# RISING SENIOR STUDENT/CAREGIVER MEETING -MAY 2023

Albert Einstein High School Class of 2024

### AGENDA

Meet the Class of 2024 sponsor

The college application timeline

Important dates/website information

Q & A with a student panel

# CLASS SPONSOR MR. COLWANDER

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## PROM

## SENIOR DUES

Date, location - TBD

Tickets expected to cost?

Cost of prom tickets and senior dues can be offset by class fundraiser.

\$50-65 due by April 30, 2024
After Prom, dues will become an obligation
What's covered:
Senior picnic (graduation rehearsal)
Senior dinner
Cap & Gown
DAR Constitution Hall
Graduation programs, flowers, etc.

# SENIOR CLASS MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 12 (TENTATIVE)

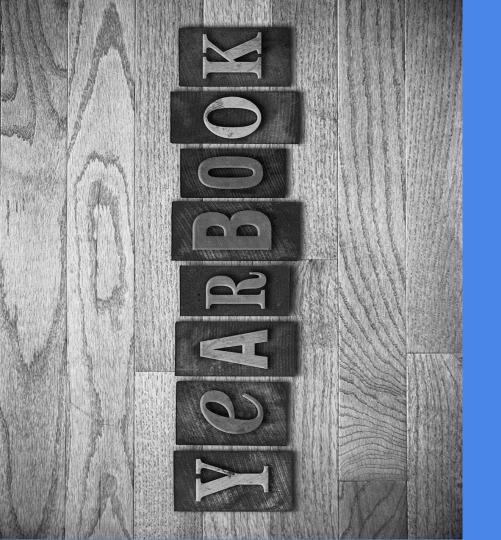
Collect superlative votes

Handout/collect cap & gown orders

Panoramic picture (seniors should wear RED)

Claire's Gourmet fundraiser kickoff





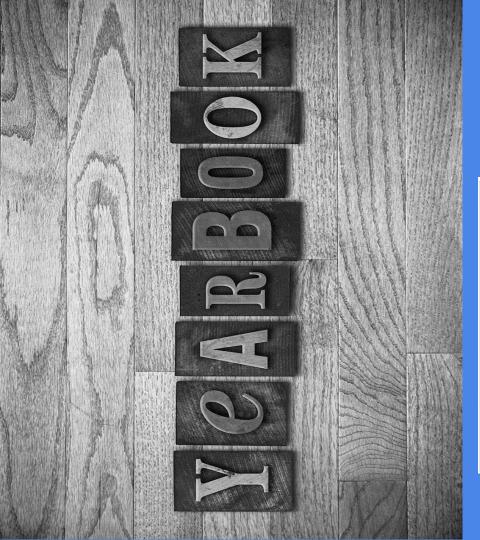
### YEARBOOKS

Sale starts - First day of School!

Price goes up throughout the year, so buy early. Cost is \$65, discounted from \$80.

Senior recognition ads are available for parents to purchase

Have questions? Email Mr. Fisher emmanuel\_c\_fisher@mcpsmd.org



### YEARBOOK - AD LAYOUTS

#### Jessica Hubbard



Love Mom, Dad, Natu, and the Family! You are blessed and amazing! The best is yet to come!

#### Krystal Zavala

Congratulations Krystal! You are my pride & joy. Beautiful, talented young lady. Now go and change Love you forever,



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Honor your graduating senior in this section! Senior Recognition ads can be purchased starting at the beginning of the school year at www.jostensadservice.com.

#### Meghan Plumant

Congratulationsl proud of you, and cannot wait to see what you Love from Mam, Dad Margaret, Eller Diggs & Percy



#### Ciara Mulvihill



Ciara, You've done some pretty amazing things in your 18 years and we couldn't be prouder! Here's to the start of a whole new round of adventures Love, Mom & Dad



#### Martin Ambion





#### Matthew David Bué



## IB/AP EXAMS

## SSL HOURS

Registration due November, 2023.

Look for IB/AP exam registration information in September, 2023. It will be mailed home and distributed to students.

Have ?? Email Ms. Oreggio lynette\_p\_oreggio@mcpsmd.org

75 hours needed to meet graduation requirements.

Certificate of Meritorious Service given at 260 SSL hours earned by first Friday in April of 2024.

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## IMPORTANT FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

QUALITY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM
GPA
SAT / ACT SCORES (IS SCHOOL TEST OPTIONAL?)
STUDENT ESSAY

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & TALENTS
COMMUNITY SERVICE
DEMONSTRATED INTEREST
(DEPENDING ON THE COLLEGE)
INTERVIEW

#### Spring 2023

- ★ Take SAT or ACT
- ★ Continue Naviance Supermatch College Search and identify 5-10 "Colleges I'm Thinking About"
- ★ Begin "Self-Reflection"
- ★ Continue to research and do college visits
- ★ Ask 2 teachers for a letter of recommendation



#### Summer 2023

- ★ Continue college visits if possible
- ★ Identify colleges you are applying to
- ★ Create an organizational system with deadlines to help you submit your applications on time
- ★ Attend MCPS Virtual College Workshops
- \* Begin college applications (including the common app) on or about August 1, 2023.
- ★ Take the SAT/ACT prep course if you are not happy with your original score



#### Fall 2023

- ★ Take SAT/ACT again if you are not happy with your original score
- ★ Sign up for college visits through Naviance
- ★ Ask 2 teachers for letters of recommendation if not already done so
- ★ Complete "Self reflection"



#### Fall 2023

- ★ Submit Senior Transcript Request Form and List of Colleges Applying To Google form.
- ★ Finalize and submit college applications (before Early Action deadlines)
- ★ Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges via CollegeBoard or ACT directly.
- ★ Complete the FAFSA on-track for December 2023





### HELPFUL PROGRAMS FOR COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION

#### Naviance.com

A program designed to help students and parents with the career and college search process. Students and parents have their own login information.

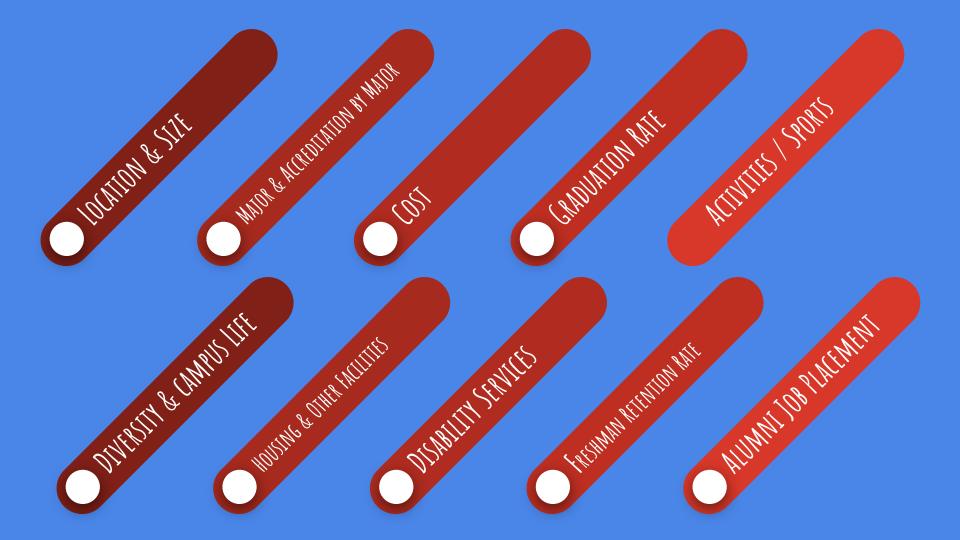
#### CollegeBoard.com

A website designed to assist students and parents with college searches, scholarships, SAT preparation and registration.

#### ACT.org

Website to register for the ACT.





# HOW MANY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS???

While there is no magic number, between 3-9 is usually enough. It should be a combination of reach, match, safety & Maryland schools

Reach School - A college that you have a *chance* of getting into, but your test scores and/or high school grades are lower than the scores on the school's profile.

Target School - A college that you are pretty likely to get into because your test scores and/or high school grades fall right into the middle range when look at the school's profile.

**Likely School** - A college that you will almost certainly get into because your test scores and/or high school grades are well above average when you look at the school's profile.

In-state School - at least 1 Maryland school for in-state financial aid opportunities



#### **DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

#### STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

**Regular Decision** 

Rolling Admission

**DEFINITION:** 

**Early Action (EA)** 

**Restrictive Early** 

**DEFINITION:** 

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular

**COMMITMENT:** 

**NON-BINDING** 

**DEFINITION:** 

response date.

COMMITMENT:

**NON-BINDING** 

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**NON-BINDING** 

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment. (ED)

**Early Decision** 

**DEFINITION:** 

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

**COMMITMENT:** 

BINDING

**Action (REA)** 

**DEFINITION:** 

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

**COMMITMENT:** 

**NON-BINDING** 

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit www.nacacnet.org



#### BE AWARE OF DEADLINES

#### OCTOBER 15TH

submit materials to AEHS by September 15th

#### NOVEMBER 1ST

submit materials to AEHS by October 1st

#### DECEMBER 1ST

submit materials to AEHS by November 1st

#### DECEMBER 15TH

submit materials to AEHS by November 15th

#### JANUARY 1ST

submit materials to AEHS by December 1st

#### JANUARY 20TH

submit materials to AEHS by December 20th

#### FEBRUARY 15TH

submit materials to AEHS by January 15th

## TRANSCRIPTS

Parental/guardian permission is required prior to sending transcripts to colleges.

The <u>Senior Transcript Request Form and List of Schools Applying To</u> Google form must be completed in order to process your request.

Allow for 4 weeks from submission of the *Transcript Request Form* for processing.

# YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE COUNSELING OFFICE NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR EARLIEST DEADLINE!!!!

# TESTING

- ★ Students are responsible for submitting scores
- ★ Recommended number of times an SAT should be taken no more than 3
- ★ Many colleges are test optional
- ★ Students have the option to take both the SAT & ACT if they wish
- ★ Colleges/Universities do not have a preference of one over the other
- ★ All SAT subject tests and Essay portion have been discontinued!
- ★ Superscoring: colleges take your highest section scores from all dates you took the SAT/ACT, forming the highest possible composite score



### TEST-OPTIONAL

TEST-BLIND

Test scores are not mandatory and students can choose whether they want to send scores or not as a part of their application Test scores are not looked at or considered as a part of a student's application. Admissions reviews the student's academic profile as a whole.

## FINANCIAL AID

New form this year!! On-track for December, 2023 If you are a U.S. Citizen or resident, you can apply for federal financial aid (FAFSA)

If you are a Non-U.S. Citizen, and non-resident, but have lived in the state of Maryland more than 3 years, you can apply for Maryland State Aid (MSFAA)

Applications are completely free

Parent/Guardian tax returns are needed to complete both applications from two years prior (Example: Seniors this year used tax returns from 2021)

Complete either application for the academic year that you will be starting college (Example: current seniors completed the 2023-2024 academic year application)

# SCHOLARSHIPS

The Federal Student Aid (FSA) website defines scholarships as: "Scholarships are gifts. They don't need to be repaid. There are thousands of them, offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, and professional and social organizations."

# MERIT-BASED

- Earned by meeting or exceeding certain standards
- Can be awarded based off academics, or a combination of academics & special talents, traits, or interests

# FINANCIAL NEED

Awarded based off financial need (usually determined by University/College/Career School when reviewing submitted information from FAFSA

# HELPFUL LINKS -VIDEOS

All of the information posted can be found on the <u>Albert Einstein</u>
<u>Counseling</u> website as well.

Test Optional Colleges for 2023-2024

Senior Transcript Request Form and List of Colleges Applying To

<u>Watch a Naviance Tutorial</u>

<u>Life After High School Presentation w/</u> <u>Links - A Must View for Seniors!</u>

Registering for the Common Application and matching accounts in Naviance - video tutorial

<u>How to request teacher</u> <u>recommendations through Naviance -</u> <u>video tutorial</u>

#### TASKS TO COMPLETE OVER THE SUMMER

Continue to research and visit, if possible, colleges of interests and schedule interviews.

Identify Colleges I'm Applying To

Begin applications. The Common Application typically opens August 1st

Write application essays

Complete SSL hours, if needed



# HELPFUL WEBSITES

<u>www.connection.naviance.com/einstein</u>

<u>www.collegeboard.org</u>

<u>www.actstudent.org</u>

<u>www.commonapp.org</u>

<u>www.fafsa.gov</u>

<u>www.finaid.org</u>

<u>www.fastweb.com</u>

<u>www.khanacademy.com</u>

www.princetonreview.com

www.prepscholar.com

# CURRENT SENIORS Q & A