application or SUNY application
- Various deadlines (EA, ED, RD or rolling)
- SOAR System (SUNY Online Academic Record) or STARS (Self Reported Testing and Academic Record System; Binghamton and Stony Brook)

www.suny.edu/student

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY)

- 11 senior colleges
- 7 community colleges
- 1,750 programs of study
- Varying academic requirements
- Macaulay Honors College at 8 senior colleges (12/1/14 deadline-11/3/14 HHS deadline)
- One application and one fee used for up to 6 campuses
- February 1st deadline (general freshman admission) and then rolling admission on a space available basis, 1/9/15 HHS suggested deadline

www.cuny.edu



FINANCIAL AID



- CSS/ Financial Aid Profile
 - Approximately 600 colleges & universities use the profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds
 - **Available beginning 10/01/2014**
<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 1/01/2015**
www.fafsa.ed.gov
- HHS Financial Aid Night – December 10, 2014 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 www.eligibilitycenter.org
- 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!