

Junior College Planning

SEMESTER 1

Who am I?

- ▶ **Mrs. Prange**
 - ▶ Post-Secondary Counselor
 - ▶ A+ Scholarship Coordinator
 - ▶ Responsible for PSAT (October), district ACT (April) and AP exams (May)
- ▶ PCH for 20 years
 - ▶ Taught Accounting/Business for 7 years
 - ▶ Comprehensive Counselor for 7 years
 - ▶ In year 6 as Post-Secondary Counselor
- ▶ Work WITH your Comprehensive Counselor to support you and your family

Our Meeting Today

- ▶ Over 90% of PCH graduates transition from Parkway Central to a 2 or 4 year college/university
 - ▶ We need to talk about how to get there
- ▶ Junior year is the year of research – now is the time!
 - ▶ You can't conquer everything senior year
 - ▶ The more prepared and organized you can become this year, the easier next fall will be
- ▶ Entire presentation will be posted on the PCH Counseling website on the “Junior Class” page
 - ▶ Review together with your family and/or support system

Journey to College

1. **Research**
2. **Plan**
3. **Prepare**
4. **Execute**
5. **Evaluate**
6. **Decide**

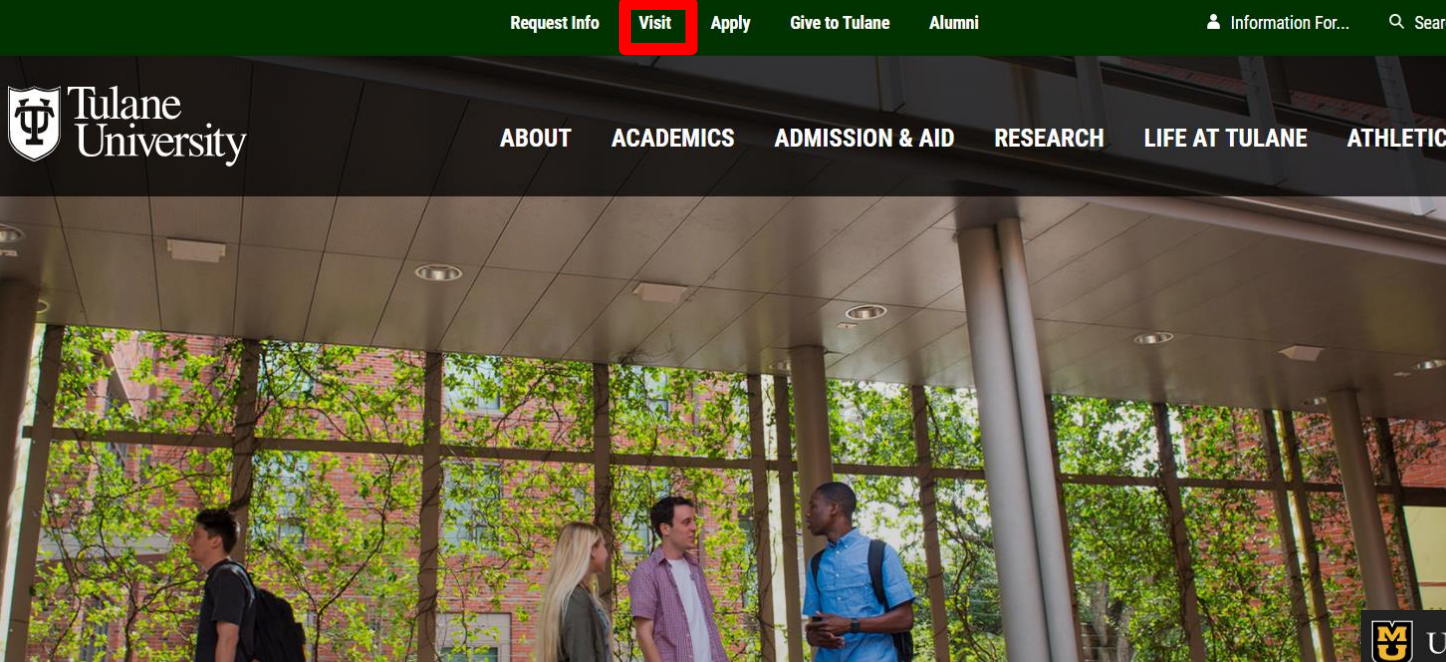
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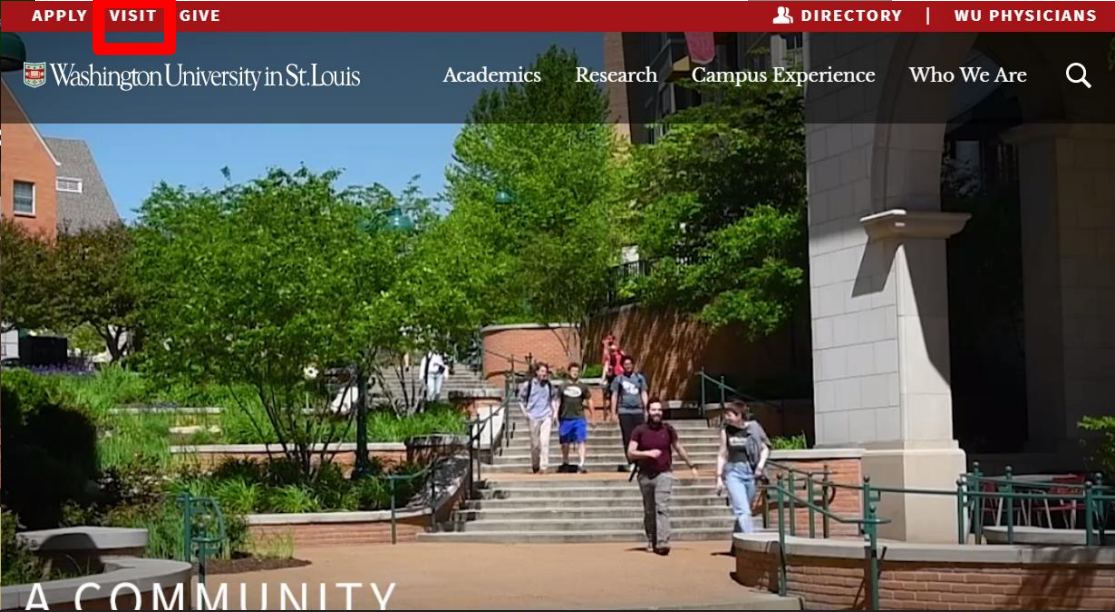
RESEARCH

- ▶ Do some self-reflection
- ▶ Explore your options
- ▶ Visit college campuses
- ▶ Meet with admissions representatives
- ▶ Attend college fairs
- ▶ Talk with current or former graduates about their experiences
- ▶ Really learn about the schools you are considering
 - ▶ Admission requirements, acceptance rates, majors/programs offered, retention and graduation rates, culture of the student body, research opportunities, location, size, etc.



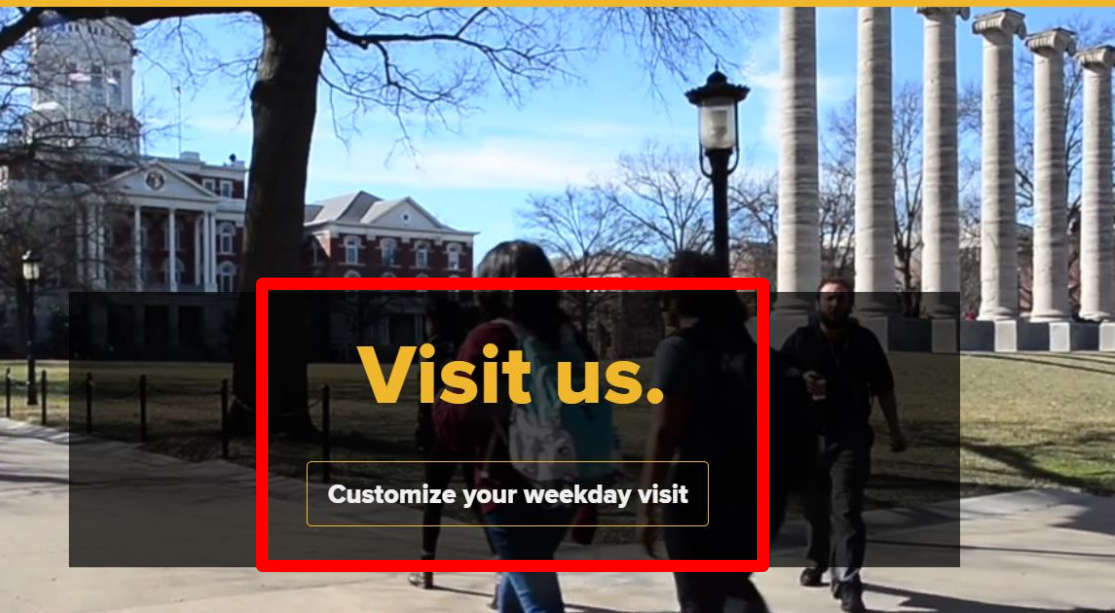
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↑ REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS **VISITING CAMPUS** NOW THAT YOU'RE ADMITTED → APPLY



MIZZOU ADMISSIONS

University of Missouri Search Admissions MENU



College Reps at PCHS

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SEPTEMBER Mon 09 11:00AM	University of Tulsa PCH Counseling	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Mon 09 06:30PM	Boston University MICDS - Olson Hall	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 10 08:00AM	Illinois College PCH Counseling	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 10 08:45AM	University of Missouri Kansas City PCH Counseling	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 10 09:30AM	The University of Iowa PCH Counseling	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 10 10:15AM	Saint Louis University PCH Counseling	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER Tue 10	United States Naval Academy	Register Now

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 **PCH Counseling**
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Next week is PACKED with some great colleges visiting PCH! Sign up in Naviance and stop by Counseling for a pass. @STLCC @stephenscollege @USC @missourivalley @WestminsterMO @UCSanDiego @AmericanU @miamiuniversity @ColoradoStateU @MarquetteU @penn_state @UofTampa

St. Louis Community College	Mon October 15, 2018	9:30 AM
Stephens College	Tue October 16, 2018	9:30 AM
University of Southern California	Tue October 16, 2018	11:00 AM
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Westminster College	Wed October 17, 2018	8:45 AM
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American University	Wed October 17, 2018	11:00 AM
Miami University, Oxford	Thu October 18, 2018	8:45 AM
Colorado State University	Thu October 18, 2018	11:45 AM
Marquette University	Fri October 19, 2018	8:00 AM
Pennsylvania State University	Fri October 19, 2018	8:45 AM
The University of Tampa	Fri October 19, 2018	11:00 AM

Parkway/Rockwood College Fair

The screenshot shows the Parkway Schools website header with the logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a 'College Fair' section with a photo of four students and event details.

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College Fair

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College Fair

Parkway/Rockwood College Fair
Where: Queeny Park
When: September 16, 2019
Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

[Preregister for the Fair](#)

- Sept 16th
- Over 120 colleges
- Register at **strivefair.com**

St. Louis National College Fair



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Student Registration

STUDENT REGISTRATION

When you register for NACAC College Fair services through Technology Resource Corp.(TRC), you are providing personal information. This information will be provided exclusively to participating exhibitors and sponsors that you choose to connect with at the fair and NACAC. When presenting your personalized barcode for scanning, all personal information will be shared with that institution/organization. TRC does not sell, rent, or lease any registrant information to third parties.

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Update Account/Add a Fair

Attending	Fair Name	Date	Location	Institutions Attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fair Orlando	2019 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)	Florida , United States	schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 Fall National College Fair Chicago	10/5/2019 - 10/5/2019 Saturday, October 5, 2019 (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)	McCormick Place - Chicago, Illinois , United States	schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 Fall National College Fair South Florida	10/6/2019 - 10/6/2019 Sunday, October 6, 2019 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)	Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida , United States	schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 Fall National College Fair Milwaukee	10/6/2019 - 10/6/2019 Sunday, October 6, 2019 (12 p.m. - 3 p.m.)	Wisconsin Center - Milwaukee, Wisconsin , United States	schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 Fall National College Fair Jacksonville	10/12/2019 - 10/12/2019 Saturday, October 12, 2019 (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)	Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center - Jacksonville, Florida , United States	schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 Fall National College Fair Omaha	10/13/2019 - 10/13/2019 Sunday, October 13, 2019 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)	CHI Health Center Omaha - Omaha, Nebraska, United States	schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 Fall National College Fair Greater Phoenix	10/20/2019 - 10/21/2019 Sunday, October 20, 2019 (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.); Monday, October 21, 2019 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)	Phoenix Convention Center - Phoenix, Arizona , United States	schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 Fall National College Fair St. Louis	10/20/2019 - 10/20/2019 Sunday, October 20, 2019 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)	Saint Louis University - Simon Recreation Center - St. Louis, Missouri , United States	schools

- Next Month!
- Nearly 200 colleges
- Register at **gotomyncf.com**

Finding the Right “Fit” ...

▶ **Academic Fit**

- ▶ Class sizes, tutoring/learning resources, too competitive or not challenging enough
- ▶ In what type of environment do you learn best? How do you advocate for yourself as a learner? Do you prefer to blend into the crowd, or be noticed by your teachers/peers?

▶ **Social Fit**

- ▶ Aside from academics, what do you need to be available to ensure you are also happy and engaged at your campus?

▶ **Financial Fit**

- ▶ Do you have a budget for college? How much can realistically be contributed “out-of-pocket”? Are you willing to take out loans and incur debt for your undergrad?

Your Final List

- ▶ Ultimately try to narrow your list to around 6-8 schools **by the end of this summer**
- ▶ Your final list should have a range of options
 - ▶ Safe
 - ▶ Reasonable
 - ▶ Reach
- ▶ If you are applying to a school, you should be happy to attend that school!

Defining “Reach” ...

- ▶ These are the top choices, but ones that are less likely to accept the student. This may be because the student's qualifications match or fall slightly short of the college's average, and the competition for the limited places in the freshman class is intense. Students should have one or two colleges in this category.

Academic Reach

Financial Reach

Statistical Reach

Acceptance Rates at Some Highly Selective Schools

College/University	2019	College/University	2019
Stanford University	4.10%	Swarthmore College	8.70%
Harvard University	4.50%	Northwestern University	8.90%
Columbia University	5.10%	Cornell University	10.50%
Princeton University	5.70%	Amherst College	10.80%
University of Chicago	5.90%	University of Southern California	11.00%
Yale University	5.90%	Williams College	12.40%
Brown University	6.60%	Georgetown University	14.00%
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	6.60%	University of Notre Dame	15.30%
Duke University	7.40%	Wesleyan University	15.80%
University of Pennsylvania	7.40%	Middlebury College	15.90%
Vanderbilt University	7.80%	New York University	16.00%
Dartmouth College	7.90%		



What does that mean?

- ▶ **Less than 20% of applicants were admitted (more painfully stated → 85-96%+ denied 😞)
- ▶ **Most applicants are highly qualified – they could fill their freshman class over and over...

	2019 applicants	2019 accepted
Harvard	43,330	1,950
Columbia	42,569	2,190
Princeton	32,804	1,895
Yale	36,843	2,178
Brown	38,674	2,551
MIT	21,312	1,410
U. of Penn	44,960	3,345
Duke	41,600	3,078
Dartmouth	23,650	1,876
Swarthmore	11,400	995
Cornell	49,118	5,183
Amherst	10,567	1,144
Williams	9,715	1,205

Selectivity

- ▶ Keep in mind that **even if your scores and GPA are technically at the same level as the averages at these schools, you can't count on being accepted.**
- ▶ Any school that has an acceptance rate of less than 15 percent is a reach school even for students with the strongest academic profiles.
- ▶ Any school with an acceptance rate of less than 30 percent is still considered “very selective”.

PLAN

Get organized! What does each college on your final list need from you? By when?

- ▶ **Dates & Deadlines** (late summer, early senior year)
- ▶ **Required testing** (**now** through first semester of senior year)
- ▶ **Essays** (this spring through early senior year)
- ▶ **Resume** (**ongoing**)
- ▶ **Recommendation letters** (end of **junior year** through beginning of senior year)
- ▶ **Portfolios** (**ongoing**), **auditions**, **interviews** (throughout senior year)

Application Types

- ▶ **College Specific**

- ▶ MO State, KU, UIUC, UC system, TX system, Indiana

- ▶ **Common Application (CA)** – over 800 members

- ▶ Wash U, Indiana, Truman, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Michigan, Kentucky, SLU

- ▶ **Coalition Application** – over 140 members

- ▶ Florida, Maryland, Washington, Texas

- ▶ **Common Black App** – 55 Historically Black Colleges and Universities

- ▶ Clark Atlanta, Dillard

- ▶ **Multiple options available at many schools** - - COLLEGES DO NOT CARE! But it is critical that you indicate your application type in Naviance!

Application Options

- ▶ **Rolling** – not being compared against other applicants; decision usually made within two-three weeks; watch for **Priority (PRI)** deadlines!
 - ▶ Mizzou, MO State, Alabama, KU, STLCC
- ▶ **Early Action (EA)** – all apps submitted by date (**Oct/Nov**) are reviewed together; committee selects based upon applicant pool; decision released on specific date (usually before or during winter break)
 - ▶ UW-Madison, UC-Boulder, GA Tech, U Michigan, Tulane, U Chicago
- ▶ **Early Decision (ED)** – same process as EA (**Oct/Nov**), however student & parent also sign a contract that if they are admitted, they will attend and will withdraw all other applications. Some schools offer ED II (**Jan/Feb**)
 - ▶ Wash U, Northwestern, Vanderbilt, Tulane, U Chicago
- ▶ **Regular Decision (RD)** – same as EA, but timeline is much later (usually **Jan/Feb**)
 - ▶ Will be an option for all schools offering EA and/or ED application options

Guaranteed Admissions

▶ **Guaranteed**

- ▶ Admission requirements are published
- ▶ If you meet/exceed requirements, you are admitted

- ▶ NO GUESSING!

Guaranteed



Missouri State	
GPA (on a 4.00 scale)	ACT Composite
3.50 or higher	17
3.41 to 3.49	18
3.25 to 3.40	19
3.04 to 3.24	20
2.85 to 3.03	21
2.63 to 2.84	22
2.50 to 2.62	23

Below 2.50

Not admissible

ACT	SAT	Core GPA
24+	1160+	2.0+
23	1130-1150	2.80
22	1100-1120	2.90
21	1060-1090	3.05
20	1030-1050	3.20
19	990-1020	3.35
18	960-980	3.50
17	920-950	3.65



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
STATE UNIVERSITY · 1873

Assured admission criteria:

- 21+ ACT (1060+ SAT*) and 3.25+ GPA or 24+ ACT (1160+ SAT*) and 3.0+ GPA AND 2.5+ for out-of-state students in a [college-prep curriculum](#)
- If applicable, achieve a 2.0+ GPA on any college credit taken in high school

Cumulative HS GPA on a 4.0 Scale	ACT Composite or Superscore*	SAT (ERW+M) or Superscore*
3.5+	and No ACT or <18	or No SAT or <940
2.75+	and 18+	or 940+
2.5+	and 19+	or 980+
2.0+	and 21+	or 1060+

Holistic Review

▶ Holistic Review

- ▶ Only publish the **average** academic profile of current freshman class
- ▶ No “formula” to gain admissions
- ▶ Student file includes more than transcript and test scores
 - ▶ Resume, essay(s), special talents, demonstrated interest, recommendation letters
 - ▶ Additional factors are often very subjective in nature

Tulane University

Incoming Freshmen - Fall 2018

Admitted 17%

Class Size 1890

Middle 50% Scores (Admitted)

SAT Total 1420-1510

ACT Composite 31-33

UCLA freshman admission profile

Admit rate — Overall	14.1%
> Admits	16,020
> Applicants	113,748
> California Residents (% of admits)	54.5%

GPA and test scores of middle 25%-75% students

> High School GPA	4.16 - 4.31
> ACT Composite Score	31 - 35



INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON

The middle 50 percent range for **GPA** for admitted freshmen was **3.57–4.00**.

The middle 50 percent range for the **ACT** composite was **25–31**.



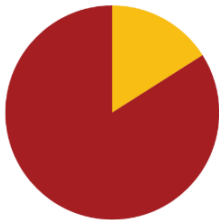
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2018 Entering Class Test Scores
Average Unweighted GPA
3.88
Mid 50th % range
ACT 31-34

Washington University in St. Louis
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

32-35

Middle 50% ACT Score



15% Overall Admit Rate
42% Early Decision Admit Rate
13% Regular Decision Admit Rate

Strategy - - Diversify!

- ▶ “Where are you going to college?”
- ▶ There are hundreds of fantastic schools aside from “name brand” schools
- ▶ Reduce mass volume of applications from PCH at one school by finding schools that not as many are NOT applying to!
 - ▶ “I am applying to school X because my friends are”...
 - ▶ 2019 – Examples: Wash U (22); U Mich (17); Tulane (11) – 3-4 students admitted per school

Strategy - - Early Decision

- ▶ Students show the highest level of interest when they apply ED – this could result in greater success
- ▶ Wash U
 - ▶ 42% ED acceptance rate
 - ▶ 13% RD acceptance rate
- ▶ Some colleges are admitting up to 50% of their freshman classes out of the ED pool
 - ▶ *Many families cannot (and/or should not) make this commitment*
 - ▶ *Many colleges do not offer an ED application option*

Dates & Deadlines

- ▶ Most applications go live – August 1
 - ▶ Rolling – ongoing; check "priority" deadlines
 - ▶ Early Action and Early Decision – October/November
 - ▶ Regular and Early Decision II – January/February
- ▶ FAFSA (and CSS Profile) – opens October 1
- ▶ Decisions – know all options by early April
- ▶ Commit by May 1

Naviance Student

- ▶ Formerly called “Family Connection”
- ▶ Utilize for research
- ▶ Ensure that ALL schools you are thinking about/wanting to research are listed in your account (“**colleges I’m thinking about**”)
- ▶ Next year - - this is where you will request recommendation letters and transcripts

+ Add Colleges to List

Compare Me

UPDATE INTEREST

MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

REMOVE

* = extended profile available

	College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of California, Los Angeles		Student	N/A	Regular November Decision 30	N/A MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Florida		Counselor	N/A	Regular November Decision 1	N/A MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgetown University		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Kansas		Counselor	N/A	Priority November 1	N/A MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Missouri Columbia		Student	N/A	Priority December 1	N/A MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spelman College		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennessee State University		Counselor	N/A	N/A	N/A MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	The University of Texas, Austin		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vanderbilt University		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A MORE

Sample Spreadsheet

College	App Type	Common App	Deadline	Transcript	Test Scores	Essays	Teacher Recs	Counselor Rec
Georgia Tech	EA	Yes	10/15	initial	Superscores	Yes	Not req - 1 max	CA form
NC State	EA	Yes	10/15	initial	Superscores	Yes	No	No
Purdue	EA	Yes	11/1	initial	Highest	Yes	Not req - 1 max	CA form
Ohio State	EA	Yes	11/1	initial	Highest	Yes	Not req - 1 max	CA form
UVA	EA	Yes	11/1	initial	Recommend SAT Subject	Yes	Required	CA form & letter
Wash U	RD	Yes	11/15	initial	Superscores	Yes	1 req - 2 max	CA form & letter
Cal Poly	RD	No	11/30	final only	Highest	No	No	No
UC Berkeley	RD	No	11/30	final only	Highest	Yes	No	No
Illinois -UC	RD	No	12/1	final only	Highest	Yes	No	No
Miami-Ohio	EA	Yes	12/1	initial	Superscores	Yes	Not req - 2 max	CA form & letter
MO S&T	PRI	Yes	12/1	initial	Highest	No	No	No
Mizzou	PRI	Yes	12/1	initial	Highest	No	No	No
Vanderbilt	RD	Yes	1/6	initial	Highest	Yes	2 req - 3 max	CA form & letter

PREPARE

- ▶ The hardest part is getting started
- ▶ The more you can conquer before August, the better!
- ▶ Use your checklist and deadlines to create priorities
- ▶ Do NOT procrastinate

Common Application

- ▶ www.commonapp.org
- ▶ Create account this spring (if any of your schools accept)
- ▶ Once essay topics are released, work on essay and organizing all of your materials
- ▶ Preview requirements for each college
- ▶ Will rollover to 2021-22 application season on **AUGUST 1**

Test Scores

- ▶ What does your testing calendar look like?
 - ▶ ACT (with or without writing)
 - ▶ SAT (with or without essay)
 - ▶ SAT Subject Tests
- } Colleges have NO preference on test other than if there is writing/no writing!
- ▶ Official from agency - - request **WELL** before application deadlines (ie 3 weeks)!
 - ▶ Official from PCH - - if colleges will accept from us, we send **ALL** scores only
 - ▶ Self-reported - - within your application

Superscore

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	Composite
1	21	23	21	17	-	21
2	20	24	23	23	-	23
3	22	26	26	25	-	25
4	23	25	24	26	12	25
5	22	24	23	27	-	23

Highest composite → send test 3 or 4

ACT w/ Writing Required → send test 4

Superscore → send test 3, 4 & 5 → $(23+26+26+27)/4 = 25.5 = 26!$

Test Optional Schools

- ▶ **FairTest.org**
- ▶ More than 1000 school!
- ▶ If your GPA/transcript alone makes you competitive for admission, but your test score is below average for their institution, don't send it.
- ▶ Some schools do require another application piece to replace the test score, but most do not.
- ▶ Pay attention to scholarship requirements!
 - ▶ The test score might be competitive for admission, but prevent you from getting a higher scholarship that your GPA alone would have met!

Recommendation Letters



Do You
Need
them?

▶ Core Teachers

- ▶ English, Math, Science, Social Studies or World Language Teachers
- ▶ Current perspective = junior and/or senior year

▶ Counselor

- ▶ May request from Mrs. Prange OR your alpha-assigned counselor (*Ms. Spraggins, Ms. Lange, Mr. Hussmann or Ms. Gerth*) - - who knows you the best?!

▶ Other

- ▶ Coaches, employer, research mentor, etc
- ▶ Provides unique perspective; cannot replace a required teacher/counselor letter

Confidentiality - Colleges ask you to waive your rights to view all letters of recommendation and supporting documents. You need to do this so they know your letters are honest and candid!

Resume

- ▶ May be allowed to upload; otherwise you will enter information directly into application
- ▶ Purpose is for college to gain a global perspective of everything you balance outside of the classroom
- ▶ How do you spend your time?
- ▶ Common App Activities (up to 10)
 - ▶ Activity type, Position/Leadership description and organization name, Describe the activity (including what you accomplished and any recognition you received), Participation grade levels, Timing of participation, Hours spent per week, Weeks spent per year, Intention to participate in a similar activity in college
- ▶ Common App Honors (up to 5)
 - ▶ If you have received any honors related to your academic achievements beginning with the ninth grade, please indicate number of honors. If you received more than five, please add the five most important to you

Resume

Add/Update Sections

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Chesterfield, MO 63017-3329
p: (314) 415-7900
<https://www.parkwayschools.net/>
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- Objective
- Summary
- Work Experience
- Education
- Volunteer Services
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- Awards / Certificates
- Skills / Academic Achie...
- Music / Artistic Achieve...
- Athletic Achievement
- References
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- Leadership

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ZeeMee App

- ▶ A free service that gives you the ability through images and video to document your story, showcase yourself for college admissions and connect with other students based on passions and interests.
- ▶ Over 180 (and growing) colleges and universities have a place to link your ZeeMee directly in their application, including Wash U!

▼ **Activities**

If you wish to submit your résumé, you may upload it here.

Hint: File should be under 500 KB and one of these types:
.pdf .doc .docx .rtf .txt.

Bring your application to life. Paste your ZeeMee link here. Don't have ZeeMee? Get it now for free at www.zeemee.com.

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Essays

- ▶ Answer specific prompts within specific word limitations
- ▶ Potential topics include:
 - ▶ **YOU!**
 - ▶ Allow them to learn more about the applicant – your personality, your passions, your character
 - ▶ Become a human - - not just pages of data and facts!
 - ▶ **Your decision to apply to that specific college (“Fit” essay)**
 - ▶ Have you really done your research? Do NOT be generic or tell them about their rankings!
 - ▶ Why is this school a good fit for you? How will you maximize your opportunities to engage in the community?
 - ▶ **Your decision to pursue that particular major**
 - ▶ What experience and exposure have you had in this field?
 - ▶ Why is this degree a good fit for you?

Interviews

- ▶ Required versus Recommended
- ▶ An interview is a chance for you to meet with someone who represents the college.
 - ▶ Might be an admissions representative or a former graduate
- ▶ It's a great way to show your interest in the college and to show what you're all about.
 - ▶ Why are you interested in this school?
 - ▶ What will you bring to their campus community?
- ▶ Might be required for competitive scholarship opportunities

Special Talents

▶ Athletes

- ▶ NCAA Div 1 or 2 – register with the NCAA eligibility center **by April**
- ▶ Send official ACT scores to NCAA
- ▶ Communicate with Mrs. Prange – do you know your **core GPA** and **sum ACT**?
- ▶ Download the Guide for College-Bound Student-Athletes from the PCH Counseling site



▶ Visual & Performing Arts

- ▶ Portfolios – online, via “Slideroom” or through “Portfolio Days”
- ▶ Auditions – live or previously recorded; often require pre-screening audition videos
- ▶ Deadlines may vary significantly from regular admissions process
- ▶ Supplemental material – even for non-majors

TESTING

REGISTERING & PREPARING

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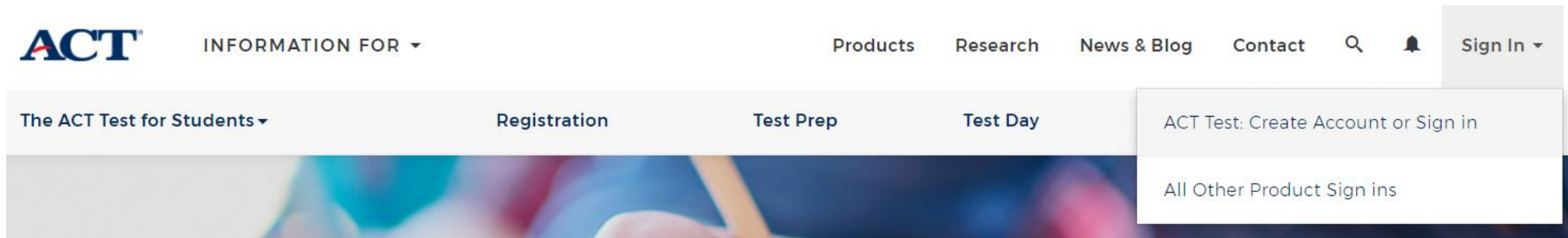


PSAT

- ▶ Optional test for sophomores and juniors
- ▶ Register in school store between NOW and September 19!
- ▶ \$20 fee to test
- ▶ Student Guide – PDF sent in Dr. McCarthy's eBlast
- ▶ Why Test?
 - ▶ See how you might do on SAT
 - ▶ Qualify for national merit recognition and scholarship opportunities
- ▶ Deadline to request accommodations has already passed 😞

ACT Student Account

- ▶ The web account is where you will **register** for the ACT, **view** your score reports and **order** scores to be sent to colleges
- ▶ Go to www.actstudent.org
- ▶ Click Sign-In
 - ▶ ACT Test: Create Account or Sign in



ACT Web Account

- ▶ Choose to create your account, or sign in to your existing account if you know your login information
- ▶ Note: The first and last names you enter must match the names on your photo identification you use on test day, and should match the name you will use when applying to colleges
- ▶ You may use your personal or school email address to register
- ▶ **Passwords** must be at least 8 characters and include 1 of each character type: letter, number, and symbol: !@#\$%^&*. It can not contain consecutively repeating characters or your primary email address
- ▶ **WRITE DOWN YOUR ACT USERNAME & PASSWORD**

SAT (it's OK too...)

- ▶ If you would like to try the SAT or any SAT Subject Tests, you register at www.collegeboard.org
- ▶ You will also see and order AP scores here, as well

2019-20 Testing Fees

ACT

- Without Writing → \$52
- With Writing → \$68

SAT

- Without Writing → \$49.50
- With Writing → \$64.50

Fee Waivers

Students who qualify for meal benefits through Parkway are eligible for 2 fee waivers for ACT and 2 fee waivers for SAT

Parkway also pays for one ACT in April of junior year for all students

National Test Dates (Saturday)

Must register online!

ACT

- Sept 14
- Oct 26
- Dec 14
- Feb 8
- Apr 4
- Jun 13
- Jul 18

SAT

- Oct 5
- Nov 2
- Dec 7
- Mar 14
- May 2
- Jun 6

Registration NOT
needed



District ACT

April 7 (Tuesday)

Testing Accommodations

- ▶ Discuss with your comprehensive counselor
- ▶ Accommodations must be approved by ACT/College Board well in advance of testing date (up to **6 weeks before testing!**)
- ▶ Testing agency determines which accommodations are authorized

Testive Account

- ▶ Log in to Naviance
- ▶ Click on Links at bottom of home screen and choose **Testive**
- ▶ **FREE** test prep for ACT and SAT!

PCH ACT Prep Class (**FREE**)

- ▶ ***One Saturday in fall and one Saturday in spring***
- ▶ Receive support in two test areas: English, Reading/Writing, Math or Science.
- ▶ Classes held in the science wing at PCH
- ▶ Space is limited, so sign up early
 - ▶ Via email link that will be sent out in September, or in Dr. Powers' office

Overwhelmed?

- ▶ Start visiting college campuses, meeting with college reps and attending college fairs
- ▶ Get organized – start the Google Sheet
- ▶ Have college and budget conversations with your parents/guardians
- ▶ Do intentional test prep (free options available)
- ▶ Schedule an appointment with me (after Nov 1st)
- ▶ Follow **@PCH_Counseling** on Twitter
- ▶ Check out all of the resources on the Counseling website and in Naviance
- ▶ Sign up for a College Mentor at **mentors4college.org** or check out the UMSL Bridge program!