Huntington High School
Senior Parent Night
2010

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Important Dates

- College representative visits to HHS
- 9/20/10 SUNY College Fair, Farmingdale State College, Nold Hall, 5:30-9pm
- 9/21/10 SUNY College Fair, Nassau Community College, Building P, 6:30-9:00pm
- 10/01/2010 CSS Profile available
- 10/03/2010 Long Island National College Fair, Nassau Coliseum Exhibition Hall, 11:00am-4:00pm
- 10/21/2010 College fair at SCCC Ammerman (Selden) Campus, 6-8:30pm
- 10/21/10 Volunteer fair at Farmingdale State College
  - 10 am-1pm
- 10/27/2010 Mini College Fair at HHS
- 10/15/10 - 11/15/2010 Early Decision I & II / Early Action deadlines (approximate)
- 1/01/2011 FAFSA available
- 1/06/2011 Financial aid night at HHS
The College Center

- Room 120
- 7am-3pm daily
- Mrs. Walsh & Ms. Baglivi: College Advisors
- Mrs. Abner: College Center Secretary
- Appointments

- Applications
- View books
- College catalogs
- College DVDs
- Scholarships
- Financial aid
- NCAA
- Computers
- Essay & Activity Résumés
The College Center

- College admission representatives visit with seniors throughout the fall months

- Students must sign up with Mrs. Abner and will receive a pass to meet with the reps

- First come/first served! Limit of 15 students

- Please see enclosed handout
College Admission Criteria

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

- 2 year colleges
  - Transcript
  - Standardized tests (used for placement)
Types of Colleges

- **Liberal Arts Colleges**: Offer a broad base of courses in the humanities, social sciences and sciences.
- **Universities**: Offer more majors and facilities, class sizes are usually larger.
- **Community or Junior Colleges**: Offer a degree after two years of full time study.
- **Agriculture, Technical and Specialized Colleges**: Offer preparation for specific careers.
Standardized Tests

- SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests  [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - Test Date       Registration Date
    - 10/9/10         9/10/10      (9/24/10 with late fee)
    - 11/6/10 (HHS)  10/8/10      (10/22/10 with late fee)
    - 12/4/10         11/5/10      (11/19/10 with late fee)
  - SAT Reasoning Test
    - 3 sections: Critical Reading, Math, Writing
    - 800 points per section
  - SAT Subject Tests
    - 800 points per exam

- ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - Test Date       Registration Date
    - 10/23/10 (FMS)  9/17/10 (10/1/10 with late fee)
    - 12/11/10 (HHS)  11/5/10 (11/19/10 with late fee)
  - 5 sections: English, Math, Reading, Science (1-36), Writing (2-12, optional)
Visiting Colleges

- College is an investment!
- Demonstrated interest
- 5 college visitation days
  - Information session
  - Campus tour
  - Attend a class
  - Meet with academic department representatives and/or coaches
  - Meet with financial aid representatives
  - Interview (then send a thank you letter!)
  - Long Island and/or NYC admission receptions for out of state colleges
  - Alumni programs
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 Early Action**: “I’m very interested, and you’re the one and only school I may apply to early.” (Non-binding)
The Common Application

- 414 colleges and universities, private and public
- 1 application, 1 main essay
- Various deadlines, application fees and supplemental applications
- Paper or online application
The Common Application

www.commonapp.org

Sections

- Application for undergraduate admission
- Secondary School report (completed by student & Mrs. Walsh or Ms. Baglivi)
- Mid-year report (same as above)
- 2 teacher evaluations (completed by student & teachers)
- Essay
- Short answer
- Supplemental application (individual colleges)
- Art & Athletic supplements, ED contract, Final report
Schools Not Accepting the Common Application

- Request an application via the college visit, online or over the phone
- Essay
- Activity Résumé
- Recommendations
  - 2 teacher recommendations
  - 1 counselor recommendation
- Varying application fees
- Pay close attention to deadlines
Application Procedures

- Huntington High School CEEB: 332490
- Approximately 6-9 colleges
- College center will mail each application packet
Each student must submit to the college center.......  

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The college center will insert.....

- Transcript
- Letters of recommendation (including teacher evaluation and school report forms if necessary)
- Huntington High School profile

Application packets must be submitted to the college center 15 SCHOOL DAYS prior to the application deadline to ensure timely processing. This processing time will begin when the student submits an application packet containing all of the required documents.

All applications with a November 1, 2010 deadline are due into the College Center on October 8, 2010
All applications with a November 15, 2010 deadline are due into the College Center on October 21, 2010
All applications with a December 1, 2010 deadline are due into the College Center on November 4, 2010
All applications with a December 15, 2010 deadline are due into the College Center on November 22, 2010
All applications with a January 1, 2011 deadline are due into the College Center on November 30, 2010!
Standardized Test Submittal

- SAT RT/ST 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

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SAT Score Choice

- Students can select which scores they send to colleges by test date for the SAT and by individual test for SAT Subject Tests™.
- Scores from an entire SAT test are sent—scores of individual sections from different test dates cannot be selected independently for sending.
- Students can send any or all scores to a college on a single report—it does not cost more to send one, multiple or all test scores.
- Students are instructed to follow the different score-use practice for each college to which they apply.
- Score Choice is optional—if students do not use it, all scores will be sent automatically.
- Score Choice can be used on any score report that students send: the four score reports available through online or phone registration (applying to already scored tests) and additional score reports.
Letters of Recommendation

- 2 academic recommendations
  - Junior year preferred
  - 5 core subjects: math, English, LOTE, science, social studies
  - Student requests letter & provides teacher with necessary documentation
    - Teacher evaluation forms

- 1 guidance recommendation
  - Mrs. Walsh and Ms. Baglivi will write
  - Students must provide Mrs. Walsh and Ms. Baglivi with necessary documentation
    - Secondary school report and/or counselor recommendation form
State University of New York

- 64 campuses
  - 30 community colleges
- 5,000+ degree & certificate programs
- 423,371 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)

www.suny.edu/student
City University of New York

- 11 senior colleges
- 6 community colleges
- 1,400 programs of study
- Varying academic requirements
- Macaulay Honors College at 7 senior colleges (12/1/10 deadline-11/4/10 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, 11/30/10 HHS suggested deadline

www.cuny.edu
Financial Aid

- CSS/Financial Aid Profile
  - Approximately 600 colleges & university use the profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds
  - Available 10/01/2010
  - [https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp](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 1/01/2011
  - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

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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.
- Mrs. Hallett mails the HHS Scholarship Newsletter quarterly.
Special Considerations

- Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services
- NCAA
  - www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- Portfolio requirements
  - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition
- Audition deadlines
  - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
Q & A

Parents Role

- Be a member of your student’s support team
- Educate yourself about the process
- Consider all options with your student
- Complete financial aid applications on time
- Help your student keep track of important dates and deadlines

Don’t worry! You will get through this process and survive! You may even enjoy it!