Helpful College Planning Websites

Family Connection – connection.naviance.com/pkwyctrl

College Reviews/Research

Niche – colleges.niche.com

Big Future - bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Campus Safety

Campus Safety & Security Data Analysis – ope.ed.gov/security

If you have concerns about safety and security at colleges, this is the place to go. Run by the US Dept of Education. Statistics collected by the federal government on campus crimes. Keep in mind that controversy does swirl around truth in reporting and whether nearby off-campus crime is included. However, this is the most reliable source for campus crime data.

Financial Resources

FAFSA – <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> FSA ID Creation – <u>fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm</u>

Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Request PIN and complete FAFSA4caster now. Submit final application after updating tax information in January.

College Affordability & Transparency Center - collegecost.ed.gov

Run by the US Dept of Education. Find information about how much it costs students to attend different colleges, how fast those costs are rising, and why.

Big Future Tools & Calculators - bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/tools-calculators

Finaid – www.finaid.org

A comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools. It also provides calculators and the necessary forms for parents to fill out.

Cappex –www.cappex.com/scholarships/

This site lists merit aid opportunities in the US and allows you to search by college or special talent area.

Scholarships – www.scholarships.com

Find scholarships, grants and financial aid opportunities

Fastweb! - www.fastweb.com

Members are matched to relevant scholarship opportunities

***NOTE:** When creating accounts on these types of sites, I suggest using one email address made completely for this work (ie: nprangescholarships@gmail.com)

Athletes

Be Recruited – new.berecruited.com

Founded by former coaches and ESPN executives. Athletes may get information on the recruiting process and post their athletic resume and videos for coaches to review.

NCAA Clearinghouse - www.eligibilitycenter.org

Resources for student athletes, and registration for Div I or II eligibility.