

# Shelton HS Counseling Department



## Senior To-Do List!

### College Planning?

- Talk to your family! Meet with your counselor!
- **Research** online using Naviance and collegeboard.org
- Conduct **real or virtual visits** to colleges and attend **virtual college fairs**
- **Sign up for virtual college rep visits in Naviance!**
- Ask one or two teachers for a **recommendation** if you have not already - preferably one teacher you have had recently
- Register starting October 1st for **Financial Aid Eligibility** ([www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov))
- Determine whether colleges of interest also require the College Board's CSS Financial Aid Profile to be eligible for aid
- View the virtual **financial aid** video and documents on the counseling page of the SHS website for further info on financial aid applications
- Register for last-chance **Testing**  
**SATs** or SAT Subject tests in November or December ([collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org))  
**ACTs** in November ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org))  
\*Reminder that most colleges are test-optional this year

### Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))

- Create a **Common App** Account - use a personal email that you will check
- **Complete** all of the sub-tabs of the **Common App** - gather necessary info from family and counselor - start with the **education tab** to **set current school**
- Review the 7 **essay** options and draft essays
- **Add a college** through College Search tab
- Complete the **FERPA waiver** under any one college added to "My Colleges"
  - (We strongly recommend waiving your right to view recs and docs...)
- Take note of **DEADLINES**
- Check for **supplemental essays** on Common App under "My Colleges".
- If a college of interest does not use Commonapp, create an account on the college's website



## **Naviance (naviance.com)**

- **Username:** same as your school login (ie. AJudge99)
- **Password:** set by student - reset if necessary
- **Link** Naviance to your Common App - see demo pdf and/or video on counseling page of the school website
- **Assign teacher recommenders** AFTER you have asked and they've agreed (Colleges Home, scroll to Letters of Recommendation under Apply to College)
- Speak with your counselor regarding a possible **counselor recommendation**
- Complete the **College Recommendation Survey** for your counselor (My Planner, Tasks)
- Search/register for virtual Google Meets with college reps (Colleges Home, scroll to College Visits)
- Create or Update your Resume (About Me, My Stuff, Resume)

## **Hopeful College Athlete?**

- Prospective DI and DII athletes must register with the NCAA ([www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)) \$\$
- NCAA has minimum credit, GPA, and SAT score requirements!

## **Thinking about serving your country?**

- Talk to your family
- Use military websites for further information:  
([www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com) , [www.navy.com](http://www.navy.com) , [www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com) , [www.marines.com](http://www.marines.com) )
- Consider contacting a local recruiter
- Register in the Career Center to take/re-take the ASVAB  
(Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) - usually offered in November

## **Considering technical training? a career in the trades?**

- Community colleges offer both traditional academic and some technical training programs
- Explore technical/specialized colleges for business, trades, health careers, technology, culinary, cosmetology, and other career paths
- Explore non-college paths such as trade apprenticeships and CT Dept of Labor  
([www.ctapprenticeship.com](http://www.ctapprenticeship.com), [www.ct.gov/dol](http://www.ct.gov/dol))

**\*Review this checklist with your family and counselor!**