

# Junior College Planning Night

2/24/22

## Steam Academy at MSB

# Introductions – Student Affairs/CCR Staff

- Ms. Dennis – MCAC College Adviser (works with 12th grade on post-secondary goals)
- Mrs. Douthit – College & Career Readiness Specialist (works with 9th-11th on CCR Prep)
- Ms. Blackshear – High School Counselor (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Ms. Stiles – High School Counselor (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade)



# Why is Junior Outreach Important?

## Benefits of early college planning:

- Better relationship with their College Advisers
- More prepared
- Less likely to miss deadlines
- Resumes and college essays will be ready



# Junior Year Timeline March - May

- Take the ACT and/or SAT
  - Junior ACT Test - April 19th
  - **(Students gets 4 free ACT test waivers)**
- Request letters of recommendation
- Write your college and scholarship essays
  - Can be very vague, “usually should address why you should win this scholarship?”



# Junior Year Timeline Summer - August

- Plan campus tours
- Build/narrow down a list of colleges you're interested in
- Explore college scholarship opportunities/due dates
- Can start applying to colleges



# Things to Consider when Adding a College to your List

- Cost/Scholarships



- Programs of study/Major



- Size/Teacher to student ratio



- Level of difficulty

- Location

- Resources

# SCOIR



Students received an email about registering an account for SCOIR

SCOIR will allow for students to:

- Easily search for colleges
- Request/send your transcripts
- Request college application fee waivers (DO NOT PAY ANY APPLICATION FEES)
- Request recommendation letters from teachers.
- Staff can better accommodate all of your post-secondary requests

# We recommend applying to about 8 schools

**2 *likely* schools** - your high school record exceeds admissions requirements and the school accepts 70% or more of applicants.

**2-4 *target* schools** - admissions requirements match your high school record and the school accepts about 50% of applicants.

**2 *reach* schools** - admissions requirements may be higher than your individual high school record or school accepts less than 40% of applicants.





WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?				
NON-RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS			RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS	
REGULAR DECISION	ROLLING ADMISSION	EARLY ACTION (EA)	EARLY DECISION (ED)	RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION (REA)
<p>Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.</p> <p><b>The deadline for regular decisions is normally between January 1st - February 1st.</b></p>	<p>Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admissions decisions throughout the admission cycle.</p>	<p>Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.</p> <p><b>The deadline for early action is normally between November 1st - November 15th.</b></p>	<p>Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they will definitely enroll.</p> <p><b>The deadline for early decision is normally between November 1st - November 15th.</b></p>	<p>Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying early decision or early action to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1st to accept.</p> <p><b>The decision for restrictive early action is normally between November 1st - November 15th.</b></p>
<b>Commitment:</b> Non-Binding	<b>Commitment:</b> Non-Binding	<b>Commitment:</b> Non-Binding	<b>Commitment:</b> Binding	<b>Commitment:</b> Non-Binding

**IMPORTANT:** College admissions options with a BINDING commitment means that if admitted, you will absolutely attend that particular college. The only circumstance that would warrant you breaking your commitment is if you were to prove that your family's financial circumstances have changed and the school is not able to provide you with enough financial aid to assist you.

# Typical College Applications Requirements

- **Application**

- Most apps will be completed on the School's website (DO NOT PAY APPLICATION FEES)
  - Alternative Methods: Common App, Black Common App, Coalition App

- **Test Scores**

- Students will need to log into their ACT/SAT accounts and ensure they've selected the school to receive their scores.
- All students have access to fee waivers, which will make their test become free.
- ACT Prep Courses are available



# Typical College Applications Requirements

- **Transcripts - Colleges uses these to evaluate previous grades**
  - Students will need to register the completed application into SCOIR and the CCR team will submit the transcript
    - Initial Transcript will be utilized through 1<sup>st</sup> semester of SR year
    - Mid year Transcript will be utilized through 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of SR year
    - Final Transcript will be sent out after graduation



# Typical College Applications Requirements

- **Letters of Recommendations: Ask your references well in advance of the deadlines to write you a recommendation**
  - MCAC College Advisers CAN'T write letters
  - SCOIR accounts should be updated and used to request letters of recommendation
- Essays
- Interviews

# Paying for College

- **FAFSA** - The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a form completed by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.
  - **Opens every year on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the earlier you complete = MORE MONEY!!**
- **Scholarships**
  - MyScholarshipCentral.org
  - Bold.com
  - Raise.me
- **Junior Financial Aid Night - April 28, 2022 (5 pm - 6:15 pm)**
  - Come out to get a early overview of everything related to Financial Aid



# Student's Role in the College Selection Process

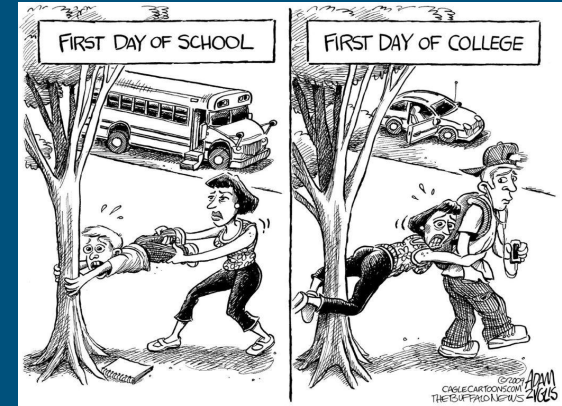
- **Own the process, this is your life and your responsibility!**
  - Be honest, and think about your strengths, hopes, dreams, and weaknesses
  - Strive to complete your best work
  - Attend College Fairs & Rep Visits
  - Complete applications on time



# Parent's Role in the College Selection Process

- **Be honest, and provide your student with realistic information!**

- Listen and respect your student's choices
- Don't underestimate your student's potential
- Allow your student to own their process
- Encourage your student to explore different options



# Upperclassmen Advice for Juniors

“Take college classes now to earn extra credits and graduate college sooner & save money” -Laila K.

“Be honest & have a great relationship with your counselors and college advisers.” - Jaxon L.

“Develop good time management” - Brian W.

“Be cautious about your social media post, colleges can search your accounts.” -Kyson J.

“Get involved with extra-curricular activities” - Myah C.

“Junior year is your most important, colleges will use your junior year grades to determine acceptance. “ - Carmen J.



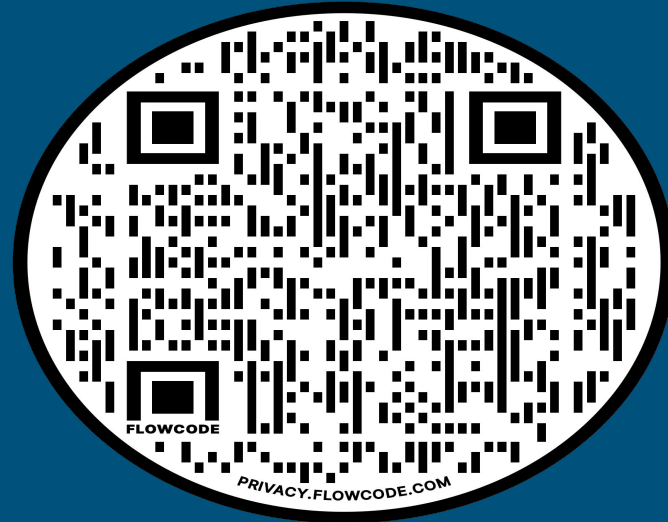


# Notes from Ms. Stiles

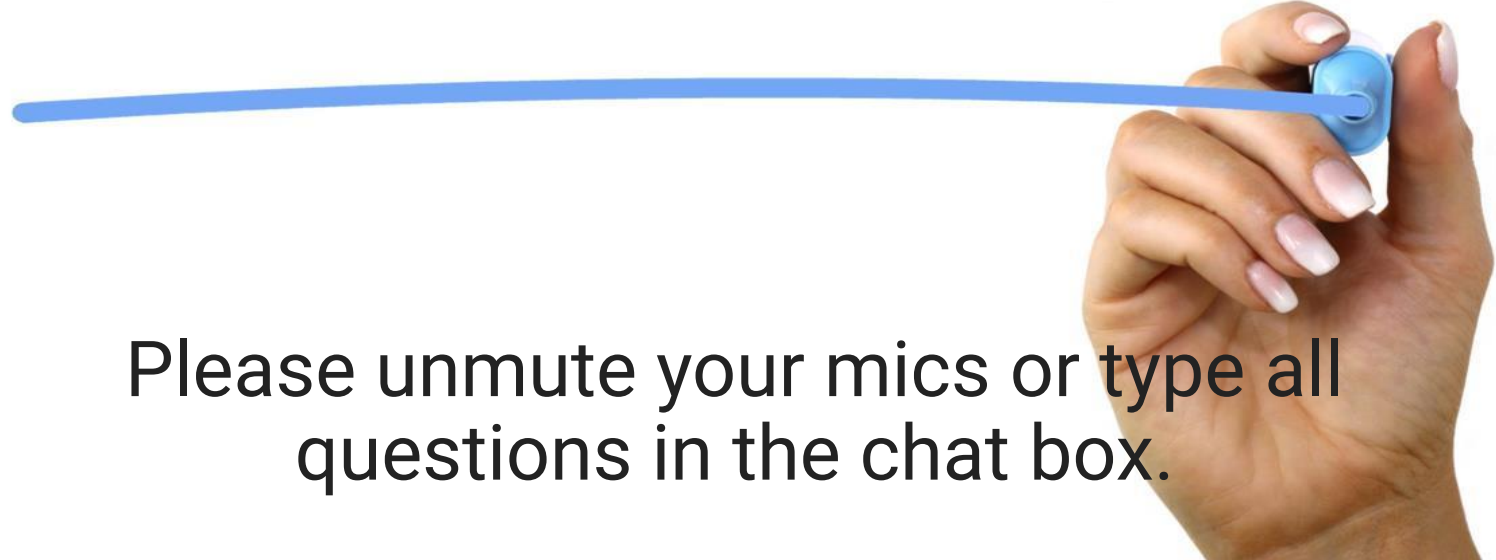
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# Additional Resources

- We have created a very detailed College Planning Guide that explains everything we've discussed tonight & more!
  - Please scan this QR Code for access to the guide



# QUESTIONS



Please unmute your mics or type all questions in the chat box.