

# ARUNDEL HIGH



**Class of 2018**

**Rising Senior Parent  
Night**

# GOALS FOR THIS EVENING

- Break down senior year and important dates/milestones
- Outline a senior year timeline for the college application process and career preparation/internships
- Identify resources for choosing a college, getting accepted into college, and financing college
- Identify resources provided by the School Counseling Office

# RISING SENIOR MEETINGS

Small groups with students' school counselor

- Reviewed graduation requirements and signed Senior Contracts
- Created goals in Naviance
- Researched schools based on “student profile” and “college fit”
- Discussed Post-Secondary Planning

## Return with Parent Signature:

- High School Graduation Notification Agreement (Senior Contract)
- Release of Records / Diploma Request (2 sided)

# CHECK YOUR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 English
- 4 Math
  - (Alg I + Geom. + 2 others)
  - Must enroll in a Math course each year
- 3 Sciences
  - (Biology + 2 lab sciences)
- 3 Social Studies
  - (US Hist.+ US Gov.+ World Hist.)
- 1 Fine Arts
- .5 Health
- 1 Physical Education
  - (Fitness for Life + .5 PE Elective)
- Foundations of Tech A & B
- Program Completer
  - 2 of same Foreign Language *or*
  - 2 Advanced Tech *or*
  - Career/Technology program
- **Total of at least 26 credits**
- **Passed required State Tests**

# PARKING

- Requirements:
  - Senior w/ 2.0 GPA
  - Drivers license
  - No obligations
- Applications distributed to eligible students Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>-Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> during exam break in cafeteria lobby and throughout the summer in the main office
- \$30 fee due at parking meetings in August
- Questions: Ms. Stickney - Business Manager
  - [dstickney@aacps.org](mailto:dstickney@aacps.org)

# CLASS DUES

- 2018 class dues are \$60
  - Due to Ms. Kenney
  - Checks payable to “Arundel High School”
- Class Advisor: Ms. Kenney  
[skenney@aacps.org](mailto:skenney@aacps.org)

# POST SECONDARY PLANS

4 year college

2 year college

Trade schools

Apprenticeship programs

Military

Work



# TWO YEAR VS. FOUR YEAR COLLEGES

## Two Year

(e.g. AACCC)

- Associates Degrees and Certificates
- Transfer Agreements
- Lower Cost
- No Entrance Requirements
- Placement Test Required

## Four Year

(e.g. University of Maryland)

- Higher Degree Awarded
- Needed for Advanced Graduate Work
- Campus Housing Availability
- SAT/ACT Usually Required

# TRADE SCHOOLS & MILITARY

## Trade Training Schools

- Training in specific trade
- 2-5 Years
- Many Union Training Centers are FREE
- Pass basic Math Tests
- Often provide payed work and benefits while in school

## Military

- Speak to recruiter
- Enlist out of high school or apply for ROTC
- Offers many scholarships
- Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard
- ASVAB



# RESEARCHING MAJORS AND CAREERS

- CollegeBoard Big Future ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))
- O\*Net Occupation Database
- ACT College and Career Planning
- Holland's Code Quiz
- Naviance (Contact your students' school counselor for the registration code)

# Naviance

- 1) Go to our school website ([www.arundelhigh.org](http://www.arundelhigh.org))
- 2) Click on “Naviance” link
- 3) Log in to Naviance



## Student Login Info

- Username (email)= Student ID # or Email Address
- Password= Student ID #

## Parent Login Info

- Click “I need to register” in the *are you new here?* box
- Enter your Naviance registration code

A screenshot of the Naviance Family Connection login page. The page has a white background with a light green header. At the top, it says "Welcome to Family Connection" and "Not a user? you agree! Please log in". Below this are two input fields: "e-mail" and "password". To the right of these fields is a box titled "are you new here?" containing two buttons: "I need to register" and "Log in to Naviance". A large blue arrow points from the "I need to register" button towards the left. Below the input fields is a "Log in" button and a "remember me" checkbox. At the bottom of the page, there is a green banner with the Arundel High School logo and name, and contact information: "Arundel High School, 1001 Annapolis Rd, Gambrills MD 21054-1033, p: (410) 474-6000".

# NAVIANCE/ FAMILY CONNECTION

## **Family Connection features:**

- Periodic emails & notifications regarding scholarships, special opportunities, etc.
- Complete a career interest profiler and explore various careers.
- Generate lists of colleges that may be a good match based on your GPA & test scores.
- See when College Reps/Career Presenters will visit Arundel and sign up to attend.
- Request transcripts and track your transcript and recommendation requests.

# CREATE A “COLLEGE MATCH” LIST

Create College Match List based on your “Student Profile” and “Desired College Experience”:

- GPA, Your Courses, Test Scores
- Cost
- Location
- Majors
- Athletics, Greek Life, Religion

# COLLEGE SUPERMATCH

family connection

home

colleges

careers

about me



my planner

## College Search (4,656 schools available)

a SuperMatch™ search

### MY SEARCH OPTIONS

Start Over Save My Searches

### FIND & PIN A SCHOOL BY NAME

Enter name of school

### FIND YOUR BEST FIT

- Location
- Majors
- My Scores
- Tuition and Fees
- Ethnicity
- School Type
- School Size
- On Campus Housing
- Campus Setting
- Public or Private
- Gender Mix



### GET MATCHED

Use over 20 search criteria to find the schools that are the best match for you and find out why.



### PIN YOUR FAVORITE

Keep an eye on the schools you're interested in by pinning them to the top of your list.



### COMPARE

See how your pinned schools stack up to each other on the factors that matter to you most with SuperMatch's Compare View.

# AACC ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND BENEFITS

Guest Speaker: Drs. Gavin, Joseph, & Lindsay

## GETTING STARTED

1

APPLY FOR  
ADMISSION

2

PLACEMENT  
TESTING

3

MEET WITH  
AN ADVISOR

4

REGISTER  
FOR CLASSES

5

ATTEND  
ORIENTATION

6

PAYMENT



# AACC VISITS TO ARUNDEL

- **March:** General presentation and application completion
- **April:** Accuplacer administration in computer labs
- **May:** Personal Registration/Scholarship Day
  - Individual/family meetings with AACC advisor to register for classes

# ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Early College Access Program (ECAP)
  - Earn college credits in high school at Anne Arundel Community College.
- Take Accuplacer Placement Exam
- Popular Programs:
  - Nursing, Cyber Security, Architecture, Computer Information Systems
- Credits Transfer to 4 Year University



# ASVAB EXAM

- **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery**
  - Verbal, Math, Science, Mechanical and Technical Skills
  - 96% reliability in determining aptitudes
  - Includes an interest inventory
  - No cost, no obligation - recruiters do not get results
  - Most widely used career test
  - 76% of test takers say it helped with career planning
  - 63% considered careers they had not thought of before
  - Post-exam career exploration presentation
  - Administered in October and April with parent permission

# PREPARING FOR SENIOR YEAR

1. Select 3-5 Post Secondary Options
  1. GPA, Your Courses, Test Scores
  2. Cost
  3. Location
  4. Majors/Certification Programs
2. Review application process for desired programs
3. Create your Resume in Naviance
4. Select Teachers for Recommendation Letters
5. Take/Improve your SAT/ACT/ASVAB/ACCUPLACER scores
6. Visit the Career Center during Pride Period (A103)
7. Visit campuses over the summer - Arundel Summer Tours

# TIPS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Common Application is accepted by over 600 schools  
[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Early Decision (binding) vs. Early Action (non-binding)
- College research websites to check out:
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - Naviance/Family Connection
  - [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)
  - [www.collegeresults.org](http://www.collegeresults.org)

# WHAT DO COLLEGES CONSIDER WHEN THEY EVALUATE APPLICANTS?

- Academic Record – transcript, which includes current classes, course history, rigor, GPA, and class rank
- Test Scores- ACT or SAT; in some cases SAT II
- Letters of Recommendation (vary by school)
- Essay
- Extra Curricular Activities
  - Leadership
  - Community Service

# A little about the essay...

Essay  
length:  
250 – 650  
words

650 words  
is your  
limit, not  
your goal

Proofread  
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Pro-tip: You can compose your essay in a word processing program and paste it into your Common App.

# COMMON APP ESSAY PROMPTS

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. [No change]

2. The lessons we take from *obstacles we encounter* can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a *challenge, setback, or failure*. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? [Revised]

3. Reflect on a time when you *questioned* or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your *thinking*? What *was the outcome*? [Revised]

# COMMON APP ESSAY PROMPTS CONT.

4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.

5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or *realization* that *sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.* [Revised]

6. *Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?* [New]

7. *Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.* [New]

# College Admission Testing

SAT Dates (Anticipated)	ACT Dates
August 26, 2017	June 10, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 9, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 28, 2017
December 2, 2017	December 9, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 10, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 14, 2018
June 2, 2018	June 9, 2018

You're encouraged to take these exams more than once to attempt to improve your scores. Students take the SAT or ACT for the first time during the spring of junior year and a second time during the fall of senior year.

**PRO TIP:** The best way to study is to familiarize yourself with the exam formats by taking practice tests.

The College Board and The Khan Academy have partnered to offer free SAT prep. The ACT offers similar resources on their website



# Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal government
- State government
- Colleges and universities
- Private foundations
- Employers and private companies
- Professional and service organizations

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**Pro Tip: Become Familiar with ways to pay for college at: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>**

# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- All college-bound students and parents need to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during their senior year
- Many scholarships can only be submitted if a FAFSA has been completed
- **Available online October 1st** at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)  
Submit by February 15th to have best access to available aid
- Naviance / FAFSA/ Financial Aid Workshop  
October 12<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

# Scholarship Resources

- **Naviance**
- [www.arundelscholarships.edublogs.org](http://www.arundelscholarships.edublogs.org)
- [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)
- <http://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>
- <http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/index.asp>

# 12th Grade Action Steps



## Summer

- Visit colleges with your senior.
- Help your senior finalize 3-5 post-secondary options.
- Find out about colleges' actual costs.
- Create a Resume in Naviance.
- Request Counselor Recommendation Letter.
- Request Teacher Recommendation Letter.
- Create a Common Application account.

# 12th Grade Action Steps

## Fall

- Encourage your child to meet with their school counselor.
- Create a calendar of application deadlines and other important dates.
- Help your child prepare for college admission tests. Many seniors retake college admission tests, such as the SAT and the ACT, in the fall
- Offer to look over your senior's college applications.

# 12th Grade Action Steps

## Fall cont.

- Help your child find and apply for scholarships (online and through the school counselor).
- Fill out the FAFSA to apply for aid. Now it's easier than ever to fill out this form because you can automatically transfer your tax information online from the IRS to the FAFSA.
- Encourage your child to set up college interviews. An interview is a great way to learn more about a college and for a college to learn more about your child.
- Request official transcripts and letters of recommendation.

# MY COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ I have completed all college applications through Common App or the college website
- ✓ I have completed the required tasks under the About Me tab
- ✓ I have added the colleges under “Colleges I am Applying To” in Naviance AND requested the transcripts online
- ✓ I have added the colleges in Common App (only if applying via the Common Application)
- ✓ I have requested that my SAT/ACT scores be sent from Collegeboard.org or ACTstudent.org (you are responsible for sending official test scores to colleges)
- ✓ I have reminded my teachers that are writing recommendation letters of my application deadline
- ✓ I have met with my counselor, or visited the Career Center in room A103 for assistance with the application process
- ✓ **Once each box has been checked, you have completed the college application process!**

# COUNSELOR CASELOADS

- A-Den - Mrs. Cochran ([jcochran@aacps.org](mailto:jcochran@aacps.org))
- Deo-Joh - Mrs. Muhammad ( [kmuhammad@aacps.org](mailto:kmuhammad@aacps.org))
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- McE-R - Mr. Diggs ([asdiggs@aacps.org](mailto:asdiggs@aacps.org))
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