HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
CLASS OF 2016

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
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 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 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
THE CAMPUS VISIT

- Seniors are provided with up to 5 college visitation days
  - Permission slips required

- 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 - www.fairtest.org)
- 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)

- **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 application (individual colleges)
- Early Decision (ED) contract and Final report
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 supplemental college application documents (ED agreements, FWs)
THE COMMON APPLICATION

- 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 applications
- Online application only
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](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - College Board customer service (866) 756-7346
  - Cumulative or Score Choice
- ACT score reports
  - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - ACT score reports (319) 337-1313
  - Report by test date
- AP scores
  - [www.collegeboard.com/apcentral](http://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 (12/1/15 deadline, 11/5/15 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, 1/8/16 HHS suggested deadline

www.cuny.edu
• CSS/ Financial Aid Profile
  • Approximately 600 colleges & universities use the profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds
  • Available beginning 10/01/2015
    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 1/01/2016
    www.fafsa.ed.gov

• HHS Financial Aid Night – December 9, 2015 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](http://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!