



**ARUNDEL HIGH**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**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

**\*Due to time constraints, we will not be able to discuss your students schedule for this year. If you have a scheduling concern, please email your counselor.\***

# GREEN FOLDERS

- Inside the folders:
  - College documents
  - ACT/SAT flyer
  - Naviance cheat sheet
  - College application checklist
  - Updated transcript as of 8/2019

# RISING SENIOR MEETINGS

Small groups with students' school counselor

- Reviewed graduation requirements and signed Senior Contracts
- Created goals in Naviance
- Discussed Post-Secondary Planning

## Return with Parent Signature:

- High School Graduation Notification Agreement (Senior Contract)
- Release of Records / Diploma Request (2 sided)
- **If we did not receive your signed copy, your counselor will contact you in the fall**

# PARKING

- Information about parking is on [Arundelhigh.org](http://Arundelhigh.org). Student may not park without permit- please read policy and application info on the website.
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- Ms. Smith- Assistant Principal  
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# CLASS INFO

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  - Ms. Lange
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- Important dates and info will be posted on website once determined

# 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

# **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

## **6:30-7:00**

- College Workshop- Auditorium, presented by: AHS counselors and Mr. Behringer (AACCC rep)
- Military/Career/Trade school- Career center, presented by: Mr. Henderson
- Q and A- 7:00-7:30 in the auditorium with AHS counselors





# COLLEGE

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE  
ADMISSION

# 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

# TWO YEAR COLLEGES

Award up through associate level degrees

Popular local options include:

Anne Arundel Community College  
Community College of Baltimore County  
Allegany College- on campus housing

<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- [kbehringer@aacc.edu](mailto:kbehringer@aacc.edu)

## GETTING STARTED

1

APPLY FOR  
ADMISSION

2

PLACEMENT  
TESTING

3

MEET WITH  
AN ADVISOR

4

REGISTER  
FOR CLASSES

5

ATTEND  
ORIENTATION

6

PAYMENT



# 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

## ENTRANCE EXAMS

Usually requires SAT or ACT scores

## GPA REQUIREMENTS

Varies by school. Ranges normally starts at 2.5 with some as high as 4.0+

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Bachelor's degree in a specific major

## APPLICATION PERIOD

Opens in August. Best to apply by December

## FINANCIAL AID

Usually offer financial aid

## FAFSA

Required. Priority deadline as early as Dec 1.

## ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Usually available.

# College Admission Testing

SAT Dates (Anticipated)	ACT Dates
August 24, 2019	September 14, 2019
October 5, 2019	October 26, 2019
November 2, 2019	December 14, 2019
December 7, 2019	February 8, 2020
March 14, 2020	April 4, 2020
May 2, 2020	June 13, 2020
June 6, 2020	July 18, 2020

- Colleges use best combination of scores
- Exams can be taken more than once
- Arundel juniors took the SAT in the spring 2019
- Scores must be sent directly to colleges ([collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) and [act.org](http://act.org))

**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
- 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)

# NAVIANCE/ FAMILY CONNECTION

**Naviance should become your child's best friend...**

- 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

# NCAA

## Student Athletes

- Create a certification account on NCAA Clearinghouse (there is a fee) for any college sport D1 and D2
- Create a “profile account” for D3
- Make sure you request that your transcript to be sent through Clearinghouse by your counselor (email your counselor)
- Must meet minimum requirements (specific courses, GPA, test scores)

**Ryan Woods (Arundel Athletic Director)**

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# 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 DEADLINES

## EARLY ACTION

- **Not Binding**
- Earlier deadline and earlier notification of acceptance.
- Reassess options and apply elsewhere if not accepted.
- Must take the October SAT in order for these scores to make it to the college in time.

## REGULAR DECISION:

- Deadlines typically January/February
- Acceptance notifications usually March/April

## EARLY DECISION

- **Binding**
  - Student **MUST** attend this school if accepted

# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- **Students must apply to college by:**

- Directly through the college website

OR

- Through a third party site (Common App, Coalition, etc.)

- **In order to get your documents sent to the schools you are applying to, you must:**

- Add the colleges to your Naviance (see cheat sheet)

- Request a transcript through Naviance AND paper form with payment

- Request letters of recommendation through Naviance and fill out paper forms

- **SAT/ACT scores must be sent through testing site.**

- **Career Center will be open during PRIDE for college process help. All college documents and extra forms will be available.**



# **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**  
**11/14/19 @ 6pm**

**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.

## FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP

**October 15th at 12pm**

**December 5th at 1pm**

**February 6th at 6pm**

# Scholarship Resources

- **Naviance**
- [www.arundelscholarships.edublogs.org](http://www.arundelscholarships.edublogs.org)
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- <http://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- Scholly app



# WHAT TO DO NOW

WHERE TO START THIS SUMMER  
AND NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

# NEXT STEPS

1. Submit college applications through website
2. Add colleges to Naviance (Colleges I'm Applying To)
3. Ask Teachers/Counselor for Recommendation Letters through Naviance and paper form
4. Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges you are applying to
5. Request transcripts via Naviance and paper form
6. Fill out the FASFA once available
7. Research scholarship opportunities
8. Visit the Career Center during Pride Period (A103)

# COUNSELOR CASELOADS

- **A-C** – Mrs. Cochran (jcochran@aacps.org)
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