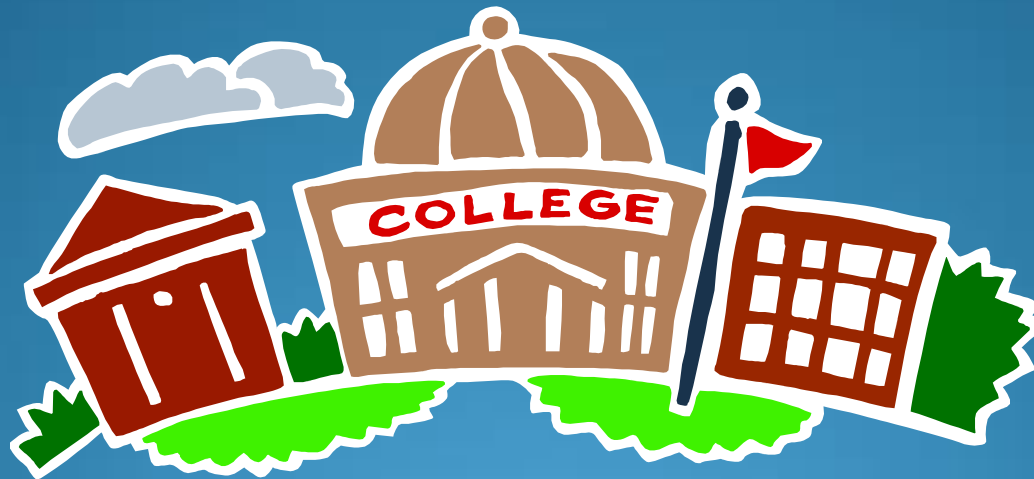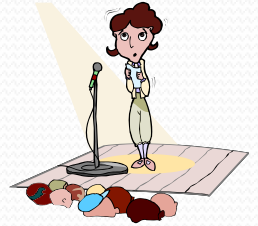# HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PARENT NIGHT CLASS OF 2015

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**

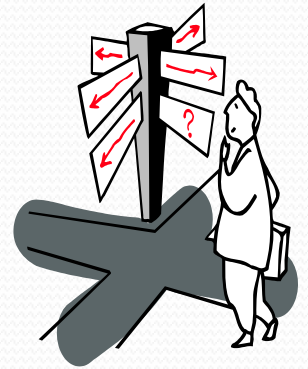- **Various Topics Discussed**   **Mrs. Bernadette Walsh, College Advisor**

    - **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

COMMON APPLICATION 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 guidance 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)

- 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!