

College Information Night

Career and Academic Counseling Office



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Our goals for tonight's session:

- 1. Introduce parents to the Career and Academic Counseling staff**
- 2. Provide a preview of part of the fall senior year schedule**
- 3. Alleviate some anxiety**
- 4. Keep parents informed**
- 5. Answer some of your questions**



- **Senior Questionnaire**
- **Parent Questionnaire**
- **Seniors then meet 1-1 with their counselor**
- **Applications and Essays**



These sessions include

- **Career and College Conversations & Decision making**
- **Job search, military, college**



If direct entry into the workforce:

- **Senior meeting/discussion is tailored to the specific interest of the student.**

If entry into the military is the goal:

- **The counselor will connect the student to a military recruitment officer to begin next steps.**



If college is the pathway:

- Visit college campuses
- Meet with admission reps at LA
- Research colleges
- Create a college list: 10-30
- SAT or test optional
- Testing <https://fairtest.org/>
- Fill out sections #1-4 CA
- Match Common App to Naviance
- Work on essays
- Counselor recommendation



Next steps if pathway is college

- Continue to research colleges
- Polish essays
- Finalize activities list
- Teacher recommendations:2
- First Trimester grades
- Narrow the college list:3-10
- Apply



Create a College List

Reach

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Target

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Safety

- 7.
- 8.
- 9.



Deadlines:

- **November 1st**
- **November 15th**
- **December 1st**
- **December 30th**
- **January 1st**
- **January 15th**
- **February 1st**
- **Rolling**

***All applications should be submitted
10 days before the due date**



Application deadline.....Admission decision

Early Decision...Early to mid-Nov/mid-Dec

Early Action.....Early to mid-Nov/mid-Dec

**Regular decision.....Early January to
mid-February Mid-March to early April**

**Rolling admission.....Varies:4-6 weeks
after submission**



Create an Appily Account (optional)

This is a great tool to help
students and parents
understand the college
landscape

Cappex is now Appily
link for the college search

<https://www.appily.com/>



How do I learn more about a particular school?

1. Google – Obvious, but true. Search interesting phrases like “What students really think about LMU” or “Grinnell students' forum.”

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/grinnell-college/>

Find students' perspective. What do alumni say? You're collecting quotations, ideas and phrases. Don't be afraid to quote, borrow and re-phrase.

2. Fiske Guide Online–

<https://www.amazon.com/Fiske-Guide-Colleges-2023-Edward/dp/1492665002>

It's long been one of the best resources for info about schools. It's online, it's searchable, and it's worth the \$20.

3. Unigo— <https://www.unigo.com/>

Read real student reviews. They're great because they're by actual students who aren't worried what the school thinks of what they say. (Official publications don't want to say anything too bad about a school, so most schools seem great.) Go to the Unigo section that asks “What's the stereotype of the students at your school?” and “Is the stereotype true?” If ten students in a row say the school is “intellectual, sporty, white,” chances are there's some truth to it. TIP: If the “stereotype” comments contradict one another (one student says “hippie school,” another says “nerdy,” and another says “jocks and frat boys,” that could be a sign that it's actually a pretty diverse school).



4. Books-

Remember books? The paper kind? Though much of the info is online, there are still a few good books with good info (available at your local bookstore or on Amazon.com):

- **The Insider's Guide to the Colleges: Students on Campus Tell You What You Really Want to Know**
- **Colleges That Change Lives (Loren Pope)**
<https://ctcl.org/>
- **The Best 388 Colleges (Princeton Review)**
<https://www.amazon.com/Best-388-Colleges-2023-Depth/dp/0593450965>



5. Real and virtual tours – The single best way to get to know a school is to go there. If you can, do it.

If you can't visit the school in person, go here:

- youuniversitytv.com-Tons of online tours.
- campustours.com-More online tours.

<https://campustours.com/>

• Type in the name of the school and “onlinetour.” Example: Hobart and William Smith Colleges

<https://www.hws.edu/admissions/virtual-visit.aspx>

TIP: Take at least five online tours (it'll take you about 30 minutes) so you can compare schools.

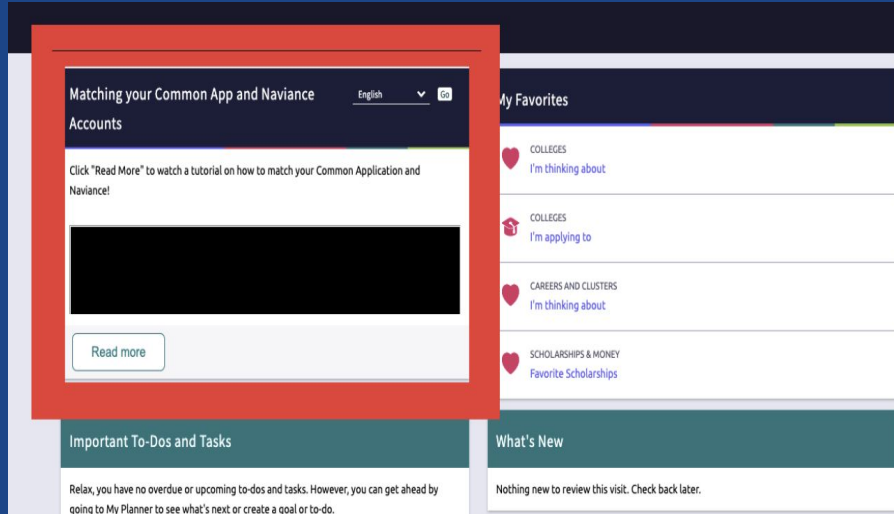
**Student and counselor
work together.**

Student responsibilities:

**Matching Common Application and
Naviance Accounts (Individual
Senior Meetings have just begun)**

**Completing and submitting the
application forms, essays, test
scores, and fee**

**Lincoln Academy responsibilities:
Submitting counselor and teacher
recommendations, secondary
school report, official transcript,
and school profile**





Financial Aid

- November 28, 2023 at 6:00pm: FAME presentation.
- FAFSA - opens in December, based on previous years taxes.
- FSA ID (www.FSAID.ed.gov)
- Parents may have a FAFSA account from an older child. These accounts last for 10 years.
- Please use this account.
- CSS Profile/Institution-Based Applications Deadlines



Senior Spring

Deadlines-Need to keep track of deadlines.

-November 1st and November 15th deadlines hear back 12/15 - February. Winter deadlines will hear back in March.

-Schedule a meeting to discuss outside scholarships (Naviance)

**-College visits - February break?
April break?**

-Students select and confirm with a school by May 1st.



International Students

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is still required
- International Student Application for College Admission
- Evidence of Financial Support
- International Student Financial Aid Application

Resources



Fairtest

<https://fairtest.org/>

Youvisit

<https://www.youvisit.com/>

CampusTours

<https://campustours.com/>

Common Application

<https://apply.commonapp.org/login>

Finance Authority of Maine

<https://www.famemaine.com/>

Naviance Link:

<https://student.naviance.com/lincolnacad>



Important Documents

- **Newsletter**
- **Student Questionnaire**
- **Parent/Guardian Questionnaire**
- **College website (tours, testing, deadlines, etc.)**



Questions?

**Ask us- all
questions are good
questions.**



**Thank you for supporting
your high school senior!**

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