



Counselor Chat

May 10th, 2024



Today's Topics


- Welcome & Introductions
- Student Highlight
- Ending Junior Year
- Summer
- Resources
- Questions?

Student Highlight

Tips from current seniors

We sent a survey out to our 12th graders and this is their advice for 11th graders.



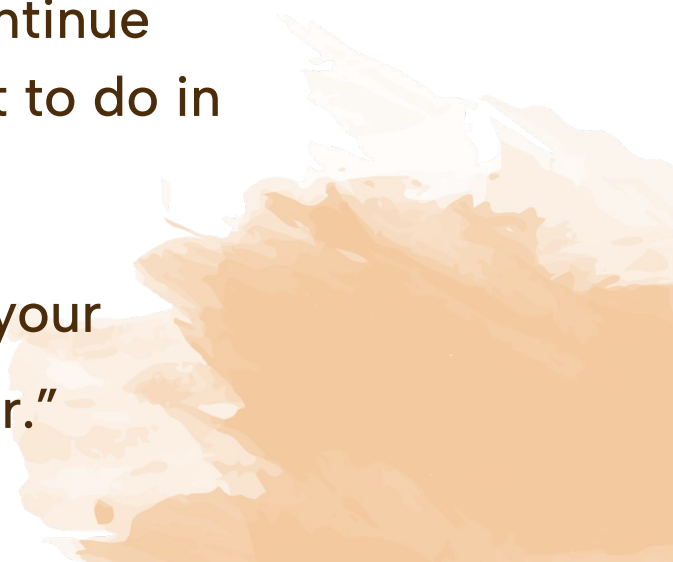


What advice would you give a current junior going into their senior year?

"It's okay to not have it all figured out yet."

"You literally have your entire life to continue learning about yourself and what you want to do in the world."

"Time management...make sure you do your college applications in a timely manner."





What are some things you did the summer before your senior year that helped you?

“Meet with friends regularly and enjoy your social life.”

“Start your college essays but don’t obsess over them.”

“Volunteer somewhere that aligns with your interests.”

“Get a job to start saving money for college.”

Ending Junior Year

- Encourage your student to end the academic year strong!
- Think about options post high school– 4 year college, 2 year college, trade schools, military, gap year, etc.
- Create your [college list](#)
- If your student is thinking about a four year school– have them think about asking teachers for letters of recommendation.




Junior Access College Workshops

- For current Junior students only
- Offered during Access periods at the end of May (22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th)
- We will be covering the college process
- Sign ups will be sent via email
- Resource page for students

Summer before Senior Year

- Have your student rest, recharge, encourage them to do things for *enjoyment not to add to their resume*
- Narrow down their college list and go on college tours
- Look at college admissions requirements
 - Prepare list of activities or resume in preparation for college applications
 - Brainstorm personal essay topics for applications

Helping Your Child Decide Where to go to College

1. Decide what's important to your child
 2. Review your financial commitment with your child
 3. Explore their college options with them
 4. Make college visits
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Creating A College List

Reach	Target	Safety
Apply to 2-3	Apply to 4 -5	Apply to 2-3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Dream School★ Prestigious★ Low Acceptance Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Perfect Fit★ GPA/Test Scores on Target★ 50%+ Acceptance Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Good Fit★ GPA/Test Scores Above Target★ 80% Acceptance Rate

Review the Common App & UC Essay Prompts

Remember for these prompts they have word limitations

Colleges want to know something *genuine* about the applicant that shows *reflection and/or growth*. They get to hear firsthand what your student wants them to know about themselves beyond metrics like grades and test scores.

What matters is *not only the story* your student wants to tell about themselves, but also *how they choose to tell it*.

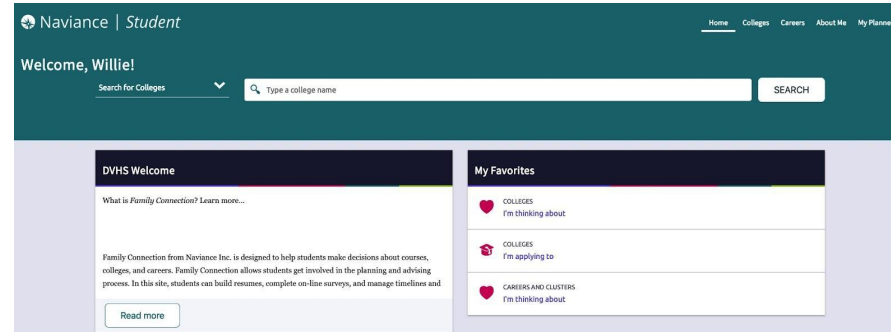
The essay is one of the few aspects of the application that is completely in your student's hands.

Naviance

Naviance allows students to:

- Get involved in the planning and advising process – Build a resume, complete personality and career assessments, and manage timelines for making decisions about colleges and careers
- Research colleges –use advanced search tool to filter criteria (major, size of school, location, admission rates, etc),
- Research GPA and standardized test scores information, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school.
- Research careers – Research hundreds of careers and and take career assessments

Reach out to your student's counselor about Parent login information



For a complete list of summer programs, financial aid resources, scholarships and volunteer opportunities visit the College & Career Center website

[Home](#) > [School Info](#) > [Departments](#) > [College and Career Center](#)

College and Career Center



**Welcome to the DVHS
College & Career Center!**

[This week's CCC newsletter](#)

News & Updates from the College & Career Center

Parents & Students:

Please plan to read the DVHS College & Career Newsletter each week!
Please bookmark this website to view our most up-to-date information, including important announcements, upcoming college events, fairs, extracurricular & volunteer opportunities, and scholarships.

Looking ahead to the Fall

- Aug 14th: First day of school
- Mid September: Senior Student Presentation
- Mid September: Families Night
- Beginning of October: Counselor & Student 1-on-1 Meetings start
- Mid October: Financial Aid Night
- Mid August–October: Sign up for College Rep visits via Naviance

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Thanks!

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