

Preparing for the Future

12th Grade:

- Thesis
- Complete Applications:
 - How to Link Mrs. Horne to Common App
 - High school transcripts <u>Request a Transcript</u>
 - Official ACT/SAT scores sent to universities
 - Basic information
 - Extracurricular activities and student recognitions Resume
 - How to Choose Activities
 - Resume Planning Sheet
 - Contact information for employers and volunteer coordinators
 - Essays
 - Essay Resources
 - Show deeper side of you what has not already been covered in the application.
 - Show off writing skills
 - Quickly engage, Make yourself memorable
 - Optional work samples (some colleges)
 - School Profile
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Fees
- COLLEGE VISITS and get on your top college mailing lists. This is for you to experience this school, but also so they know you are seriously interested. <u>Questions to Ask When</u> you Visit, <u>Best Questions to Ask</u>, <u>Campus Visit Checklist</u>
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- What size college would you prefer?
- Do you want to attend a public or private college?
- Is the average class size important to you?
- Are your parents' finances (or your own) a factor?
- Do you want to live in a large area or a less populated area?
- Have you decided on possible majors?
- How far from home are you willing to live?

- Do you meet the college's testing (SAT/ACT) expectations?
- College Wish List: <u>College Search Engines</u>
 - Academic terms or yearly schedules
 - Greek life
 - Residential living options and quality
 - Dining Options and availability
 - Parking and transportation options
 - Campus Safety
 - Research or internship possibilities
 - Cultural and religious makeup of the student body
 - Percentage of commuting students
 - Accessibility of facilities (labs, libraries, studios, gyms)
 - Teacher to student ratio
 - Intramural activities
 - Athletics
 - The reputation of the professors
 - Study abroad/ exchange opportunities
- Build good credit open a checking and savings account
- Questions to Ask About Financing College
- Types of Aid:
 - Scholarships. Grants, Loans, Work Study
 - FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Opens October 1 senior year)
 - CSS Profile <u>College Scholarship Service</u> (not required, usually small, private schools)
 - Scholarships
 - U.S. Department of Labor free scholarship search tool
 - Visit or call the financial aid office at the colleges you are applying many universities give academic scholarships based on your GPA or SAT/ACT scores
 - Local you will receive applications throughout the school year to complete
 - Scholarships.com
 - Chegg.com
 - The College Board
 - AP Exams
 - <u>CLEP Testing</u>
 - Visit/Contact all schools that award acceptance
 - HOUSING
 - Contact the final choice school, as well as other schools that have awarded acceptance and declined offers.
 - Other College Resources on our website