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To College. Through College.

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THE COLLEGE CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL FALL EDITION 2020

THE ROAD TO COLLEGE

IT ALL STARTS WITH YOUR COLLEGEBOUND SPECIALIST

A CollegeBound Specialist is available in select high schools for students and parents/guardian to make the path to college easier and less expensive. Schools are opening virtually this fall and it is very important for students to check in with their Specialist to customize a plan to meet their needs, which may include:

- Choosing colleges that fit their proposed major, as well as the location and size wanted. We do this by helping students search the Internet, use resources in Naviance, participate in virtual college tours and attend virtual meetings with college admissions representatives.
- Assisting students through the college application processes, provide college application waivers for qualified applicants, and following up to ensure application deadlines are met.
- Assisting with the financial aid process. This includes assisting with filing out and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), applying for scholarships, and following up to ensure application deadlines are met.

Please click on the Virtual Advising QR Code, call or email your Specialist to make an appointment - they are a valuable resource for you and your family.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

**NACAC:
COLLEGE FAIRS ONLINE:**

www.nacacfairs.org/virtual
www.collegefairsonline.com

Sept. 13, Oct. 12, Nov. 8
Nov. 16-21

QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING A VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR

DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A LIBERAL ARTS, TECHNICAL, OR PRE-PROFESSIONAL FOCUS?

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF FRESHMAN RETURN FOR THEIR SOPHOMORE YEAR?

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THAT ARE OFFERED?

WHAT TYPES OF FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DRAMA, MUSIC, AND ATHLETICS?

HOW ARE FINANCIAL NEEDS MET?

1. Log on to Naviance*
2. Select "Colleges I'm Thinking About"
3. Then "+" Add Colleges to List"
4. Next "Lookup by" and use dropdown menu

5. Check the box to the left beside college
 6. Click on "Favorite" box on top right of screen
 7. REPEAT for every college
- *NEED YOUR PASSWORD? Email your CollegeBound advisor for help!

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) The FAFSA must be completed to determine your eligibility for federal, State and private student financial aid. The FAFSA becomes available October 1st and should be completed before March 1st as financial aid is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Here are some of the items you will need:

- Your FSA-ID number (student and parent). Go to www.fsa.gov to get started.
- Your Social Security number and your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a dependent.
- Your driver's license number - if you have one.
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a US Citizen.
- 2019 federal tax information for you and your parents if you are providing parental information. You will be able to submit the FAFSA even if you have not filed your taxes at the time, but you must still provide estimated income and tax information.
- Records of untaxed income, such as Social Security benefits, welfare benefits and veterans benefits for you and your parents.
- Information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for you and your parents.
- Scholarship and financial aid scams are out there; do not pay a fee for FAFSA completion and filing. Contact your CAPS if you need help completing the FAFSA or to get started, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

MARYLAND STATE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION (MSFAA) Undocumented seniors whose parents have paid US taxes the last three years and are planning to attend college should start their MSFAA. This application determines eligibility for Maryland need-based grants and scholarships and CollegeBound's Last Dollar Grant. MSFAA application students should create a MDCAPS account at <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us/MDCAPS/login.aspx>.

CSS/FINANCIAL AID PROFILE The PROFILE is an online application that collects information used by almost 400 private colleges and scholarship programs to award institutional aid funds. (All federal funds are awarded based on the FAFSA). Basic information you need to complete your PROFILE application and colleges that require it may be found at <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>.

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ADVISORS WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS THROUGH NAVIANCE, PHONE CALLS, EMAIL, ZOOM & TEXT TILL FURTHER NOTICE.

