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Mark your calendar!

The Counseling Department is hosting Senior Night, Monday @ 7PM in the auditorium 📅✍️

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Welcome To Senior Night

Jennifer Gioglio (A-D)

Gina Vanak (E-K)

Debbie Burch (L-Q)

Kaitlyn McCabe (R-Z)

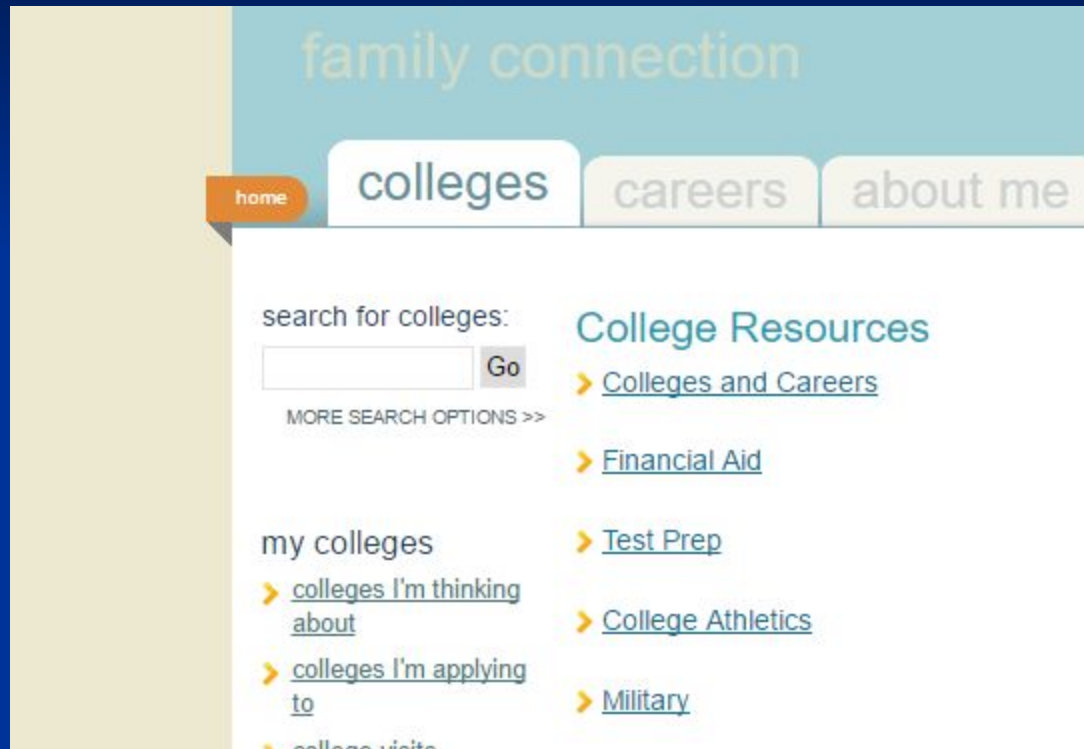
Shannon Lungariello, College and Career Counselor

Kaitlyn Johnston - Intern

Postsecondary Options

- ❖ **Gap Year**
- ❖ **Military**
- ❖ **Career**
- ❖ **Further Education/Training**
 - ❖ **Apprenticeships**
 - ❖ **Career or Trade School**
 - ❖ **2-Year/Community College**
 - ❖ **4-Year College/University**

Military Options



Where to Begin?

- ❖ **Senior Class Visits - college application process will be discussed with students in flex**
- ❖ **Senior Workshops - sign up in the Counseling Office for time with the school counselors to work on your college application materials**
- ❖ **Financial Aid Night - Wednesday, September 26, 2016 at BHS at 7pm in the auditorium**
- ❖ **College Fair, Danbury Mall - October 17, 2015 from 5 to 8:30pm**
- ❖ **Complete college search process and finalize a list on Naviance**
 - ❖ **Update all contact information, especially email addresses for student and parents - for both PowerSchool and Naviance**

SAT/ACT Testing

❖ **How many times should I take the SAT?**

- ❖ Register for SATs at www.collegeboard.org
- ❖ Send scores directly to colleges. Colleges/universities require that scores are submitted directly from the College Board.

❖ **Do I need to take SAT Subject Tests?**

- ❖ Achievement tests
- ❖ Know how many you need to take – check school's website

❖ **Should I take the ACT instead of SAT?**

- ❖ Register for ACTs at www.act.org
- ❖ English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, Optional Writing - take it with writing
- ❖ ACT with writing can be accepted instead of SAT subject tests at many schools.

TIP: Visit the CollegeBoard website for lots of information about which tests to take, when to take them, and lots of other info!

Family Connection/Naviance

Welcome to Family Connection

Nice to see you again! Please log in.

E-mail

password

☐ remember me

Log In


[forgot your password?](#)

[need additional help?](#)

are you new here?

[i'm a guest >](#)

[i need to register >](#)



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Internet

Enter Colleges on Naviance

- ❖ Enter the schools you are considering in “Colleges I’m thinking about” section

This is a good way to get more information about schools you are not sure of. Naviance will ‘invite’ you to meet with the rep when they visit BHS

- ❖ Enter the schools you will apply to in “Colleges I’m applying to” section

Pay attention to application deadline dates and required paperwork

This is a good way to monitor the application type and deadlines for each school!

The screenshot shows the 'family connection' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', and 'about me'. The 'colleges' tab is currently selected. Below the navigation bar, there is a search section titled 'search for colleges:' with a text input field and a 'Go' button. Below the search field, there is a link for 'MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>'. To the left of the main content area, there is a 'resources' section with links for '> transcripts' and '> test scores'. On the right side, there is a section titled 'my colleges' which contains three links: '> colleges I'm thinking about', '> colleges I'm applying to', and '> letters of recommendation'.

Key Terms

- ❖ **Early Decision (Only 1 School): These offers are binding.**
 - ❖ If you are accepted to this school, you are pledging to attend, without regard to financial assistance!
- ❖ **Early Action (multiple schools)**
 - ❖ This is not binding, but allows students to receive notification sooner.
- ❖ **Regular Admission**
 - ❖ Decision in the spring or earlier.
- ❖ **Rolling Admission - apply early**
 - ❖ Applications are reviewed as they are received. An admissions decision is made once the committee has reviewed all of the materials.


The Common Application


Question:


What is the Common App and when should I use it?


Answer:

- Standardized online application (www.commonapp.org)
- Used by over 600 schools

How are you applying? **Submissions** 

Direct to institution 

[Common App](#) 

Common App Only 

home colleges careers about me my planner

search for colleges: Go colleges I'm thinking about
+ add colleges to this list | compare me





























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

College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	My Interest	Application Deadlines†				Actions		
					Early Decision	Early Action	Priority	Regular Decision	Manage Communication	Graph	WWW
<input type="checkbox"/> UC Berkeley		student	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	Nov 30			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Connecticut State Univ		counselor	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield Univ		student	N/A	N/A	Nov 15	Nov 01	-	Jan 15			
<input type="checkbox"/> Naugatuck Valley Comm-Tech Coll		counselor	N/A	N/A	-	-	Jun 01	-			
<input type="checkbox"/> U of Rhode Island		student	N/A	N/A	-	Dec 01	-	Feb 01			
<input type="checkbox"/> Roger Williams Univ		counselor	N/A	N/A	-	Nov 01	-	Feb 01			
<input type="checkbox"/> Syracuse Univ		student	N/A	N/A	Nov 15	-	-	Jan 01			

Update Interest Move to Application List Remove from List

* Difficulty of admission specifically for you as estimated by your counselor

† 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.

Common Application

THE COMMON APPLICATION

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MISSION

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that, since its founding over 35 years ago, has been committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. We serve students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of our over 500 members. Membership is open to colleges and universities that promote access by evaluating students using a holistic selection process.

SEARCH FOR COLLEGES

ApplicantsMembersRecommenders

Email Address

Password

[Forgot your Password?](#)

HELP CENTER

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Steps to Complete the FERPA

If using the Common Application, complete all steps in colleges I'm applying to:

- Create a Common App account at commonapp.org.
- Sign the CA FERPA Waiver & Authorization.
- Complete the “Common App Account Match,” which permits BHS to prepare and release your information.

colleges I'm applying to

Common App Account Matching - Incomplete

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:

Match

⚠ 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](#)

Now Match Your FERPA

*You must first complete the "Education" section in the Common App tab

The screenshot displays the Naviance eDocs interface. At the top, there are four tabs: "Dashboard", "My Colleges", "Common App", and "College Search". The "Common App" tab is currently selected. On the left side, under "My Colleges", there are two college entries: "Fairfield University" (with a minus sign) and "University of Connecticut" (with a plus sign). The "Fairfield University" entry is expanded, showing a list of application steps: "Application (0 of 3 Completed)", "Questions", "Recommendations and FERPA" (which is highlighted with a right-pointing arrow), and "Review and Submit - Common App". The main content area is titled "FERPA Release Authorization" and includes a link to "Manage Recommenders" and a note: "Note: All dates are Eastern Time". Below this, there are two main sections: "FERPA Release Authorization" and "Counselor". The "FERPA Release Authorization" section explains that users must complete the release authorization process to allow transcripts and recommendations to be submitted on their behalf through Naviance eDocs, with a link to "release authorization". The "Counselor" section states that the school is using Naviance eDocs for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations, and provides instructions on how to submit forms via mail, including a link to download printable forms. Below these sections, there is a section for "Offline Forms" with a list of links: "School Report", "Optional Report", "Mid Year Report", and "Final Report", each accompanied by a document icon. At the bottom, there is a section for "Teacher" with a green checkmark icon, explaining that the school is using Naviance eDocs for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations, and provides instructions on how to submit forms via mail, including a link to download printable forms. On the right side of the interface, there is a sidebar titled "Instructions & Help Center" with a right-pointing arrow. It contains three sections: "Recommender Information does not change", "Resend a Recommender Invite", and "FERPA Waiver". Each section provides a brief explanation of the process and a link to "more" information.

Dashboard **My Colleges** **Common App** **College Search**

Fairfield University -

Application
(0 of 3 Completed)

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

University of Connecticut +

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

- **FERPA Release Authorization**
You must complete the release authorization process, which will allow transcripts and recommendations to be submitted on your behalf through Naviance eDocs. [release authorization](#)
- **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](#)

✓ **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

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 ... [+]
[\[more\]](#) ➔

Finish your Common App

Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

Common Application

☐ Profile

☐ Family

☐ Education

☐ Testing

☐ Activities

☐ Writing

▼ Personal Information

First/given name *

Lisa

Middle name

Last/family/surname *

Genovese

Suffix

Preferred name (nickname)

Have you ever used any other names? *

No

Sex *

Female

Date of birth *

01/01/1980

Instructions & Help Center ↗

Question related to sex

Federal guidelines mandate that we collect data on the legal sex of all applicants. Please report t ... [+]

[more] ↗

Different name on birth certificate than on transcripts/tests

Enter name exactly as it appears on official ... [+]

[more] ↗

Finish Each School Section in the Common App

The screenshot displays the Common App dashboard with the 'My Colleges' tab selected. The dashboard includes a top navigation bar with 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', and 'College Search'. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Fairfield University' (expanded) and 'University of Connecticut'. The main content area for Fairfield University shows 'Contact Info' (Phone: (203) 254-4100, Fax: (203) 254-4199, Email: admis@fairfield.edu, [View College Website](#)), 'Application Deadlines' for Fall 2015 (First Year: Early Decision - 11/15/2014, Early Action - 11/01/2014, Regular Decision - 01/15/2015) and Spring 2015 (First Year: Regular Decision - 11/15/2014), and 'Required' information (Application Fees: First Year Domestic Fee- \$60, First Year International Fee- \$60; First-Year Test Policy:). The right sidebar contains 'Instructions & Help Center', 'School Questions' (These questions are all school specific and picked by the the admissions office to appear on this p ... [+] [more]), 'Current College' (Your active college page displays the informa ... [+] [more]), and 'What can schools see?' (A school cannot view any other schools on your My Colleges list and does not receive any informatio ... [+] [more]).

Dashboard **My Colleges** **Common App** **College Search**

Fairfield University -

Application
(0 of 3 Completed)

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

University of Connecticut +

Contact Info

Phone: (203) 254-4100 Email: admis@fairfield.edu
Fax: (203) 254-4199 [View College Website](#)

Application Deadlines

Fall 2015

First Year
Early Decision - 11/15/2014
Early Action - 11/01/2014
Regular Decision - 01/15/2015

Spring 2015

First Year
Regular Decision - 11/15/2014

Required

Application Fees :
First Year Domestic Fee- \$60
First Year International Fee- \$60

First-Year Test Policy:

Instructions & Help Center ➔

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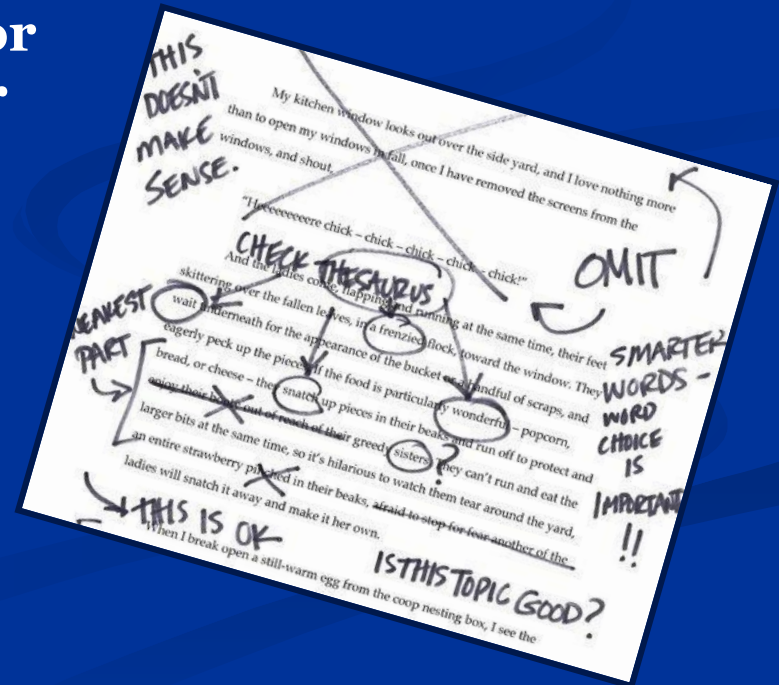
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[more] ➔

Application Checklist

- ❖ Complete *application and fee payment* online
- ❖ *Essay*: upload to online application
- ❖ *Resume* (highly recommended) : upload to online application or email to admissions
- ❖ Send any other *supporting documents* you want to include (ex: art portfolio)
- ❖ Send your SAT scores via Collegeboard.org AND/OR ACT scores via ACT.org
- ❖ Request *transcripts* on Naviance
- ❖ Request a *teacher letter* and *counselor letter* if needed

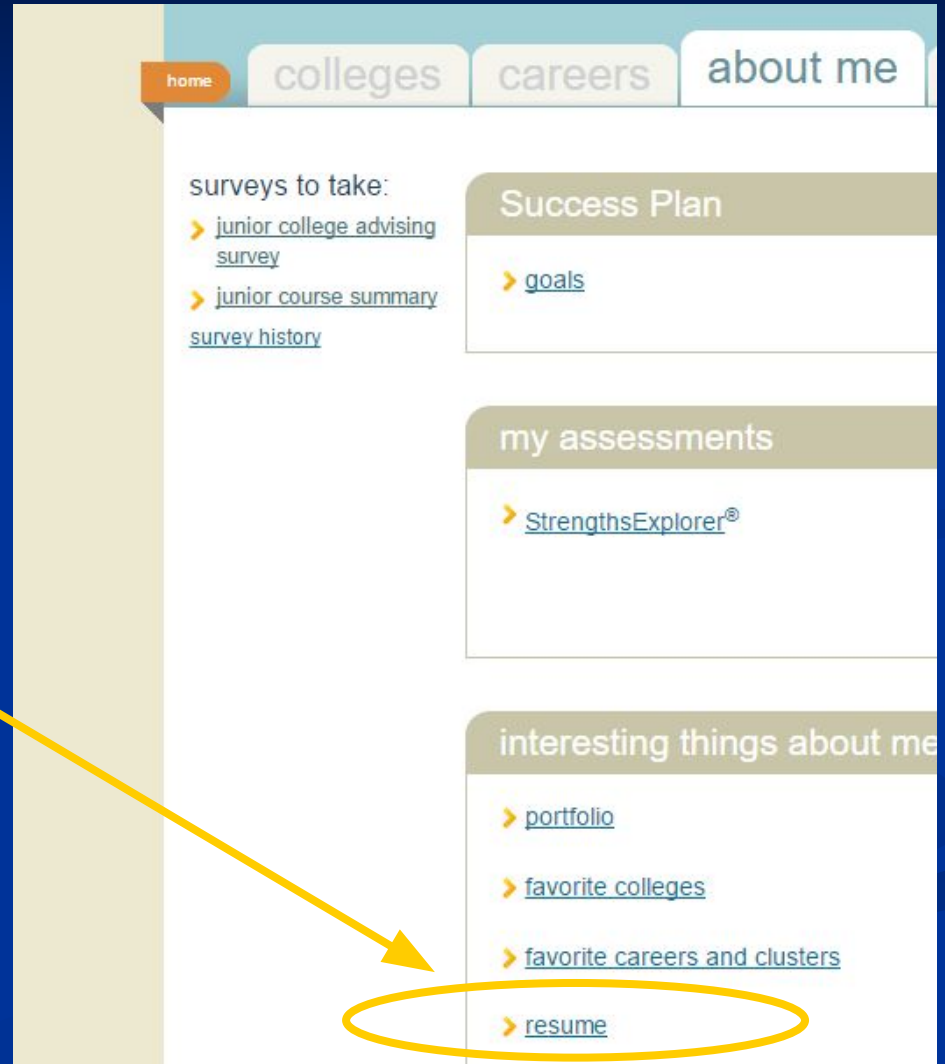
The Application Essay

- ❖ Always answer the question asked: don't try to make one essay answer every question
- ❖ Write about a topic that you are passionate about – put your personality into it!
- ❖ Get feedback...Ask your counselor or English teacher to review your essay for content. You are responsible for spelling and grammar!



Resume

- ❖ **Makes your application package 3-D**
- ❖ **Review and update your resume on Naviance**
- ❖ **Your teacher or counselor may request your resume if they are writing you a recommendation letter**



Requesting Transcripts

ALLOW AT LEAST 10 SCHOOL DAYS

1

home colleges careers about me

search for colleges: Go

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

resources

- > transcripts
- > test scores

my colleges

- > colleges I'm thinking about
- > colleges I'm applying to
- > letters of recommendation

2

home colleges careers about me

search for colleges: Go

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

transcripts

- Request transcripts for my college applications
- Request transcripts for scholarships or athletics
- View the status of all my transcript requests

3

request transcripts for college applications

Use this page to submit official transcript requests for your college applications. Once you submit your request, you will receive a confirmation and a tracking number.

Current Applications

Below is a list of the applications already in your list. If you have already requested a transcript for an application, click "add request" to request a transcript for an application.

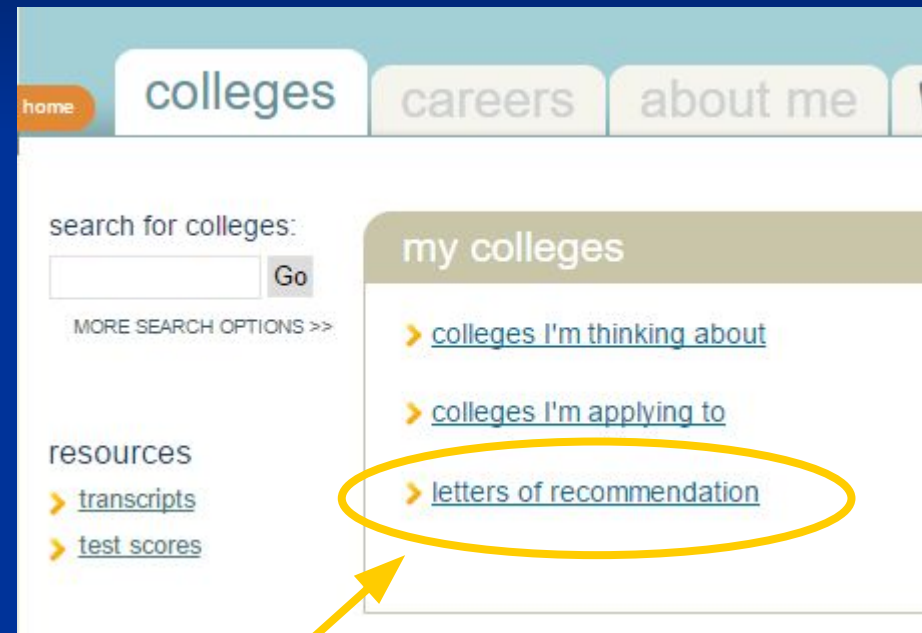
California Institute of Technology

- ☐ add request
- ☐ Include unofficial SAT scores
- ☐ Include unofficial ACT scores
- ☐ Send mid-year transcript

Letters of Recommendation

Teacher Letters:

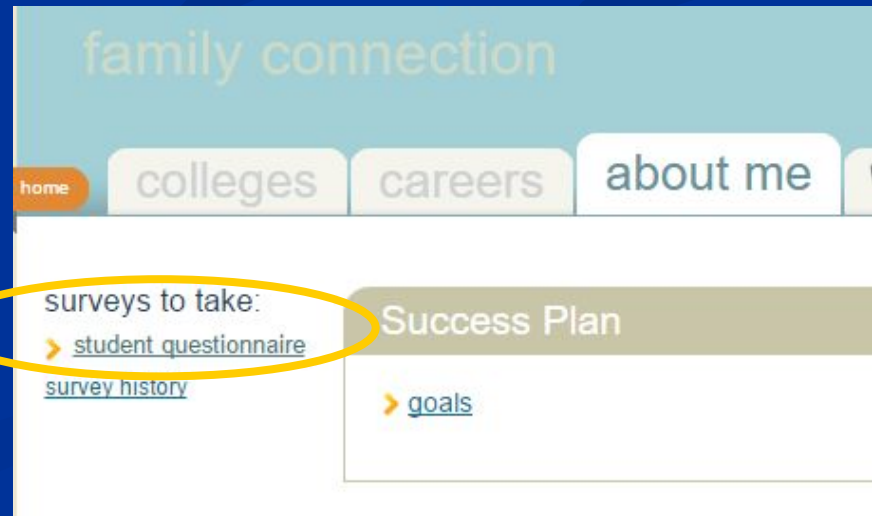
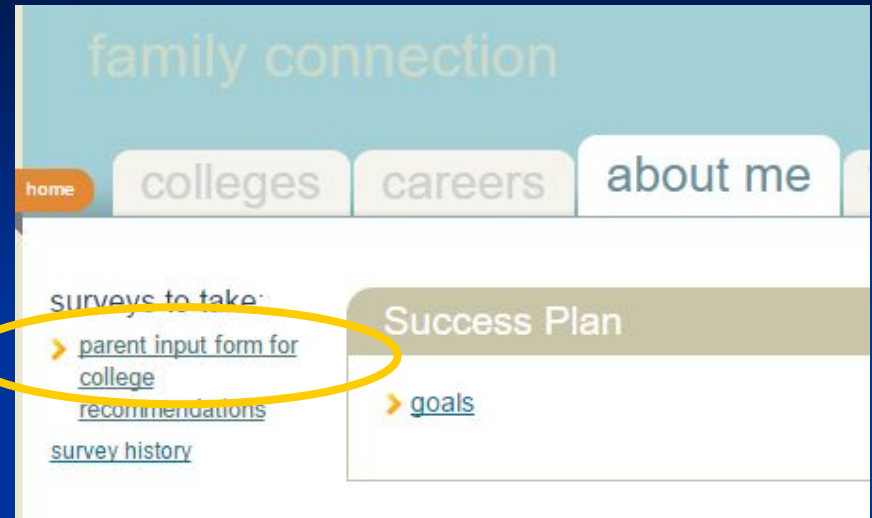
- ❖ Be aware of the number of letters a college requires and allows.
- ❖ Talk with your teachers, and submit any materials they require.
- ❖ Provide them with at least ten school days before the deadline.
- ❖ Request that teacher on Naviance, and select the appropriate schools.
- ❖ Follow up with a written note of thanks.



Letters of Recommendation

Counselor Letters:

- ❖ Determine which schools require counselor letters.
- ❖ **Parents** - Complete the Parent Input form on Naviance.
- ❖ **Students** - Complete the Student Questionnaire on Naviance.
- ❖ E-mail your counselor to request a letter.



Important Deadlines

- ❖ Give the counselor at least 10 school days for processing before a deadline.
- ❖ Please pay attention to those that fall around holidays.
- ❖ Counselors cannot accommodate last minute applications!

College Deadlines:

November 1
November 15
December 1
December 15
January 1

Application Documents In By:

October 19
November 2
November 13
December 1
December 10

UConn ECE Credits

ece.uconn.edu

Complete online enrollment form by September 15

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AP & UConn ECE Courses

Interested in learning about **UConn ECE Credit Opportunities**? [CLICK HERE](#) to view the PowerPoint for important details!

Registration forms can be found in the School Counseling office or on the website www.ece.uconn.edu. Click "Apply & Enroll" in student help tab to get started.

Students who register before May 31, 2016 will avoid a late fee of \$25.00 p/course. Fall registration (late fee applies) must be complete by September 15, 2016.

If you have submitted paperwork in the Spring to receive ECE credit and no longer wish to receive credit or are no longer enrolled in the course, you must complete an online DROP form between September 1 and September 15.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Burch in the School Counseling Office.

Senior Courses Eligible for UConn Credit

- ❖ AP Biology
- ❖ AP English Literature
- ❖ Elementary Discrete Math
- ❖ AP Statistics
- ❖ Music Appreciation II

Financial Aid

**Financial Aid Night at BHS -
Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7pm**

❖ CSS/Financial Aid Profile:

- ❖ www.collegeboard.org
- ❖ Not all schools require this
- ❖ Must apply online

❖ FAFSA: Free Application For Federal Student Aid

- ❖ Everyone should fill this out. It is the federal form.
- ❖ Complete ASAP after it opens in October
- ❖ www.fafsa.ed.gov - must apply online
- ❖ NOT www.fafsa.com - This site is a scam. Be very careful.

❖ Other useful sites

- ❖ www.fastweb.com
- ❖ www.finaid.org

Scholarships

- ❖ Local scholarships are posted on Naviance and generally become available after January 1
- ❖ National scholarships – see links posted on BHS School Counseling website
- ❖ Research scholarship opportunities
 - ❖ Business
 - ❖ Community organizations
 - ❖ Special Interest
- ❖ Scholarships offered by colleges
- ❖ Be aware of scholarships scams



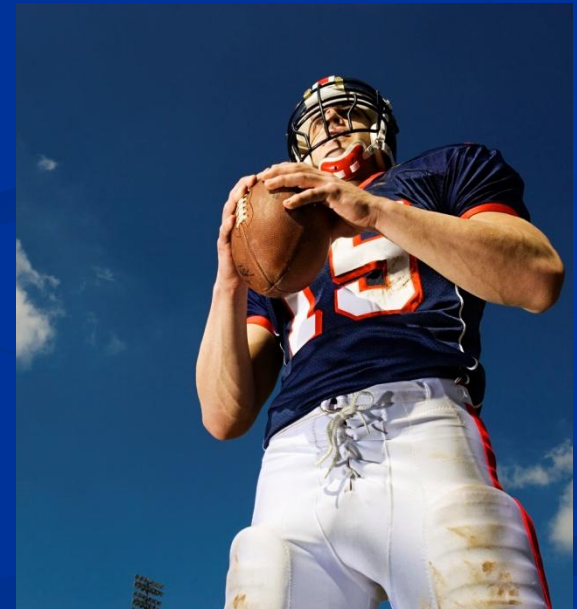
National College Athletic Association

❖ Who needs to register?

- Students who plan to play Division I or II athletics at college

❖ How do I register?

www.eligibilitycenter.org



Tap into “College Resources” in the Colleges tab on Naviance

The screenshot displays the 'colleges' tab on the Naviance website. The navigation bar at the top includes 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- search for colleges:** Includes a search input field, a 'Go' button, and a link for 'MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>'. To the right of this section is a heading 'College Resources' followed by a list of links: 'Colleges and Careers', 'Financial Aid', 'Test Prep', 'College Athletics', and 'Military'.
- my colleges:** A list of links including 'colleges I'm thinking about', 'colleges I'm applying to', and 'college visits'.
- college research:** A list of links including 'SuperMatch™ college search', 'college match', 'college compare', 'college lookup', 'college search', 'college resources', and 'college maps'. To the right of this list is a section titled 'Colleges and Careers' which contains links to 'CollegeView', 'The Common Application', 'Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities', and 'Occupational Outlook Handbook', each with a brief description.

Senior Workshops

Need help pulling it all together?

Seniors can sign up for a small-group help session to get you started or finish off your work!

Sign up with Mrs. Sanchez for one of the dates:

Monday, September 26 - last block

Tuesday, September 27 - 1st and last blocks

The School Counseling Website

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Contact Info

Fax:

(203) 775-7757

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School Counseling

Welcome!

School Counselors are assigned alphabetically in order to ensure continuity of services for our families. Our goal is to provide comprehensive school counseling services focused on the academic, personal/social and career oriented needs of our students.

An important aspect of fostering student success is establishing a communication link between home and school. Please feel free to contact us as listed below.

Our secretarial staff is an invaluable support to our office, and is available to assist students and families. Please contact one of the secretaries to schedule an appointment to meet with your counselor, or for assistance with college paperwork processing, scholarship information, good student discount paperwork or for information and assistance with internships or job shadows. If our secretaries cannot assist you directly, they will put you in touch with someone who can!

REACH OUT IF YOU NEED HELP!



News

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[New Website Look](#)

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[View all](#)

Ending Thoughts...

Focus on doing well in your classes and finishing your high school career on a strong and positive note!

Any questions?

