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Hawbridge Family College Night

February 10, 2021

Agenda

- High School timeline
- The college search
- The application
- Financial Aid
- Questions





True or False

- Ms. Martin will sign students up to take the SAT
- Students need to take at least 4 AP courses
- Ms. Martin will help with application essay and resume writing
- Going to community college (first) is an excellent way to save money and improve your transcript.

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High School Timeline

9th-12th Grade



Throughout High School

- Maintain good grades
- Take appropriately challenging courses
 - AP, Honors, CCP
- Keep track of your extracurricular activities
- Stay busy and engaged!
- Explore colleges and various careers:
 - Career Day, college tours, college rep visits

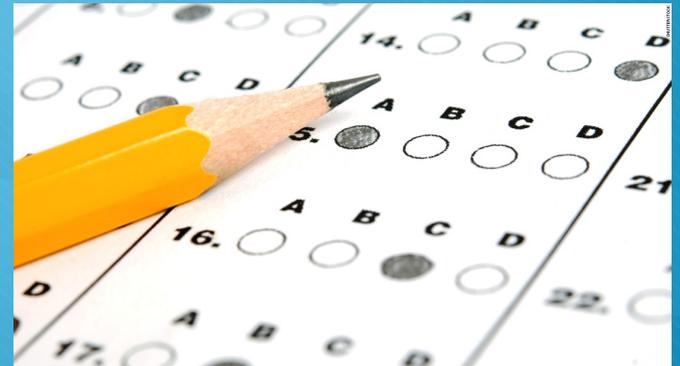


College Entrance Exam Timeline

- During a normal school year:
 - Fall 10th grade: PreACT
 - Spring 10th grade: PSAT10
 - Fall 11th grade: PSAT/NMSQT
 - Spring 11th grade: ACT
- SAT and ACT outside of school: which one? How many times? What score?

11th Grade Timeline

- PSAT/NMSQT, ACT
- Sign up for fall and spring SAT, ACT (Covid)
- Attend college visits and tours
- Maintain grades: Why?
- Volunteer, work, internship





12th Grade Timeline

- Identify 3-5 colleges
- Create Common App account
- Write Common App essay, complete application questions/info
- Request recommendations
- Due: mid-October to end of school year (rolling admissions)



Where and How to Apply

Searching for the right school and
completing applications

The College Search

- What school is right for YOU
 - Majors offered
 - Research application statistics
 - Family, Hawbridge alum
- Apply to different types of schools
 - Private, Public, etc
- Other resources
 - Colleges That Change Lives
 - Cfnc.org
 - Your school counselor, friends and family, etc



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UNC Chapel Hill Snapshot

- Acceptance rate: 22% overall, roughly 40% for in-state students
- 90% participated in community service
- 69% played a sport
- 66% contributed to a cause they believe in

UNC Acceptances from Hawbridge (2015-2021)

	Average	Range
SAT ERW	686	580-770
SAT Math	650	550-780
ACT	29	22-36
GPA	4.46	4.33-4.65
# of AP	4	3-6
# of Comm. College	2	0-6



What is the Common App?



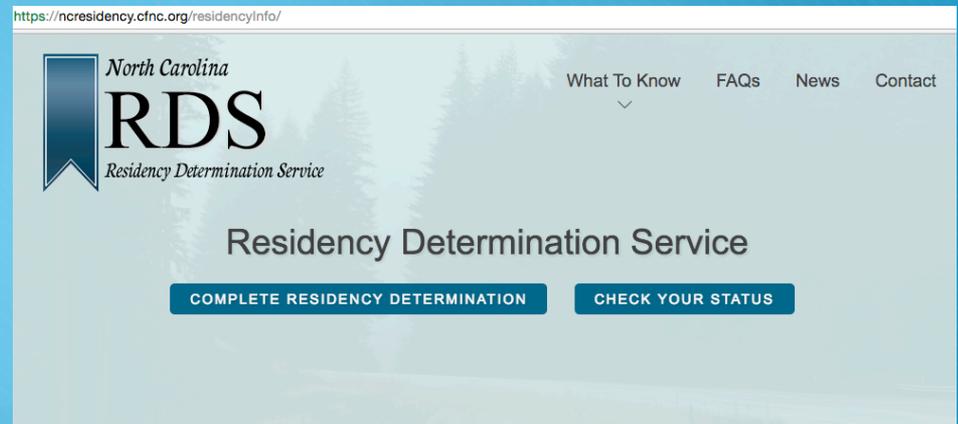
Application Essays

- Common App prompts released before summer break
- Share via Google Doc, and I'll provide comments and edits
- Stay within the word limit
- Make it professional, avoid grammatical errors and contractions
- Be creative! Get personal. Use your voice.
- Take a negative experience and turn it into a positive one!

NC Residency

- All students required to apply for a RCN via RDS
- You'll need it for all NC public and private institutions.

ncresidency.org





**Any general questions
about the Common App?**

...moving on to Financial Aid

Financial Aid: A brief overview

- FAFSA opens 10/1 of each year
 - What is the FAFSA?
 - Should I fill it out? YES!
 - Resources?
- Loans, grants, scholarships
- Should I even apply to an expensive school if I know I can't afford it?
- Hidden costs of college
- Where do I found out about scholarships?





Scholarships

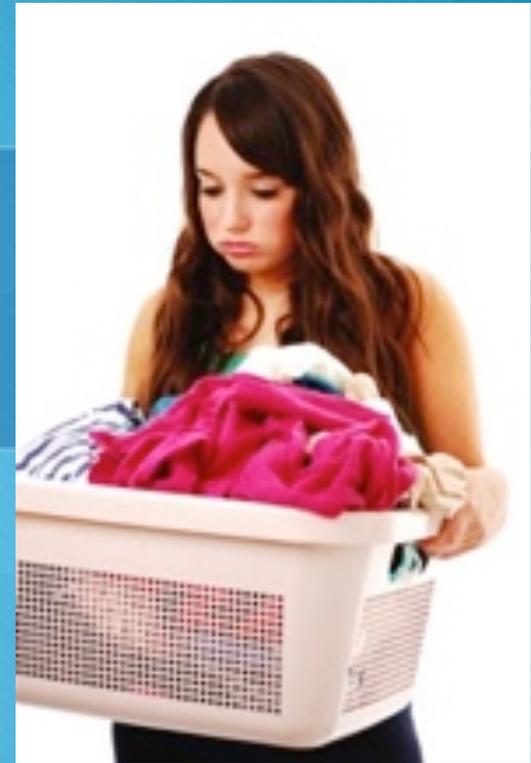
- Links posted on Twitter
 - CFNC
 - ABSS comprehensive guide
- These take time!
- Is there a scholarship your student wants to be nominated for? Let me know.
- Any financial aid questions?

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Last Thoughts

Take Responsibility

- Let your student take charge!
- Hold them accountable to deadlines
- Discuss financial aid
- Admissions reps do check over the FINAL transcript
- Communicate with me! Watch for scholarship postings on Twitter, senior update emails
- Be respectful of teachers





Summary of COVID Changes

- Many schools have already announced they will be test optional for next year's seniors
- You will not be penalized for lack of participation in athletics, clubs, organizations that are not currently offered

Questions?

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