



**ARUNDEL HIGH**  
**CLASS OF 2019**  
**RISING SENIOR PARENT NIGHT**

# GOALS FOR THIS EVENING

- Break down senior year and important dates/milestones
- Outline a senior year timeline for college applications and career preparation/internships
- Identify resources for choosing, being accepted into, and financing your post-secondary plan
- Identify resources provided by the School Counseling Office

# PARKING

- Speak to Ms. Cooper or Ms. Stickney regarding parking options for the fall semester.
- Ms. Stickney - Business Manager  
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- Ms. Cooper- Assistant Principal  
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# CLASS DUES

- 2019 class dues are \$60
  - Due to Ms. Funk
  - Checks payable to “Arundel High School”
- Class Advisor: Ms. Funk  
[kfunk@aacps.org](mailto:kfunk@aacps.org)

# RISING SENIOR MEETINGS

Small groups with students' school counselor

- Reviewed graduation requirements and signed Senior Contracts
- Created goals in Naviance
- Researched various post-secondary options based on “student profile” and “best 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**

# POST SECONDARY PLANS

## COLLEGE

4 Year | 2 Year

## SKILLED TRADE

Trade School | Apprenticeship

## DIRECT TO WORK

Military | Work-force



# COLLEGE

**PLANNING FOR COLLEGE  
ADMISSION**

# FOUR YEAR COLLEGES

Award up through doctorate level degrees

Popular local options include:

University of Maryland  
Towson University  
Morgan State University

UM Baltimore County  
Bowie State University  
Frostburg University

<b>ENTRANCE EXAMS</b>	Usually requires SAT or ACT scores
<b>GPA REQUIREMENTS</b>	Varies by school. Ranges normally starts at 2.5 with some as high as 4.0+
<b>PROGRAM OFFERINGS</b>	Bachelor's degree in a specific major
<b>APPLICATION PERIOD</b>	Opens in August. Best to apply by December
<b>FINANCIAL AID</b>	Usually offer financial aid
<b>FAFSA</b>	Required. Priority deadline as early as Dec 1.
<b>ON-CAMPUS HOUSING</b>	Usually available.



# TIPS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Consider using a common application
  - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
  - [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)
  - [www.commonblackcollegeapp.com](http://www.commonblackcollegeapp.com)
- Know your college's different application types and deadlines
- Research colleges and find ones that will be a good fit.

# College Admission Testing

SAT Dates (Anticipated)	ACT Dates
August 25, 2018	July 14, 2018
October 6, 2018	September 8, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 27, 2018
December 1, 2018	December 8, 2018
March 9, 2019	February 9, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 13, 2019
June 1, 2019	June 8, 2019

You're encouraged to take these exams more than once to attempt to improve your scores. Most 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

# 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
- Internships
  - Our internship coordinator is Mr. Smack [zsmack@aacps.org](mailto:zsmack@aacps.org)

# TWO YEAR COLLEGES

Award up through associate level degrees

Popular local options include:

Anne Arundel Community College  
Community College of Baltimore County  
Allegany College

<b>ENTRANCE EXAMS</b>	Requires SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer scores
<b>GPA REQUIREMENTS</b>	Open to all GPA ranges
<b>PROGRAM OFFERINGS</b>	Associate's degree in a specific major, career training certificate, or non-degree training.
<b>APPLICATION PERIOD</b>	Rolling – Apply in early Spring
<b>FINANCIAL AID</b>	Usually offer financial aid.
<b>FAFSA</b>	Required. Apply prior to March 1
<b>ON-CAMPUS HOUSING</b>	Not normally. Sometimes they may support with getting off-campus housing.

# AACC ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND BENEFITS

Mr. Behringer

## GETTING STARTED

1

APPLY FOR  
ADMISSION

2

PLACEMENT  
TESTING

3

MEET WITH  
AN ADVISOR

4

REGISTER  
FOR CLASSES


5

ATTEND  
ORIENTATION

6

PAYMENT





2 YEAR  
OR  
4 YEAR

HOW DO YOU BEGIN TO  
CHOOSE?

# TWO YEAR VS. FOUR YEAR COLLEGES

## Two Year

- Associates Degrees and Certificates
- Transfer Agreements
- Lower Cost
- Easier Entrance Requirements
- Placement Test Required

## Four Year

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

# 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.



# 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.

# CREATE A "BEST FIT" LIST OF OPTIONS

Consider the following when choosing a college:

- GPA, Your Courses, Test Scores
- Your Career Goals
- Cost
- Location
- Majors
- Athletics, Greek Life, Religion
- Subjective "Feeling" on Campus



# SKILLED TRADE

**WORKING TOWARDS  
INDUSTRY TRAINING AND  
CERTIFICATIONS**

# TRADE SCHOOL

Award certifications towards specific jobs

Popular local options include:

Pittsburg Institute of Aeronautics - Hagerstown

Cortiva Massage Therapy and Skin Care School

The Temple Annapolis – Cosmetology School

<b>ENTRANCE EXAMS</b>	Normally not required
<b>GPA REQUIREMENTS</b>	Open to all GPA ranges
<b>PROGRAM OFFERINGS</b>	Industry level certifications
<b>APPLICATION PERIOD</b>	Rolling – Apply in early Spring
<b>FINANCIAL AID</b>	Occasionally offered but usually sparse
<b>FAFSA</b>	Many trade schools take Grants and Loans
<b>ON-CAMPUS HOUSING</b>	Not normally. Sometimes they may support with getting off-campus housing.

# APPRENTICESHIPS

Free payed training and learning experience

Popular local options include:

Electrician – Through Local 24 in Baltimore

Carpentry – Mid Atlantic Carpenter's Training Center

Plumbers and Steamfitters – Through Local 486

<b>ENTRANCE EXAMS</b>	Program specific test in Math / English
<b>GPA REQUIREMENTS</b>	Open to all GPA ranges / May require Alg 2
<b>PROGRAM OFFERINGS</b>	4-5 Years of payed training. Free programs. Work towards becoming a Journeyman.
<b>APPLICATION PERIOD</b>	Varies. Check with program.
<b>FINANCIAL AID</b>	Not needed, program is FREE.
<b>FAFSA</b>	Not needed, program is FREE
<b>ON-CAMPUS HOUSING</b>	No. Must have personal transportation.



# DIRECT TO WORK

**PLANNING TO ENTER THE  
WORK-FORCE RIGHT OUT OF  
HIGH SCHOOL**

# ARMED FORCES

Receive job specific training from the D.O.D.

Popular local options include:

5 Branches: Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard

Enlist Full-Time or as a Reserve

National Guard – Similar to Reserve but based in MD

<b>ENTRANCE EXAMS</b>	ASVAB – Mid 30's to join. Determines jobs.
<b>GPA REQUIREMENTS</b>	Open to all GPA ranges
<b>PROGRAM OFFERINGS</b>	Enlist for at least 1 term (4-6 years)
<b>APPLICATION PERIOD</b>	Open year round – jobs may have cutoffs
<b>FINANCIAL AID</b>	G.I. Bill - \$80K for college expenses.
<b>FAFSA</b>	N/A
<b>ON-CAMPUS HOUSING</b>	Housing and living expenses are covered.

# 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 Fall, Winter, and Spring



# PUBLIC SERVICE WORK

Join a company or organization

Popular local options include:

Fire Department	State Police Cadet Program
County Police Department	Public Works
MD Transportation Authority	

<b>ENTRANCE EXAMS</b>	Department Specific tests and training.
<b>GPA REQUIREMENTS</b>	Open to all GPA ranges
<b>PROGRAM OFFERINGS</b>	Direct to work
<b>APPLICATION PERIOD</b>	Open year round – jobs may have cutoffs
<b>FINANCIAL AID</b>	Many offer tuition reimbursement or credits
<b>FAFSA</b>	N/A
<b>ON-CAMPUS HOUSING</b>	N/A



# FINANCIAL AID

WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE  
AND TRADE SCHOOL

# Sources of Financial Aid

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

**FINANCIAL AID  
INFORMATION  
NIGHT  
9/27/18**

**Federal Student Aid**  
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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 December 1 to have best access to available aid. (UMCP deadline is January 1)
- **FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP**  
**October 23rd at 12PM / December 11th at 6PM**

# 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>



# WHAT TO DO NOW

WHERE TO START THIS SUMMER  
AND NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

# 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

# COUNSELOR CASELOADS

- A-Den - Mrs. Cochran (jcochran@aacps.org)
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