



**CLASS OF**

**2019**

**SENIOR PARENT MEETING**

**CENTENNIAL HS COUNSELING**

# PARENT MEETING GOALS:

- TO EQUIP YOU WITH THE INFORMATION & RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR YOU TO ASSIST YOUR STUDENT(S) THROUGH CAREER EXPLORATION, AND THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS
- TO ANSWER SENIOR-RELATED QUESTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO SQUELCH MUCH OF YOUR SENIOR-RELATED FEARS
- TO PROVIDE TIPS FROM COLLEGE RECRUITERS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW


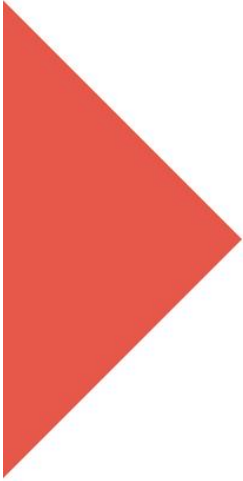




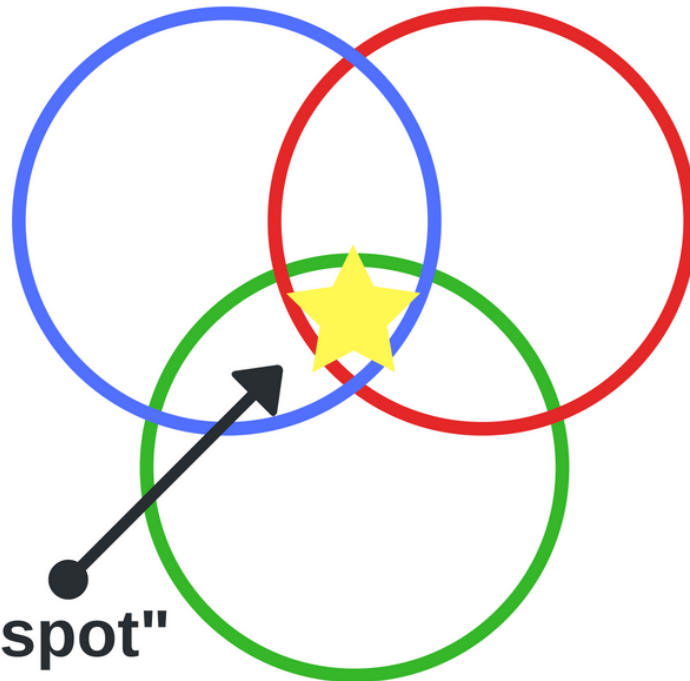
# MR. SCOTT KAUFMAN

- Is the parent of two Centennial graduates
- Has been helping organizations hire top talent for over 20 years as a recruiter
- The founder of My Career IQ dot **NET**, where they *"equip students with a plan for future career success."*

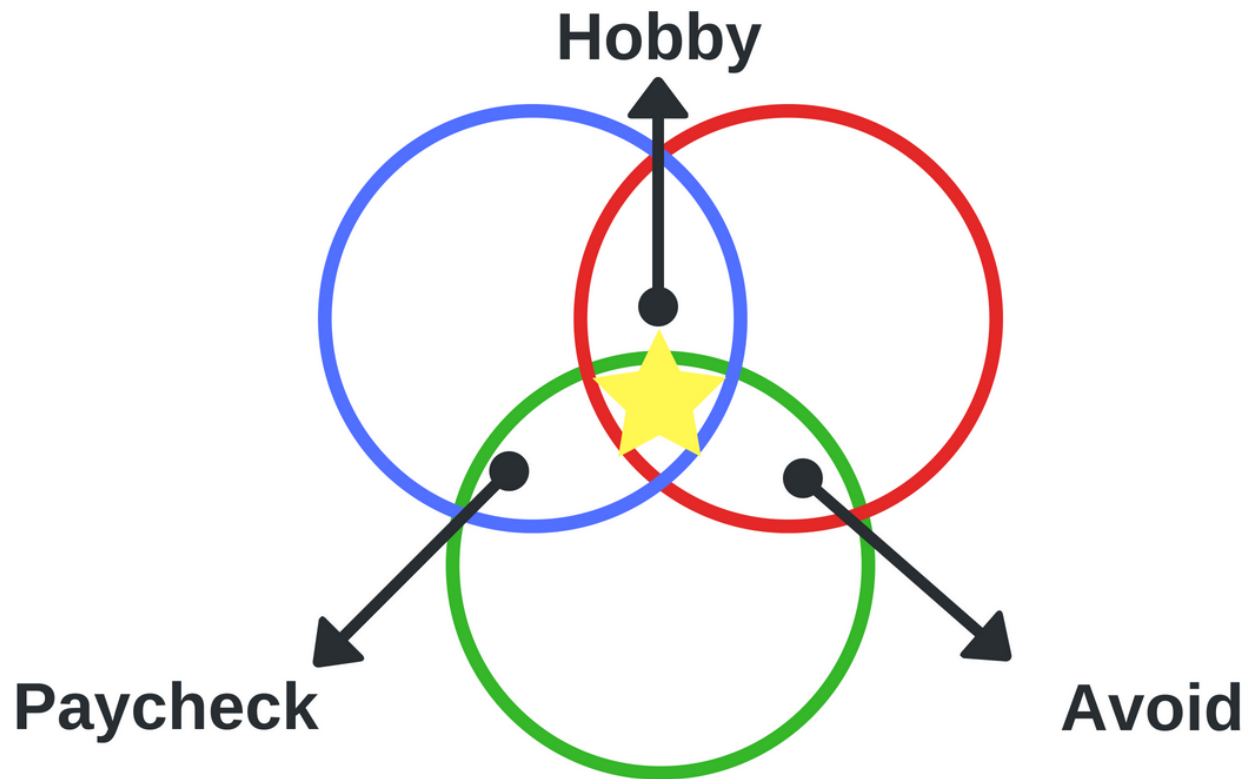
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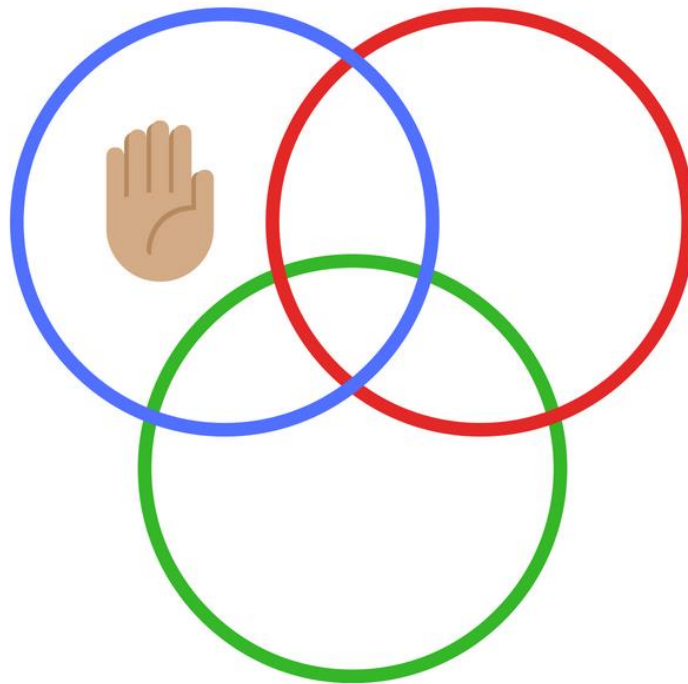
- Rising cost of college
- Student loan debt
- Graduation rates
- Graduation "on time"
- Competitiveness
- Regrets
- Lack of engagement/fulfillment



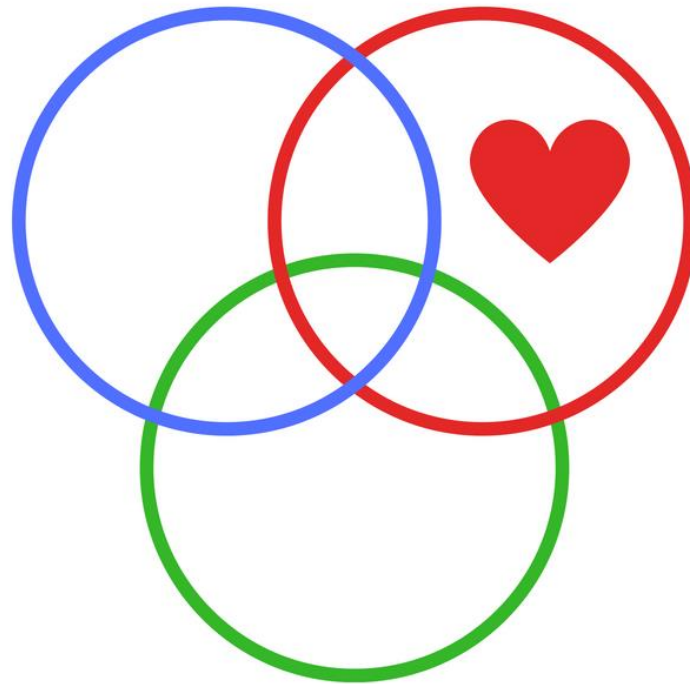
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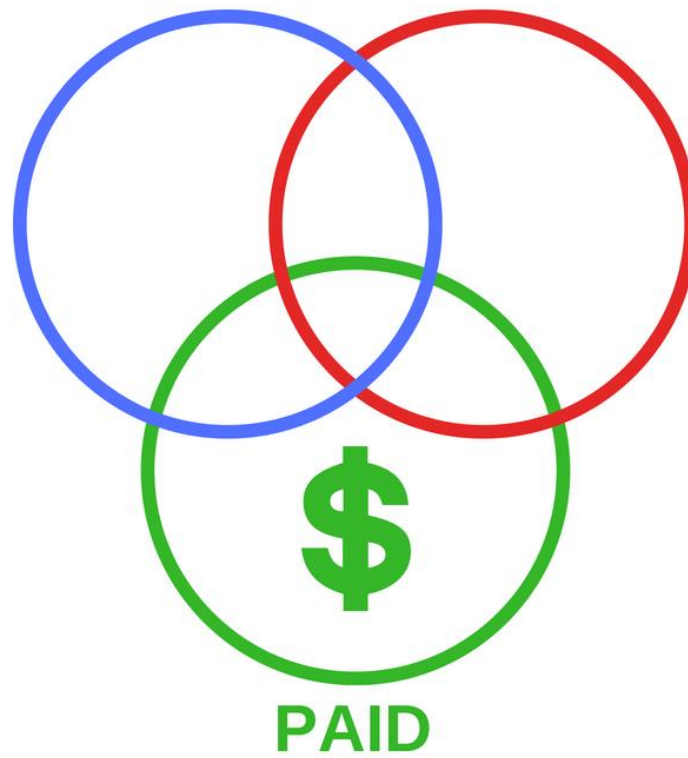
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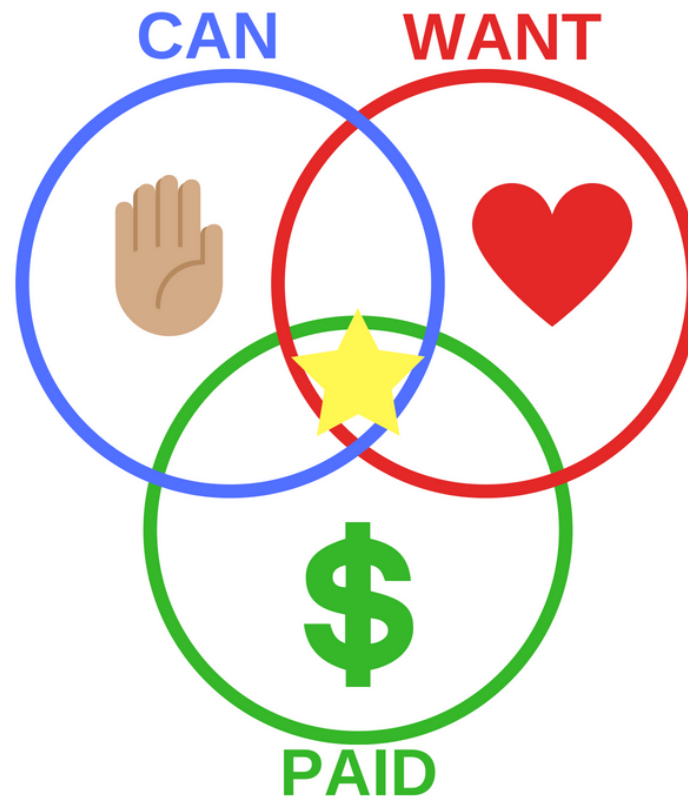


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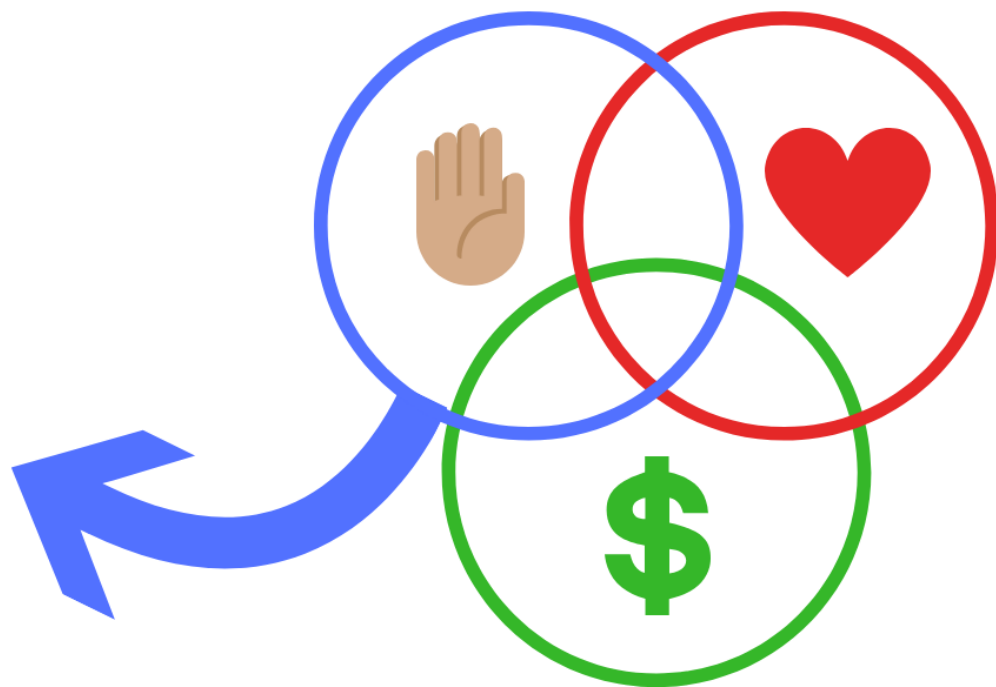
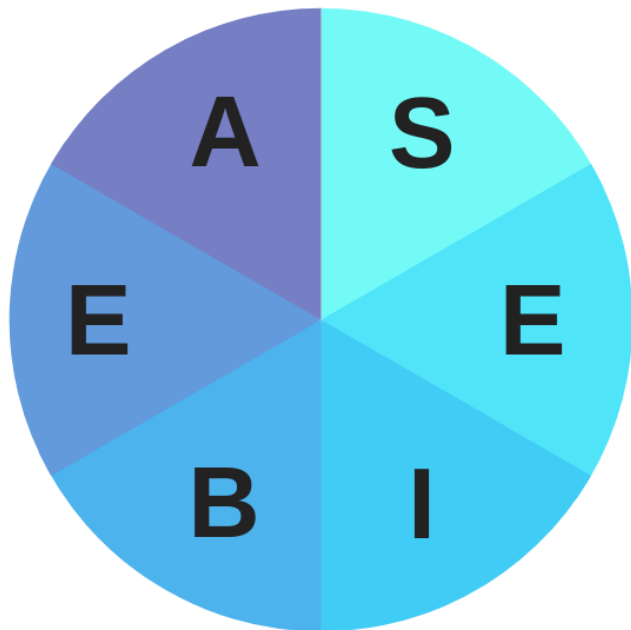


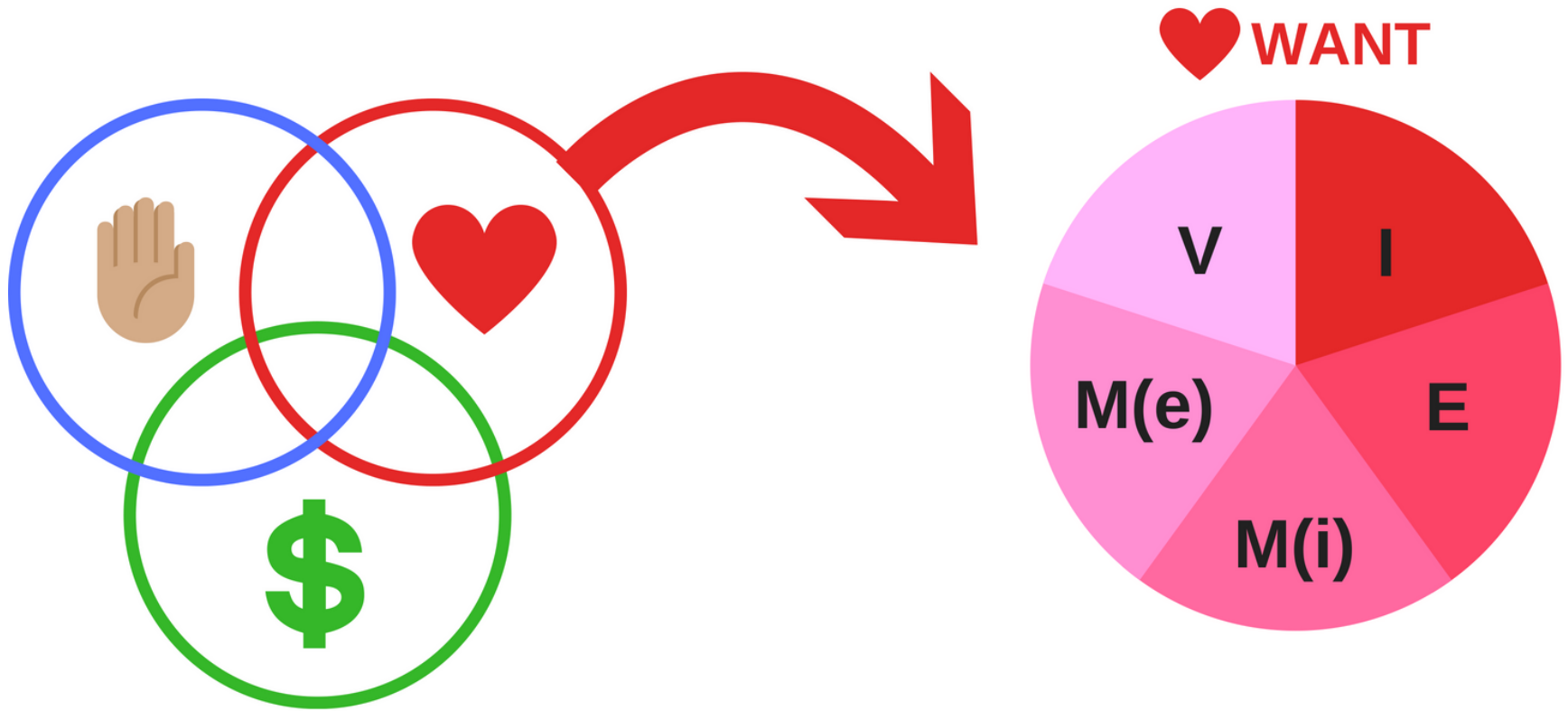




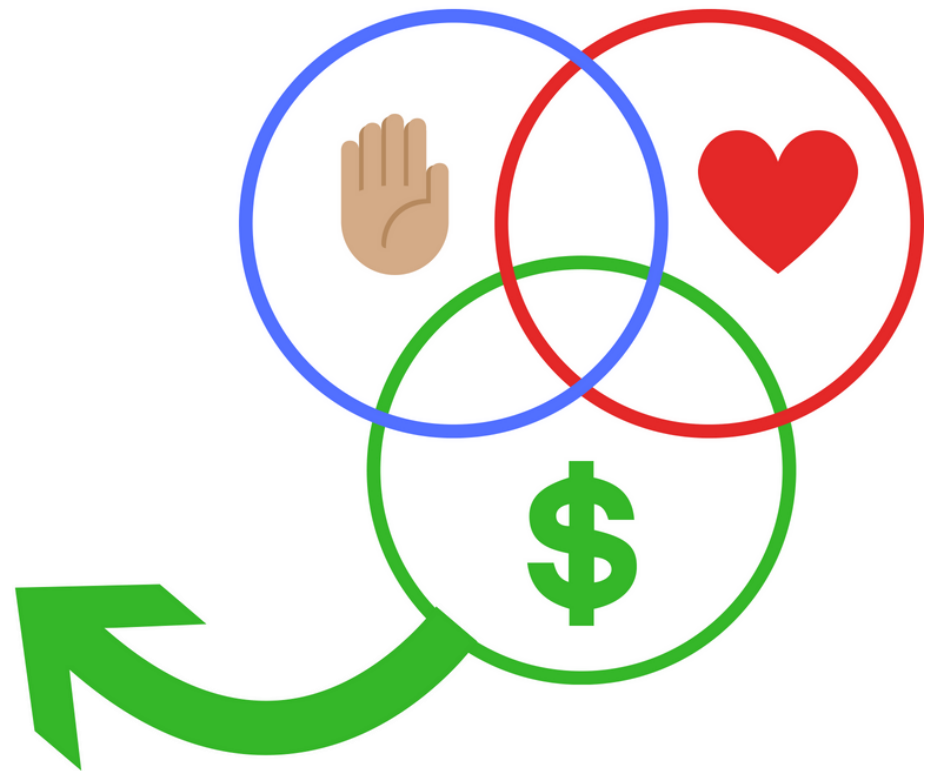
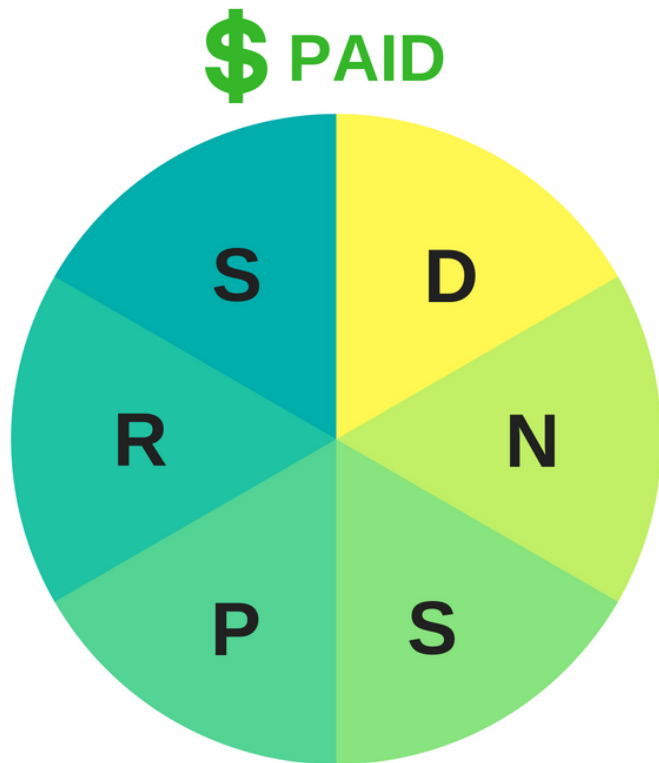


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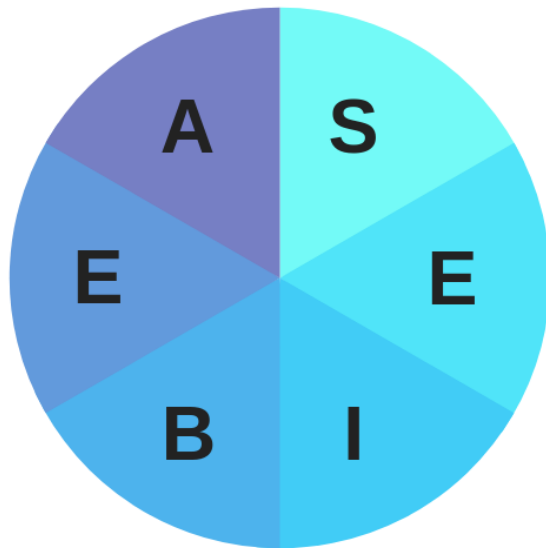




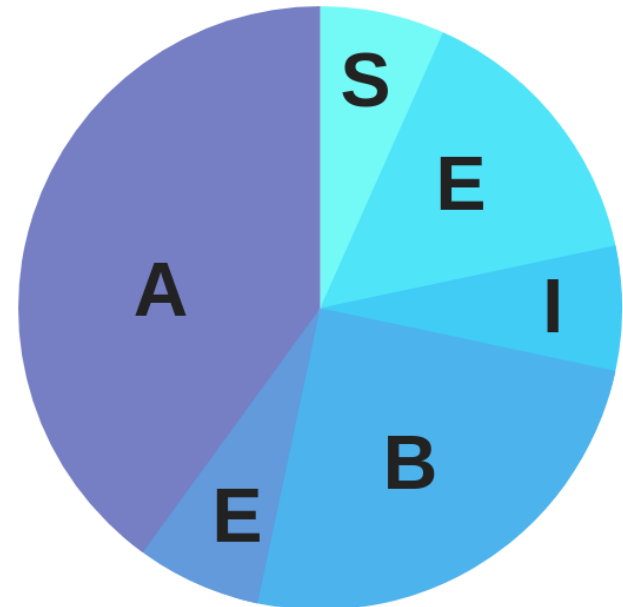




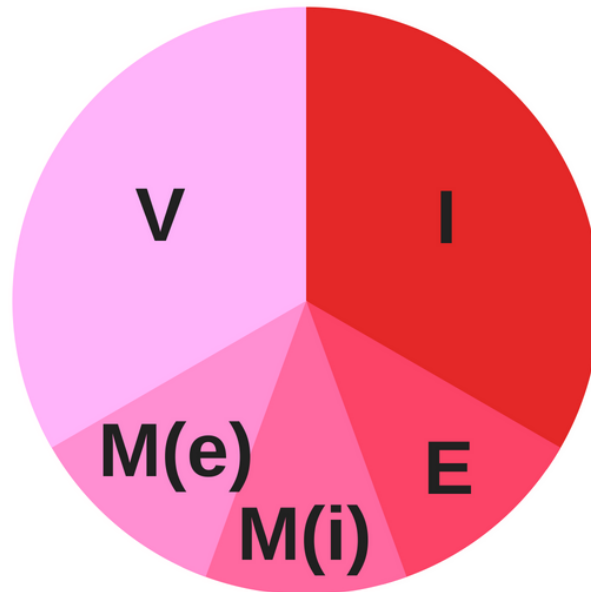
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# Resources

1. "9 Things Every Parent & Teen Should Know...  
Before They Go to College"
2. 15 Minute free, no-obligation consulting session **(first 20)**
3. Presentation notes (with detail)

ScottK@MyCareerIQ.net email and ask for #1, #2, #3, or all  
(678) 879-7980





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# CENTENNIAL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



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**FEARS.....**

**THE OUTCOME**

**IT IS TYPICAL TO HAVE  
FEARS ABOUT THE  
COLLEGE  
APPLICATION PROCESS  
AFFORDABILITY  
APPLICATION TIMELINE**



**THE CLASS OF 2019 HAS RECEIVED MUCH  
INSTRUCTION AND MANY RESOURCES TO PREPARE THEM FOR  
SENIOR YEAR & THEIR POST-SECONDARY PURSUITS**



Freshman Classroom Guidance (4 parts)
Sophomore Classroom Guidance (2 parts)
Junior Classroom Guidance (3 parts)
Junior Advisement
Senior Guidance & Senior Blitz



# OVERCOMING THE FEARS ABOUT COLLEGE ONE STEP AT A TIME

1. IDENTIFY THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OF BEST FIT
2. COMPLETE THE APPLICATION
3. REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT/ LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
4. SAT/ACT/ACCUPLACER TESTS
5. ESSAY
6. TRACK YOUR PROGRESS





# CHOOSING A COLLEGE

STEP 1:





# COLLEGE QUICK TIPS: COLLEGE SELECTION



“Pay attention to the college environment and not your friends. Consider your options, not your friends’ options.”



“Be sure the student is paying attention to the campus opportunities: opportunities to lead, grow & develop. Help them plan a PLAN B.”



“Visit the college.”



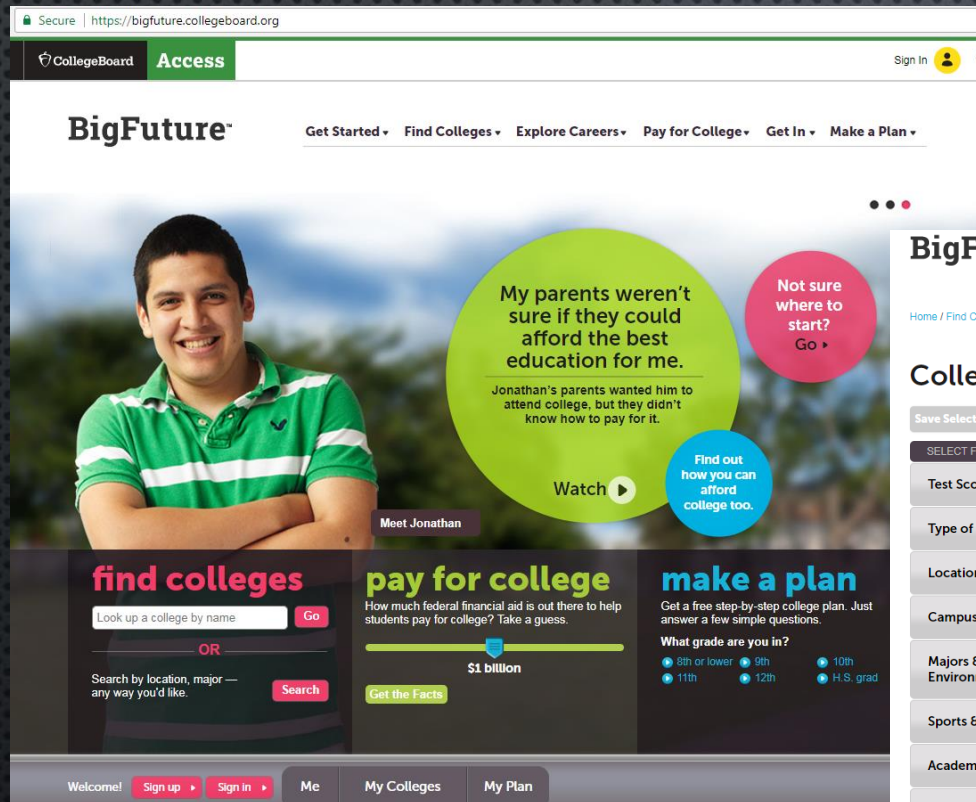
“Help plan student’s college visits. Make sure they are happy with their choice. Happiness effects grades & performance.”



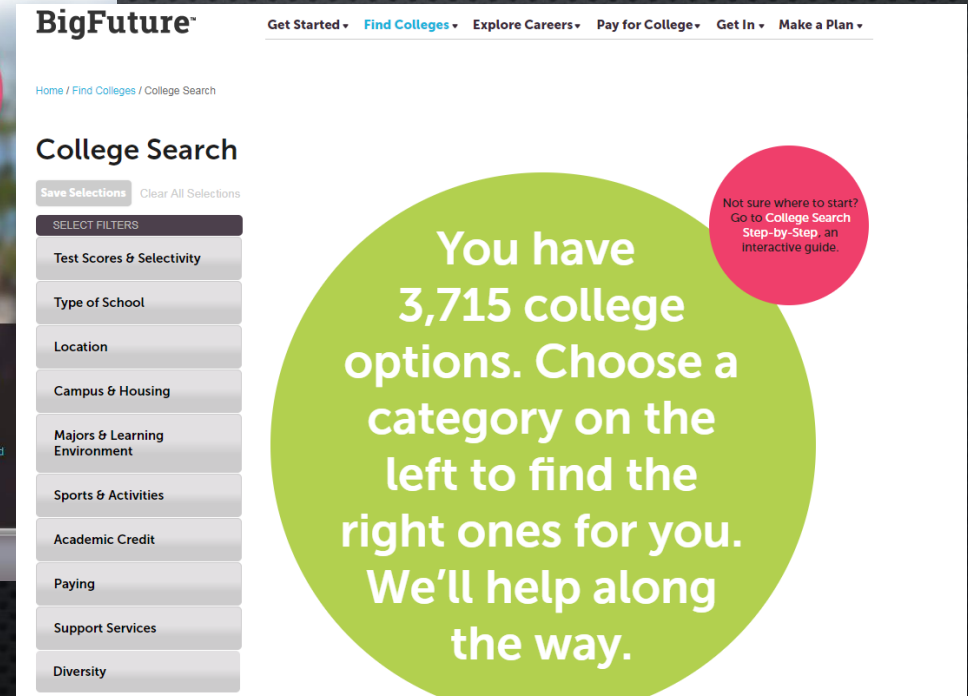
“Help your student self-assess ahead of time so that the student knows what they want from a college/university.”

# HELPFUL RESOURCE

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>



The screenshot shows the BigFuture homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'CollegeBoard Access' and a 'Sign In' button. Below this is a main navigation menu with links: 'Get Started', 'Find Colleges', 'Explore Careers', 'Pay for College', 'Get In', and 'Make a Plan'. The main content area features a large image of a smiling young man, Jonathan, with a 'Meet Jonathan' button. To his right are two circular callouts: a green one stating 'My parents weren't sure if they could afford the best education for me. Jonathan's parents wanted him to attend college, but they didn't know how to pay for it.' with a 'Watch' button, and a pink one asking 'Not sure where to start? Go >'. Below the main image are three sections: 'find colleges' with a search bar and 'Go' button, 'pay for college' with a slider showing '\$1 billion' and a 'Get the Facts' button, and 'make a plan' with a 'Get a free step-by-step college plan' button. At the bottom, there's a footer with 'Welcome!', 'Sign up', 'Sign in', 'Me', 'My Colleges', and 'My Plan'.



The screenshot shows the BigFuture College Search page. The navigation bar is similar to the homepage. The main heading is 'College Search' with a breadcrumb trail 'Home / Find Colleges / College Search'. Below this are two buttons: 'Save Selections' and 'Clear All Selections'. A 'SELECT FILTERS' section lists various categories: 'Test Scores & Selectivity', 'Type of School', 'Location', 'Campus & Housing', 'Majors & Learning Environment', 'Sports & Activities', 'Academic Credit', 'Paying', 'Support Services', and 'Diversity'. To the right of these filters is a large green circle with the text 'You have 3,715 college options. Choose a category on the left to find the right ones for you. We'll help along the way.' A pink circle next to it says 'Not sure where to start? Go to College Search Step-by-Step, an interactive guide.'



# UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

**HARVARD/PRINCETON/YALE**

Information Session (7pm- 8:30pm)

Westin Perimeter

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: [HPUWY.com](http://HPUWY.com)

**OCTOBER 7, 2018**

NACAC STEM FAIR (1pm - 4pm)

Cobb Galleria Center

**OCTOBER 29, 2018**

NACAC PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS FAIR (7pm - 9pm)

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center

**OCTOBER 30, 2018**

National Hispanic College Fair (9am-12pm)

Cross Keys H.S





# COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

STEP 2:





# COLLEGE QUICK TIPS: THE APPLICATION



**"Deadlines....pay attention!"**



**"Parents, make the student do the work."**



**"Let the student go through the process;  
it teaches them self-advocacy."**



**"Tell your student not to wait until the  
last minute; deadlines are hard."**



# KNOW YOUR DEADLINES

MEETING YOUR DEADLINE = ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED

## Early Decision

- **Binding** (Cannot Apply to Other Colleges)
- Emory

## Early Action

- **Not Binding**
- UGA and GA Tech
- If Deferred, student can reapply under Regular Decision

## Regular Decision

- **Not Binding**
- UGA and Georgia Tech

## Rolling Admissions

- Review of application is on-going
- Kennesaw State; May deadline/notifications on-going

## Open Admissions

- Review of application is on-going
- Deadlines and Notifications vary

# THE COLLEGE'S ADMISSION WEBPAGE



Create an account



Review & submit the required documents



Use the application status check



**Parts of an application are not typically sent or received at the same time**

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION



COALITION for ACCESS,  
AFFORDABILITY, and SUCCESS



*MyUGA Portal*  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Helpful  
Tips

# COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

**Preview the  
application so  
that you know  
what to have  
on hand**

**Have all info you  
need on hand**

- resume
- list of school & community activities
- contact info for letters of recommendations
- family/parent history
- GPA on a 100 point scale (Student Access Center)

**Save your  
work as  
you go**

**Include  
Application  
Fee**

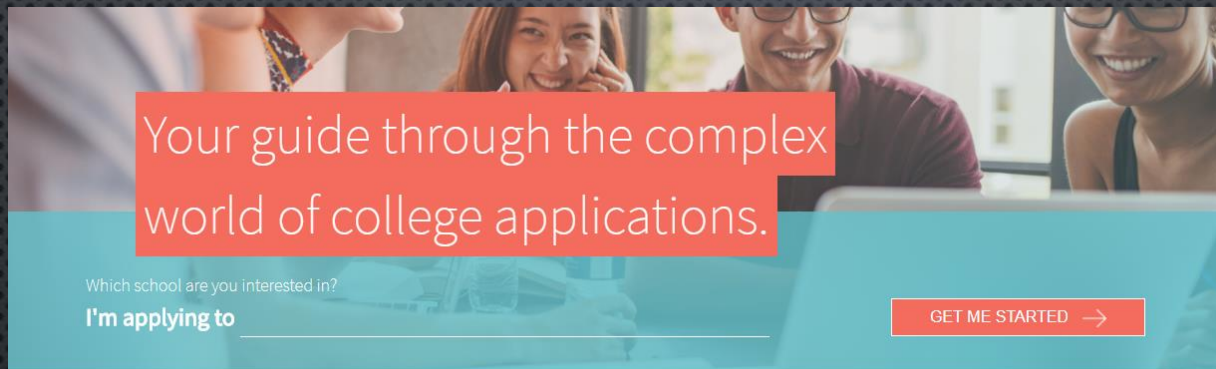
**Check  
Spelling and  
Grammar**

**SUBMIT!**



# HELPFUL RESOURCE

<http://www.makemeafreshman.com>



Understand and organize your specific requirements for applying to college and financial aid. Get everything you need in one place!

- ✓ Applications
- ✓ Supplements
- ✓ Teacher Recommendations
- ✓ Standardized Testing
- ✓ Financial Aid
- ✓ Honors Programs
- ✓ Interviews
- ✓ And more!

My checklist ADD A COLLEGE ADD OWN TASKS

DONE	TASK	LIST	DEADLINE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submit the UC Application.	University of California Berkeley	November 30, 2016
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submit test scores for the SAT or ACT with Writing.	University of California Berkeley	November 30, 2016
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pay the \$75 application fee or submit a Fee Waiver.	Harvard College	January 1, 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit the School Report with your official high school transcript and a recommendation from a counselor.	Harvard College	January 1, 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit Harvard College's supplement to the Common Application.	Harvard College	January 1, 2017
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submit a College Application Essay to the University of California Berkeley.	University of California Berkeley	November 30, 2016



# OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS & LOR'S

STEP 3:



# REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

## THE PROCESS

### STEP ONE:

STUDENTS WILL PICK UP THEIR PARCHMENT REGISTRATION CODE FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

### STEP TWO:

STUDENTS WILL ENTER THE PARCHMENT WEBSITE VIA  
[www.Parchment.com](http://www.Parchment.com)

### STEP THREE:

STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW THE SCREEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCOUNT REGISTRATION AND TRANSCRIPT RELEASE



# REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS & LORs

## TRANSCRIPTS

All transcript releases will occur through PARCHMENT.

## LORs

Students will send the electronic notification to the attention of their counselor. Students will also complete a recommendation request form to assist counselors in tracking LOR requests.

If the college/university requires a **COUNSELOR letter of recommendation**, enter the counselor's name & e-mail address, in the online college application, where counselor information is requested. If a **TEACHER** letter of recommendation is required, enter the teacher's name & e-mail address in the application where requested.

Attach a copy of the **SENIOR PROFILE** to the recommendation request form, or e-mail/deliver the form to the counselor directly.

Students should track the delivery of their transcript and/or LORs, through their college account, to ensure that they have been received by the college/university.



# SENIOR PROFILE FORM

## CHS SENIOR PROFILE: Student Questionnaire

### REQUIRED FOR LETTERS of RECOMMENDATIONS

Letters of Recommendation must be requested at least 10 school days in advance of your deadline.

If you are requesting a letter of recommendation from your counselor for a college application or scholarship, you are required to complete this form. This information will assist your counselor in writing a recommendation which will fully highlight you and your accomplishments. The more specific details you can give us, the more thorough your recommendation will be.

Once completed, save this file and email it to your counselor or print it out and turn it in to the counseling office along with a letter of recommendation request and the **parent portion** of the CHS Senior Profile.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher References (please name at least 4 current CHS teachers your counselor can contact for additional input or supply email addresses for current non-CHS teachers):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Colleges to which you will likely apply:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Possible college major(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Possible career goal(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What factors are of primary importance in your selection of a college (size, location, cost, degrees offered, reputation, athletics, etc.) and why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what activities would you like to participate in college?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (Clubs, athletics, performing arts, etc.—including summer)

Activity	Grade Level(s)	Duties and/or Offices Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Organization	Grade Level(s)	Honor/Award
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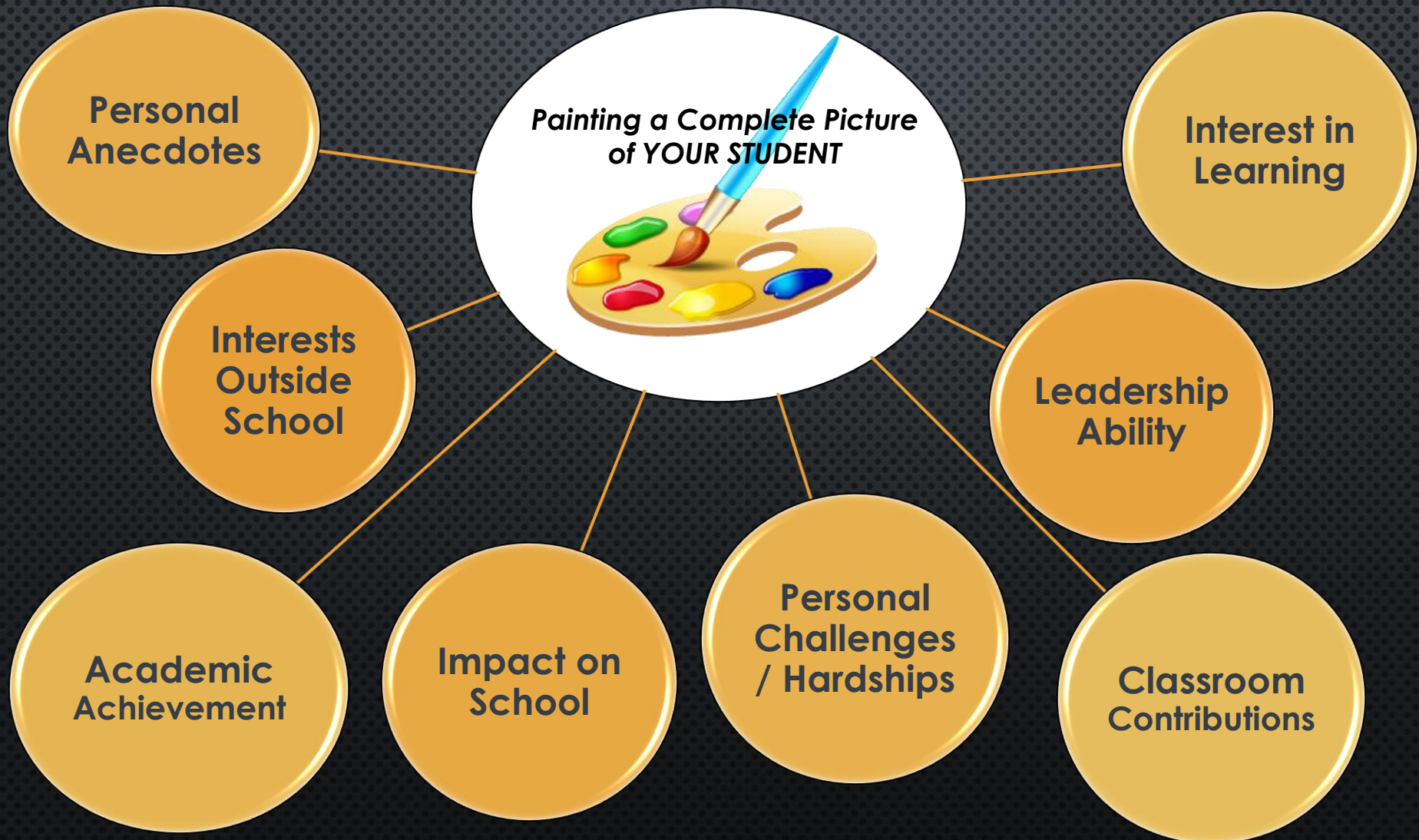
Which single SCHOOL ACTIVITY do you consider most significant and why?

Which single COMMUNITY ACTIVITY do you consider most significant and why?

Which HONOR OR AWARD has meant the most to you and why?

Describe the academic accomplishment (paper, project, etc.) of which you are most proud, and describe why you take pride in it:

# WHAT COLLEGES WANT IN A LETTER OF REC





# OTHER RECOMMENDATION WRITERS



- TEACHERS, COACHES/CLUB SPONSORS, MENTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ETC. MAY SERVE AS RECOMMENDERS
- ASK THE RECOMMENDER FOR PERMISSION FIRST
- PROVIDE THE RECOMMENDER A COPY OF YOUR SENIOR PROFILE
- PROVIDE A MINIMUM NOTICE OF 10 SCHOOL DAYS
- SUBMIT RECOMMENDERS NAME & E-MAIL INTO ONLINE APPLICATION

If the college does not require a letter of recommendation, they will not accept or review any letters submitted.



# ENTRANCE EXAMS

STEP 4:





# COLLEGE QUICK TIPS: ENTRANCE EXAMS



**"Test early and shoot for SCHOLARSHIP scores, not just admission scores."**



**"Test early for early application and scholarship opportunities."**

# ENTRANCE EXAMS: SAT, ACT & ACCUPLACER

**SAT** ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)) and  
**ACT** ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))

- Create your account
- Register for the test (select a date and location, upload a picture, and make the payment)
- Receive test scores
- Send scores to selected colleges (before and/or after exam)

## ACCUPLACER TEST

- Placement test accepted at most 2 year colleges
- Colleges proctor this exam on their campuses





# SAT/ACT PREP

## 2017-18 Mock Test Schedule at Centennial High School



Mock tests are an excellent tool for sophomores and juniors to use in determining their test prep strategies for their college exams. College bound students should try to take one of these practice exams prior to taking the real thing.

**September 30** - Mock SAT Saturday, 9am - 1:30 am  
(event code M266044)

**October 14** - SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test Saturday, 9am-1:30pm  
(event code M266045)

**November 4** - Mock ACT Saturday, 9am - 1:15 pm  
(event code M266046)

**February 3** - Mock SAT Saturday, 9am - 1:30 pm  
(event code M266047)

**March 3** - Mock ACT Saturday, 9am - 1:15 pm  
(event code M266048)

**March 24** - SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test Saturday, 9am-1:30pm  
Cafeteria (event code M266049)

To register, go to [applerouth.com/signup](http://applerouth.com/signup) and enter the event code. Cost is \$5. Money goes towards Centennial PTSA

## Centennial High School Students: We Have Your Prep



Build a foundation for success with 15 hours of targeted instruction.

### Features

Hours: 15 hours of in-person instructor-led prep

Practice Tests: 3 proctored and 13 additional available tests

Study tools: Access to additional video lessons and online practice drills



Fall 2017-18 Classes				
Test	Day of Week	Class Times	Start Date	End Date
October SAT	Tuesday	4:00 – 6:30PM	August 26	October 3
October ACT	Wednesday	4:00 – 6:30PM	September 9	October 25
November SAT	Thursday	4:00 – 6:30PM	September 23	November 2
December ACT	Monday	4:00 – 6:30PM	October 21	December 4

\*All Classes have 3 Practice Tests on Saturday mornings at 9:00AM

## Course only \$125

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1-800-2REVIEW (800-273-8439) | [PrincetonReview.com](http://PrincetonReview.com)  
Atlanta Local Office: 1-800-273-8439 ext. 1070

Fulton County BOE has a limited number of scholarships available if you receive a free or reduced lunch. Visit [survey.monkey.com/r/FCS-Scholarships](http://survey.monkey.com/r/FCS-Scholarships) to apply.  
\*Test names are the registered trademarks of their respective owners, who are not affiliated with The Princeton Review. The Princeton Review is not affiliated with Princeton University.



# I HAVEN'T TESTED YET...CAN I STILL APPLY?

REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE UPCOMING TESTS:

SAT TEST DATES	
2018 TEST DATES	2019 TEST DATES
August 25, 2018	March 9, 2019
October 6, 2018	April 3, 2019 <small>some schools offer the April SAT for free at school</small>
November 3, 2018	May 4, 2019
December 1, 2018	June 1, 2019
ACT TEST DATES	
2018 Test Dates	2019 Test Dates
September 8, 2019	February 9, 2019 (in NJ)
October 27, 2018	April 13, 2019
December 8, 2018	June 8, 2018



**YES**



**NO**

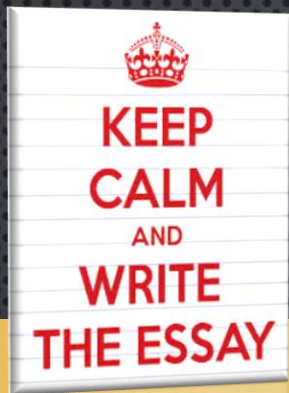
Applications are incomplete until EVERYTHING has been received by the college, INCLUDING TEST SCORES



# THE ESSAY

STEP 5:





# The College Application Essay

## Tips

Select the Best Topic & Subject for you

Answer the Question

Accentuate the Positive

Research the College Before Writing the Essay

Invest in a Strong Intro

## Mistakes

Don't Exceed the Requested Essay Length

Don't Rely on Your Computer's Spell Check

Don't Rehash the Resume

Don't Overuse the Thesaurus

Don't Wait until the Last Minute

# WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP...

## Help your student finalizing their List of Colleges

- College Reps
- College Campus Visits
- College Fairs
- Websites: College admissions websites and [www.gcic.peachnet.edu](http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu)

## Assist your student through the application

- Review the College Application Checklist for each college
- Help your student outline a timeline for completion of each required component
- Follow up on any areas your student may not have started yet
- [www.makemeafreshman.com](http://www.makemeafreshman.com) is a useful tool to keep track of deadlines

## Get Started

- Designate a time for your student to complete the application
- Ensure that your student has submitted each separate application requirement
- Remind your student to monitor their application status
- Contact the college's office of admissions with application status questions

## Financial Aid Questions?

- Counselors will be entering senior classrooms again in January for a Financial Aid lesson
- Complete FAFSA (starting in October)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) has a lot of great information regarding financial aid options



# 2018 COLLEGE WEEK: OCTOBER 15-19

## CENTENNIAL'S APPLY TO COLLEGE DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

ALL SENIOR ENGLISH CLASSES

College Week Events  
of Special Interest to Seniors





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Coach

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Seniors 2019



SAT/ACT Prep



New Enrollment



Dual Enrollment



Rising 9th  
Graders

# JOIN THE CLASS OF 2019 REMIND

If you don't have a smartphone,  
get text notifications.

Text the message @19knight to the  
number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try  
texting @19knight to (678) 379-5874.

*\* Standard text message rates apply.*





# COLLEGE QUICK TIPS: GENERAL ADVICE



**"Encourage students to read each application carefully as the answers to their questions will most likely be in the application."**



**"Talk to your college admissions counselor. We are your most underutilized resource."**



**"Students are always encouraged to ASK if they do not understand something about the application process – we are here to aid them in that!"**



thank you!



**We are looking forward to a great year!**

**How did we do?**

*Tell us with a review.*



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRMTGFEEEDBACK>