



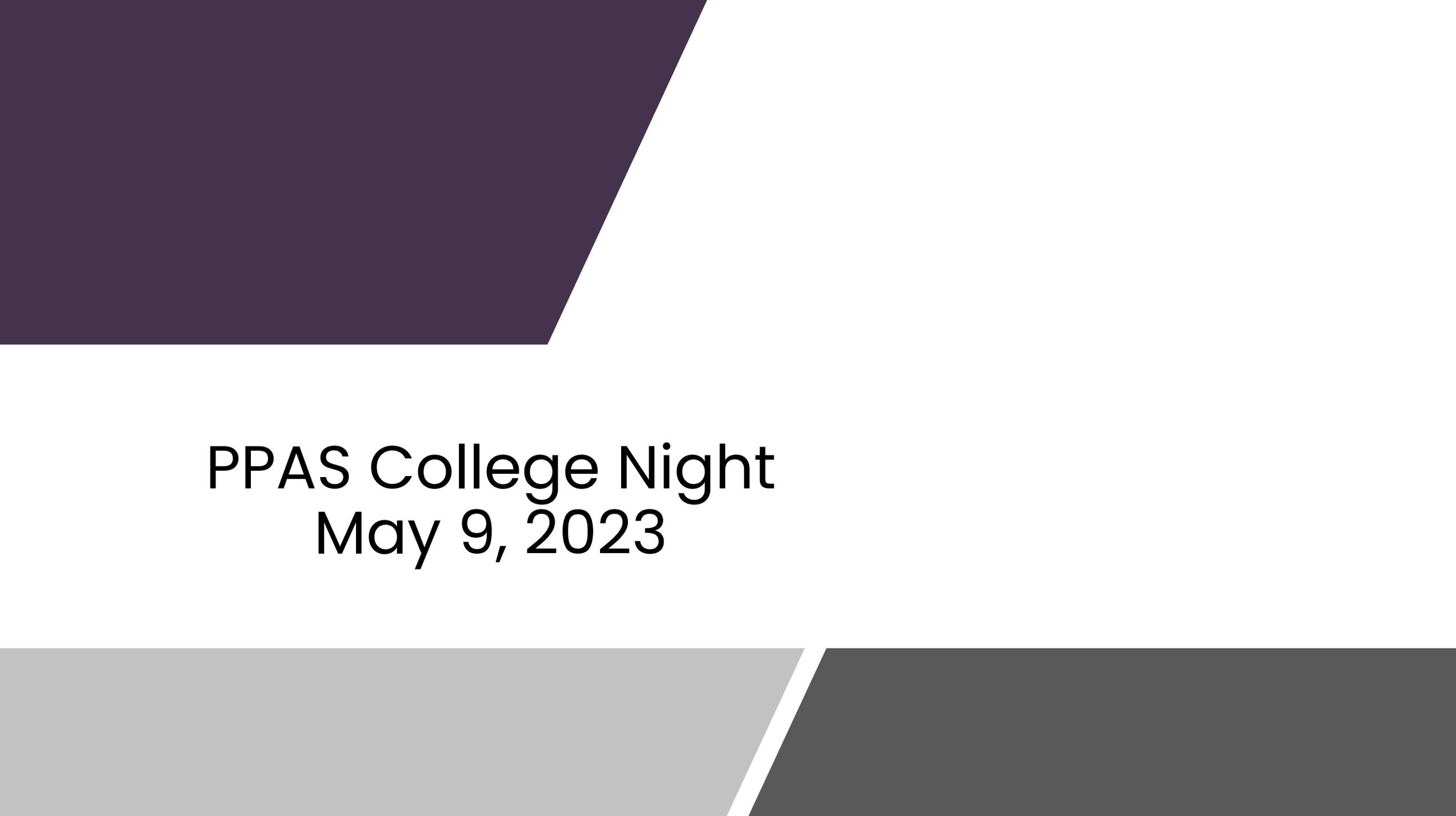
Early Action vs. Early Decision vs. Regular Decision					
Application Plan	Apply Early	Receive Decision Early	Agreement is Binding	Can Apply to Other Schools	Decision Day for Applicants
Early Action	✓	✓		✓	May 1
Early Decision	✓	✓	✓		N/A; agreement is binding
Regular Decision				✓	May 1

Welcome! We will begin in 2 to 3 minutes.

While we wait check out the chart above. What is the difference between Early Decision and Early Action?

Agenda:

- 1) College Office Staff**
- 2) College Application Timeline**
- 3) CCA Update**
- 4) Building A College List**
- 5) Key Components of a College Application**



PPAS College Night
May 9, 2023

Class of 2023 College Acceptances!

Adelphi
Arizona State
Babson (Posse)
Baruch College (CUNY)
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton (SUNY)
Brooklyn College (CUNY)
Brockport (SUNY)
Chapman
City College (CUNY)
Delaware State University
Dominican University
Elon
Fordham University
Grambling State University
Harvard x2! (1 Full Ride)
Howard University
Hofstra University
Hunter College (CUNY)
John Jay (CUNY)
Lehman College (CUNY)
Long Island University
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattanville College
Manhattan School of Music
Marymount Manhattan
Michigan University
Montclair State University
Morgan State
Morehouse College
Mount Saint Vincent College
New York University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina A&T
Norfolk State College
Occidental College
Pace University
Penn State
Point Park University
Purchase College (SUNY)
Queens College (CUNY)
Queensborough Community College (CUNY)
Rutgers University
Sarah Lawrence
St. John's University
UConn - National Champs
UC Berkeley
University of Arizona
University of the Arts
University California Irvine
University of Hartford
University of Pennsylvania (QuestBridge)
University of Southern California (USC)
Virginia State University
Wagner College
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale
York College (CUNY)

The College Office Staff

Who is supporting your student through the application process?

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Timeline



August and September

- Start college applications
- Finalize College Essay

August 1st

Common App opens

December and January 1st

- Regular applications are Due!
- Most private schools application deadlines
- FAFSA SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY NOW

Spring of Junior Year

- Complete CCA designated tasks. (Draft of college list, draft of college essay, registering for Naviance)
- Take the SAT or ACT
- Visit Colleges

October and November

- If students are applying regular decision, they should be working on applications now

October 1st

Fafsa Opens

November 1st

Early Action, Early Decision Deadlines begin

UC (California) System Deadline is Nov. 30

What does CCA look like in 11th grade?

CCA begins in the Spring of Junior Year and is held once a week during Humanities classes.

What is accomplished in CCA?

- Prospective College List
- Attend college rep visits
- Draft of college essay

Our goal is to have all 11th graders prepared to 'hit the ground running' at the start of senior year. They will also learn,

- The financial aid processes
- How to obtain college application fee waivers
- How to request teacher recommendation letters
- Registering with Naviance (college readiness site)
- Completion of PPAS brag sheet

So far we have...

- Learned about different types of college applications
- Began building their college lists
- Started working on their college essays

Soon students will,

- Learn the Key Components of College Applications
- Register and explore Naviance
- Learn about financial aid and scholarships

We try to send slides from each CCA to parents via emails from Principal Ryan

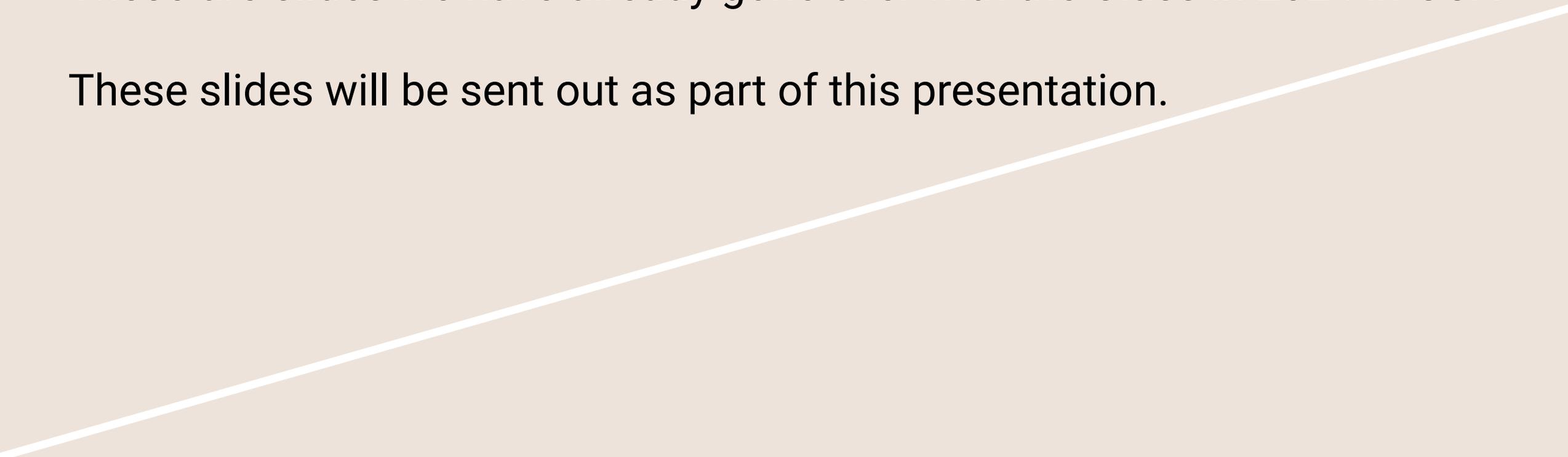
What can 11th grade parents be doing this Spring to support their child's college process?

- Attend virtual and In Person College Tours and Fairs
- Attend College Info Nights - PPAS, NYPL, NYC Office of Student Pathways
- Make sure your child is attending their classes, including CCA
- **Be transparent with your child about the type, LOCATION and cost of schools you want your child to apply to**

Building a College List

These are slides we have already gone over with the Class in 2024 in CCA

These slides will be sent out as part of this presentation.



How do I find colleges? Where do I start?

- Naviance
 - College Match tool
 - Scattergrams
- Google
 - Googling a college will bring you to the **university's specific website** which is the most important place to find information.
- Ask peers, teachers, family members, and college counselors
 - The people in your life might have knowledge that can send you in the direction of the best school for you, so please ask questions!

Things you want to consider when researching colleges are...

- GPA
- SAT or ACT / Is the school test optional?
- School size, average classroom size
- College majors and minors
- Campus experience
- Diversity (ethnicity, race, gender, sexuality, religion, etc.)
- Cost of Attendance

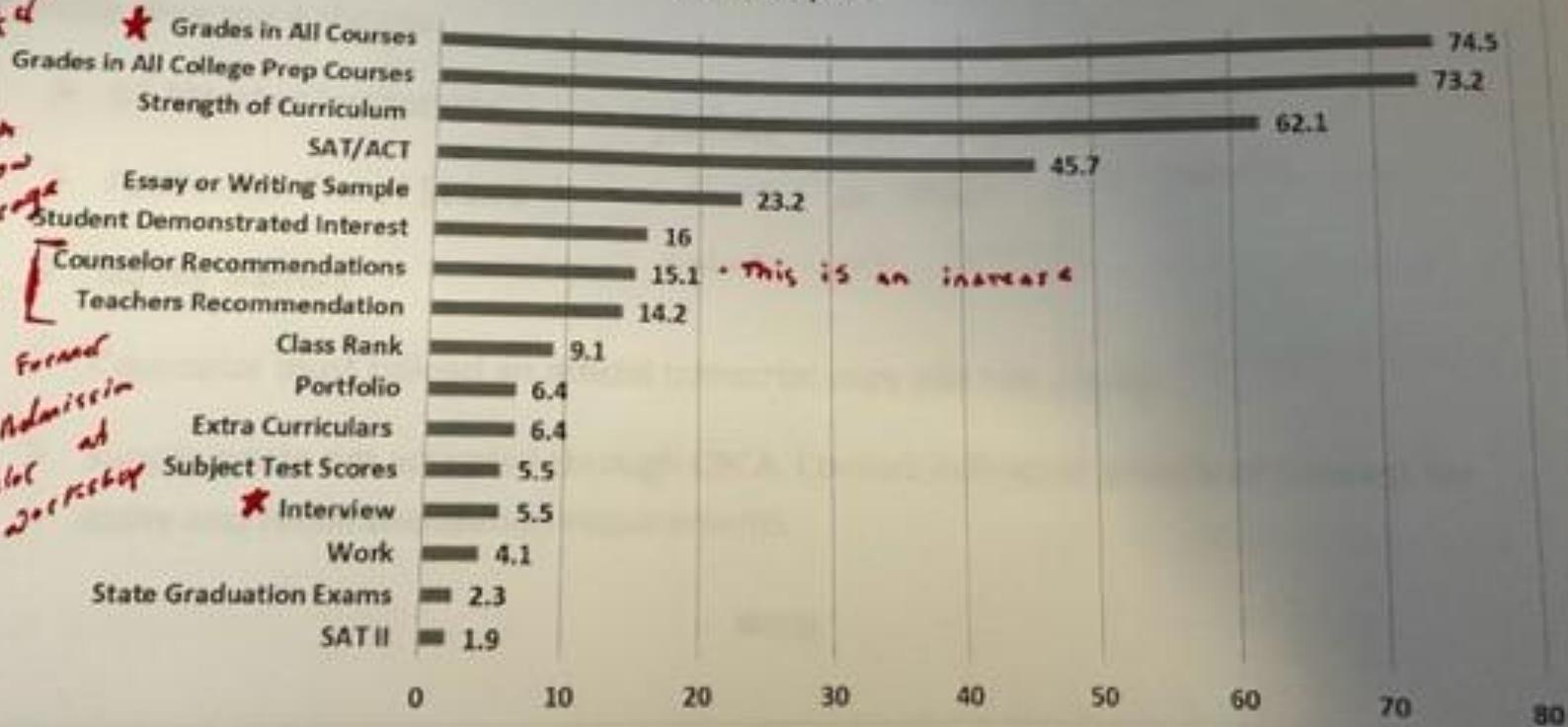
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Strong College Applications

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO COLLEGES?

Factors of "Considerable Importance" in College Admissions
NACAC Report

Grades matter
Lower GPA
to the low
end average
are not
looked at.
Source: Former
College Admissions
Counselor at
this workshop



This is an increase

SOURCE: NACAC State of College Admissions

Reach

- Reach schools are colleges that you have a chance of getting into, but your **cumulative GPA and test scores are on the low end of the average student accepted** to the school
- Reach schools are typically **very competitive colleges with low acceptance rates (anything with 30% or lower)**
- Colleges with **high tuition rates** can also be considered reach schools on your college list because MONEY MATTERS. Just because you get into a college does not mean it is the right financial fit for you.

Michigan 20% Acceptance Rate

NYU 8% Class of 2027

<https://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2023/march/admissions-class-of-2027.html#:~:text=Offers%20of%20admission%20to%20NYU's,fewer%20than%205%25%20of%20applicants.>

Juilliard 7%

USC 13%

Target

- Target schools are colleges that your **cumulative GPA and test scores match the average student admitted** to the school.
- Target schools are **NOT GUARANTEED** admissions. They are colleges that you are a **good academic match** for, but this does not guarantee that you will get in.
- The tuition at target schools can range, because the **focus is mostly on your academics**.

Likely

- Likely schools (formerly called a "safety school") is a college that you will **almost certainly get into because your cumulative GPA and test scores**
- Likely schools typically have **high acceptance rates**, like community colleges
- Likely schools need to be treated with as much **attention** as your Reach and Target schools

Key Components of the College Application

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1. Transcripts

- Colleges require high school Transcripts containing grades from freshman year to the end of junior year to understand your **cumulative average** (*aka GPA*), the **consistency** of your performance in high school, and the **rigor** of classes you've taken.
- If you attended a different high school other than PPAS at any time, you will need to provide that transcript as well. ***(You will need to contact that high school to receive that transcript and provide it to the PPAS college office so that it can be sent to the colleges you're applying to.)***
- To see your academic progress senior year, colleges will also ask for Mid-Year Transcript in January and your Final Transcript in June.
- All of your transcripts will be sent by a PPAS college office member through Naviance, which we will get into after mid winter recess.

***This is the most important year of high school.
You still have time to raise your grades or keep them up!
Don't quit now, it will matter later on.**



2. Standardized tests

- In previous years standardized tests like the SAT or ACT were required by most colleges.
- Due to Covid-19 the majority of college have gone:
 - **Test optional:** meaning you are not required to submit any standardized test scores or
 - **Test blind:** meaning that they will not look at any standardized test scores when making their admissions decision
- That being said, you should still take the SAT or ACT and try to get your best score. A good standardized test score can help make you a competitive candidate for a school and can even help you with receiving scholarships.



3. College Essay (aka Personal Statement)

- The college essay, *sometimes called the personal statement*, is **required by most colleges**.
- This essay is, **650 words max**, and completely subjective.
- Colleges ask for you to submit the college essay to get a sense of who you are as a person, instead of only understanding you through your GPA and test scores.
This is a wonderful opportunity to share a bit about who you are!
- Here you can find the college essay prompts:
<https://www.commonapp.org/blog/2019-2020-common-app-essay-prompts>

***We have already begun work on this in CCA**



4. Recommendation Letters

- Recommendation letters are **required by most colleges** to get a feel for the impression you give off to other people.
 - You can ask a teacher, coach, boss, or a community leader of any kind (**not a family member**) to write you a recommendation, but it should be someone who you have spent a significant amount of time with and someone you have a good relationship with.
 - The **standard amount of recommendations required by most colleges is 2**, but you might need more or less depending on the specific program you are applying to. (*When doing your research about colleges, pay close attention to the requirements for your recommendations. If you receive more than what the school asks for, you risk the college admissions counselors not reading them. If you receive less, you risk them wondering why.*)
 - **Teacher** recommendation letters will be sent through **Naviance**
 - **Outside** recommendation letters will be sent through **Common App**
 - **PPAS requires that you fill out a brag sheet** to give to your recommenders to help them write the best letters possible. We will go over these later in the semester.
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5. Resume

- As a young adult you should be working on forming a resume to get jobs, internships, and entry to the college/university of your choosing.
- Colleges may ask for your resume as a document or they might ask for you to list your extracurricular activities and accomplishments. This includes sport, clubs, community service, other volunteer work, jobs, and awards.

***You want to start working on this now. If you need help, reach out to the Futures Office for a 1 on 1 appointment and we can work on getting your resume started.**



Other things to keep in mind...

- Auditions
- Pre-screens
- Portfolios
- Interviews
- Application fees / fee waivers
- College financial aid deadlines
- Naviance



Special Support Programs



**Tuesday, May 30th @
6:30pm**

- **First Generation Students**
- **Low Income Families**
- **Academic Support in College**
- **Students with IEPs**

Class of 2024