



WASHBURN
MILLERS

The College Application Process

People to Know!



□ Counselors

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□ CCC Coordinators

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Works With

Last Names A-D

Last Names E-J

Last Names K-M

Last Names N-Sa

Last Names Sb-Z

All Students

All Students

Roles



□ Student

- Project Manager (aka “The Application Doer”, “The Appointment Maker”, “The Requester of Letters”)

□ Parent

- Provide supporting conversations
- Providing reality checks (financial resources, fit)

□ Counselor/Career Center Coordinator

- Answer questions
- Provide resources
- Send transcripts and forms/writing letters/assisting teachers
- Provide reality checks



Apply! Order of Operations

- Step 1: Get organized and ask questions
- Step 2: Develop your college list
- Step 3: Start college applications
- Step 4: Meet with counselor
- Step 5: Send ACT or SAT test scores to colleges
- Step 6: Complete and track applications
- Step 7: Apply for Financial Aid
- Step 8: Apply for Scholarships

*NOTE: You should send pieces (ACT scores, teacher recs, etc.)
of your application as you complete them*

Step 1: Get Organized and Ask Questions

You will be making a leap into your future. You can do it.

- Make informed choices
- Engage with the process
- Use your resources well
- Remain calm and organized
- The “best” school is the one that fits you best. There is no one single “best” school for you.



Career and College Center (CCC)


- College search process (various websites/tools)
- College application requirements (back of sheet)
- NACAC National College Fair
 - Wed. Sept. 27th 9am-12pm and 5-8pm
 - Thur. Sept. 28th 9am-12pm
- UNCF HBCU Empower Me Tour
 - Friday, Sept. 22nd 8:30-2pm
- MnACC College Fair
 - Monday, Nov. 6th 9:30-11am
- Project Success College Tours
 - Permission forms in the CCC
- CCC Weekly Newsletter
- Rep Visits to the Washburn CCC
 - Sign up ahead of time in Naviance



College Rep Visits

family connection

Here are all the tools for getting into cool schools



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search for colleges:

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resources

- [transcripts](#)
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my colleges

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[Upcoming college events](#)

Upcoming college visits

- 09/14/17 Saint John's University (MN) [details »](#)
- 09/14/17 Northern Michigan University [details »](#)
- 09/15/17 Dartmouth College [details »](#)

[view all upcoming college visits](#)

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college research

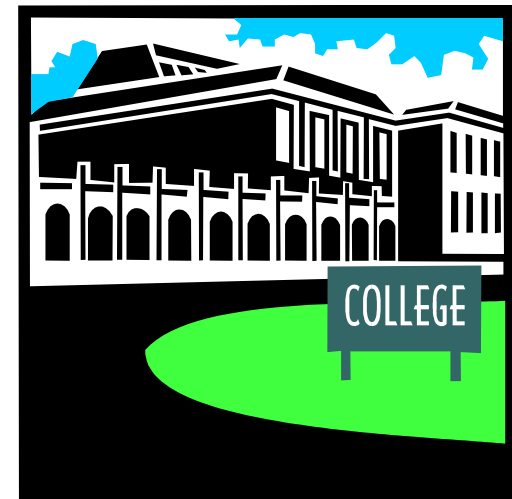
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	College	Date	Location	Registrations	Registration Deadline
information sign up	Saint John's University (MN)	9/14/17 9:30 AM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	9/13/17
information sign up	Northern Michigan University	9/14/17 2:07 PM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	9/13/17
information sign up	Dartmouth College	9/15/17 10:30 AM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	2 (20 max)	9/14/17
information sign up	Act Six Scholarship Program	9/21/17 10:30 AM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	9/20/17
information sign up	Sarah Lawrence College	9/28/17 2:07 PM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	9/27/17
information sign up	University of Wisconsin, Superior	10/2/17 10:30 AM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	10/1/17
information sign up	Iowa State University	10/2/17 1:07 PM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	10/1/17
information sign up	University of Chicago	10/2/17 2:07 PM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	10/1/17
information sign up	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	10/3/17 9:30 AM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	1 (20 max)	10/2/17
information sign up	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	10/3/17 10:30 AM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	10/2/17
information sign up	Tulane University	10/3/17 1:07 PM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	1 (20 max)	10/2/17
information sign up	Northern Arizona University	10/4/17 9:22 AM	AchieveMpls Career & College Center (CCC)-Room #107	- (20 max)	10/3/17

Step 2: Develop College List

- A good school is one that is a good *fit* for you
- A school where you will be happy, engaged, grow and that meet your needs

- Educational
- Personal
- Social
- Financial



Step 2: Develop College List



- **Likely – realistic**
 - ▣ Your profile is SIGNIFICANTLY stronger than the typical freshman
 - ▣ 60-90% chance of admission

- **Possible – selective**
 - ▣ Your profile is similar to the typical freshman
 - ▣ 30-60% chance of admission

- **Reach – more selective**
 - ▣ Your profile is not as strong as the typical freshman
 - ▣ less than 30% chance of admission



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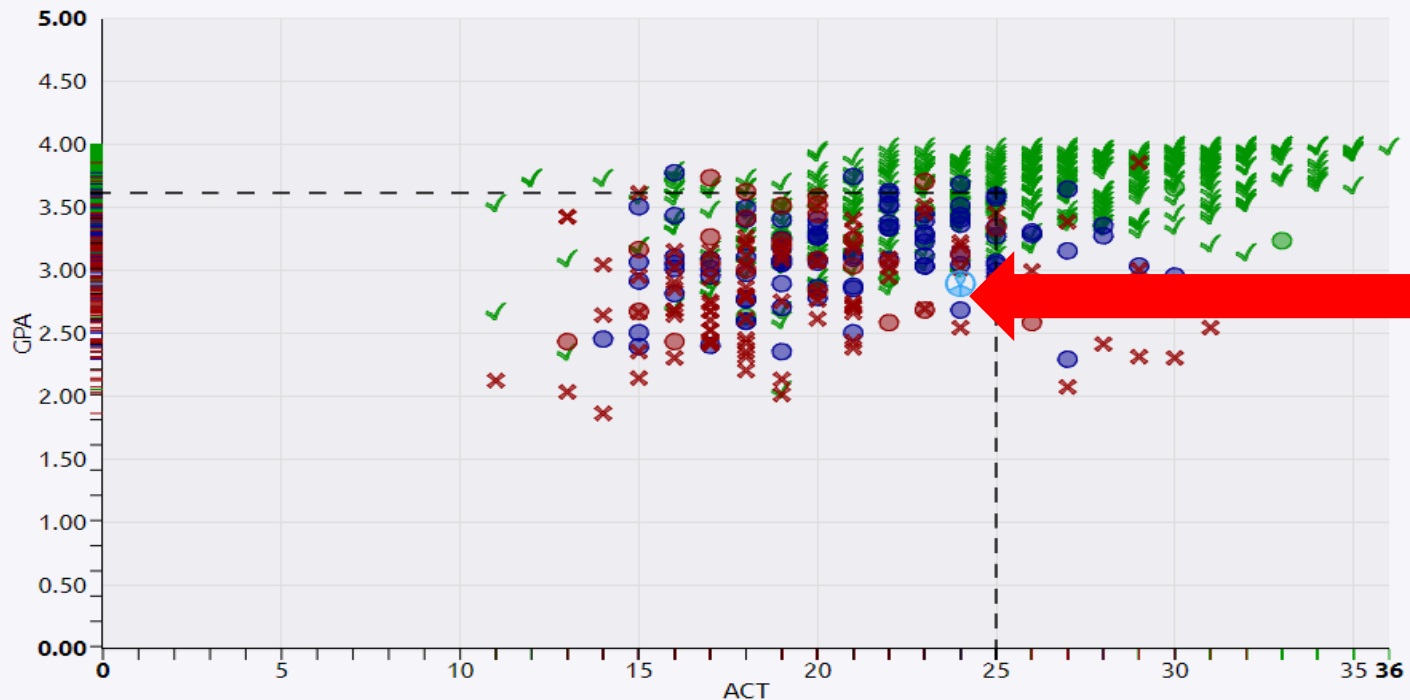
- Factors in your “Objectively Important Profile” (published)
 - ▣ G.P.A.
 - ▣ Class Rank
 - ▣ ACT or SAT Test Scores
- Factors in your “Subjectively Important Profile” (unpublished)
 - ▣ Rigor of Courses
 - ▣ Activities/ Unusual Talent
 - ▣ Diversity (Race, Ethnicity, Income, Geography)

Scattergrams



Scattergrams | Applications for Washburn High School ⓘ

Comparing Unweighted GPA with ACT



Click individual legend icons or headers to hide each type or group in the scattergram.

Step 3: Start College Applications

- ▣ Rolling Admissions
- ▣ Regular Deadline
- ▣ Early Action/Priority Deadline
- ▣ Early Decision (binding contract)



Step 3: Start College Applications

- Be Professional!
 - ▣ Appropriate grammar, punctuation
 - ▣ Formal language; do not use texting/tweeting format
 - ▣ Professional e-mail address
- Student should apply; not the parent
- Follow all directions



Step 3: Complete Your Applications

- ▣ Know which application methods will be the least time consuming.
 - Institutional Application
 - Minnesota State (i.e. St. Cloud, Mankato, MCTC)
 - U of M, UW Schools
 - Augsburg, St. Kate's
 - The Common Application
 - The Coalition Application



Essays



- **A good essay tells a story**
- **A good starting point is a value, characteristic, accomplishment, skill, life event or interesting story that is important to you.**
- **Great** college essays connect to a deeper truth or something critical or essential to yourself.
- This is a chance to tell an admissions office something you can't cover with a test score, GPA, or activities list.

Examples:

- ▣ My big feet (Being comfortable with myself)
- ▣ Losing the race (Recognizing privilege)
- ▣ Grandma's kitchen (How I was raised)
- ▣ Imaginary friend (My best ability is my imagination)
- ▣ Closet spider farm (Why I love science)

Essays

□ Extenuating/Special Circumstances

- ▣ Used to explain “abnormalities” on your transcript
- ▣ Only use if you have a valid reason that severely impacted your grades; be careful
- ▣ Check with counselor or CCC
- ▣ Don’t use this essay for excuses; explain what happened and how you grew into a better person/student as a result

□ Writing Lab (Media Center – Orange Lab)

- ▣ Get help with college and scholarship essays
- ▣ Sign up: Click on Help Request under the Students tab on Washburn website
- ▣ Hours: Before/After school and Lunch (need a pass)

Step 4: Meet With Counselor



1. Schedule initial appointment in Counseling office
2. Counselor will review prospective college options and load schools into Naviance.
3. Counselor will:
 - ☐ send transcript (*First three transcripts are free - pay \$2 for each after)
 - ☐ send school profile
 - ☐ send academic evaluation form
 - ☐ request for fee waiver (if applicable)
 - ☐ add student name to teacher recommendation list (if applicable)

*Teachers need at least 2-week notification
4. Set appointment with counselor for interview (if applicable)

Step 5: Send ACT/SAT scores

- Student is responsible for submitting ACT scores (\$12 each) to all colleges if they were not sent at time of registration.
- Send scores through actstudent.org
- If attending a 2 year Minnesota institution, take the Accuplacer at the college.
 - Accuplacer testing at Washburn may be available at the end of the year

Step 6: Complete and Track Applications

If you get an e-mail or postcard that says you are missing materials:

- Step 1: Check Naviance to see what Washburn has sent to the college.
- Step 2: Check college portal (if the college has one) to see if the college has received your materials.
- Step 3: Check with Ms. Seifert or Ms. Mohamed in the CCC to help problem-solve.

Step 7: Apply for Financial Aid

- Fill out your FAFSA at fafsa.gov or MN Dream Act at ohe.state.mn.us beginning October 1st, 2017
 - ▣ **UPDATE from OHE: (8/31/2017):** While Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is being considered for elimination, we want you to know that the **Minnesota Dream Act remains intact.**
- *Continue to follow up with all financial aid offices and complete any financial aid verification processes*
- *The CCC is available if you need help*
- *FAFSA/MN Dream Act Application Workshops will take place during conference evenings (fall and spring)*

Step 8: Apply for Scholarships

- Did you know?:
 - ▣ 90% of scholarships are given from the attending institution
 - ▣ Institutional scholarships can be awarded based off your college application
 - ▣ Always make sure to check your college's website for more institutional scholarship opportunities
- Private scholarship opportunities:
 - ▣ Naviance and CCC newsletter
 - ▣ Most will be available starting in January



Senior Year Timeline



□ Fall: Applications

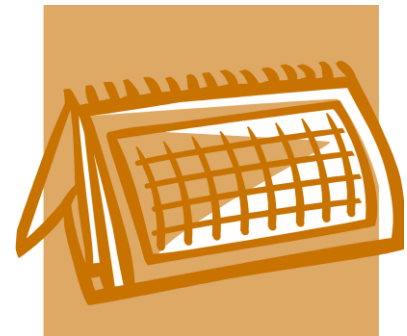
- 9/21 Senior College and Financial Aid Night for Families
- 9/27 & 28 National College Fair @ Convention Center
- 10/28 ACT (register by 9/22)
- 11/1 **U of M application deadline**
- 11/6 MNACC College Fair @ Washburn

□ Winter: Scholarships/Financial Aid

- 10/17 MN Dream Act FAFSA Workshop
- 12/9 ACT (register by 11/3)
- 2/1 Washburn Scholarship Applications distributed
- 2/15 MN Dream Act FAFS Workshop

□ Spring: Graduation

- 4/15 Financial Aid packages
- 5/1 Make Final Decisions
- 6/7 Graduation



Remember:



**Make an appointment
to see your counselor!!!**

*Copies of this presentation will also be available on
the Counseling website