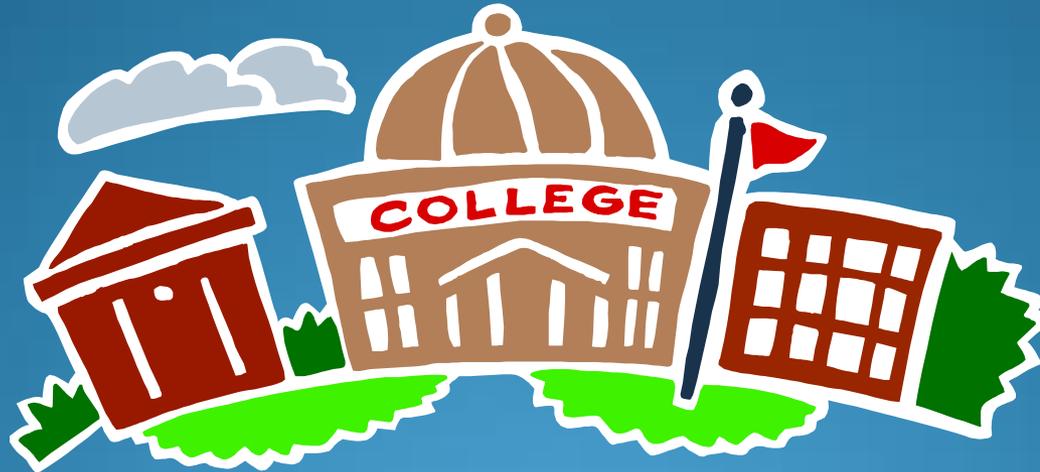


HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
CLASS OF 2015



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#im/219/RecAssign/?sid=1871543864&tt=1410371246011>. The page 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 progress bar for 'Application' (1 of 3 Completed). The 'Common App' section is also active, displaying the FERPA Release Authorization status as 'Completed' with a green checkmark. Below this, there are sections for 'Counselor' and 'Teacher', both with instructions and links to download forms. A table lists the status of various reports: School Report (Invited: 08/26/2014, Not started), Optional Report, Mid Year Report, and Final Report. On the right, there is an 'Instructions & Help Center' section with links to '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 Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 1:48 PM on 9/10/2014.

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search

Sacred Heart University

Application (1 of 3 Completed)

- Questions
- Recommenders and FERPA
- Review and Submit - Common App

Manage Recommenders
Note: All dates are Eastern Time

✓ FERPA Release Authorization
I have authorized release of all requested records covered under the FERPA act and have waived my right to access. [show details](#)

✓ Counselor
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.

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 "Recommenders 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#im/219/Submission/?sid=197157003&formType=CommonApplication>

Windows taskbar: 1:48 PM 9/10/2014

COMMON APPLICATION MATCHING WITH FAMILY CONNECTION

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/appli>. The page title is "family connection" and the navigation menu includes "home", "colleges", "careers", and "about me".

The main content area is titled "colleges I'm applying to". It features a section for "Common App Account Matching - Incomplete". Below this title, it states: "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](#)

Below the steps, there are two input fields: "Common App Email Address:" and "Date of Birth:". The email field contains the text "Email used for Common App account". A "Match" button is positioned to the right of the date of birth field.

A warning message follows: "Once you match accounts, your FERPA status can no longer be changed and you cannot unmatch your account." Below this, "Tips to successfully match accounts:" are listed:

- 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.

A "Not Needed" label is visible in the bottom right corner of the tips section.

At the bottom of the page, there is a table with columns: College, Type, Applying via Common App?, Submissions Deadline, Transcript, Office Status, My App., Results, Edit, Manage Communication, Graph, WWW, and Actions. The table is currently empty, with a link "+ add colleges to this list" below it.

Below the table, there are sections for "College that I am attending" (N/A) and "Teacher Recommendations".

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows logo, several application icons (Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, VLC, Photoshop), and the system tray with the date and time: 1:55 PM, 9/10/2014.

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	EDIT CONTACT GRAPH MMW	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)

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

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'family connection' website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/app>. The website header includes 'family connection' and navigation tabs for 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', and 'about me'. The 'colleges' tab is active.

On the left sidebar, there are several menu categories:

- 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

The main content area is titled 'request teachers to prepare recommendations'. 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 primary action is a link that says 'request teachers to prepare recommendations'. Below this link, there is a section for 'Cancel Current Requests' with a table:

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 table for submitting requests:

Teacher	Personal note to teacher (optional)
(select teacher) ▾	<input type="text"/>

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 9:43 AM on 6/26/2014, along with icons for various applications like Chrome, Firefox, and Office.

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



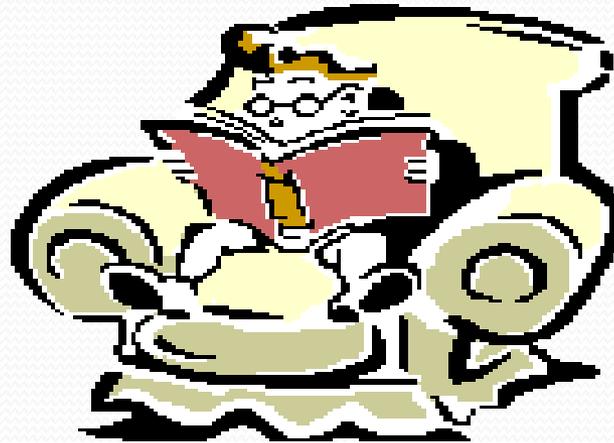
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.freescholarshipfinder.com
- www.finaid.org
- Religious organizations, employer, cultural organizations, service organizations
- Merit scholarships: awarded in recognition of achievement, usually in academics, athletics or the arts
- Quarterly scholarship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