

## College & Career

The Pathway to Your Future Class of 2024

## There are many pathways to success!

#### The College Pathway

2-year Colleges

4-year Colleges and Universities

**Technical or Vocational School** 



Military

Apprenticeship/Internships

Enter the workforce









#### Career Pathway #2

Transfer to 4-year school and earn your Bachelor's degree

Earn your Associate's degree

**Graduate high school** 

Have a career in a field of your choice



Work hard, gain experience, make connections

Take classes at a community college





## OK, so you've got a plan...



## Or maybe you don't..... That's okay. You still have time to think about it.

THINK ABOUT
WHAT MAKES
YOU HAPPY.
THAT THING

COULD BE A CAREER PATH

FOR YOU

Take time to explore your interests

INTERVIEW
PEOPLE WITH
DIFFERENT
TYPES OF
CAREERS





# College: Finding the Right Fit

#### CONSIDER ...

- 2 year, 4 year, or online schools
- Size
- Location
- Admissions selectivity
- Majors
- Costs
- Extracurriculars, Sports, Religious Affiliation, Campus Culture
- Special programs (research opportunities, internships, music, etc.)



## Benefits of Choosing the College Pathway

## 1 Career Opportunities

- Increased earning potential
- Increased chance of being hired
- Preparation for a specialized career
- Networking opportunities
- Access to internships, apprenticeships, teaching assistantships, etc.

#### 2 | Personal Growth

- Access to extracurricular activities & organizations
- Exposure to new ideas and possible interests
- Flexibility to take classes outside your major
- Meeting people from diverse backgrounds

#### 3 "Soft Skills"

- Critical thinking
- Digital fluency
- Teamwork
- Information literacy
- Communication
- Leadership
- Time management
- Resilience
- Growth mindset

## Steps of the College Application Process

#### **1** Application Process

Spring of 11th grade - Fall/Winter of 12th grade

- Application
- Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- SSL/Extracurriculars
- SAT and ACT (if applicable)
- Resume
- Deadlines (Fall 2023)

#### **7** Financial Aid

FAFSA Opens 10/1/2023

- Create a student and parent FSAID
- Complete FAFSA application

Completing the FAFSA opens up access to countless scholarships and grants

## Making the Final Decision

Spring of 12th grade

Make your final decision by
May 1st by comparing your
financial aid award letters.
Determine how much is being
asked of your family and how
much you can afford.

Remember, choosing a college is a business decision!

## Benefits of Choosing the Career Pathway

#### 1 Military

- On the job training
- Housing and Medical Benefits
- 8 branches to choose from
- Educational benefits
- Leadership training
- Opportunity to travel

#### 2 Apprenticeship

- Enter the workforce while still in high school
- Earn a salary
- Gain marketable industry skills
- Receive a State Skilled
   Certificate after
   meeting state
   requirements

## 3 Entering the Workforce

- Understanding Career
   Clusters
- Choose from various career fields
- Become an entrepreneur
- Build on skills you already have

## Steps to Joining the Workforce

#### 1 Job Search

- Websites (Indeed, Idealist, Monster, ZipRecruiter, etc.)
- Networking (in person and online)
- Job fairs
- Social media
- Temping/interning
- "Cold calling"

#### 2 Application

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- References (around 2-4)
- Applications are usually online
- Websites like Indeed allow you to apply to multiple jobs in seconds

#### 3 Interview

- In-person or virtual? Group or individual? Committee or one-on-one?
- Sometimes more than one interview will be required
- Do your research!
- Prepare some questions
- Remember that you are interviewing them too (to see if they are the right fit)

## **Know your Resources!**

**Naviance** 

Single sign-on for students
Email CCIC for Parent access

**Essay Prompts for 22-23** 

Common app Coalition app

Preparing for College Guide and Workbook

**College and Career In The News** 

**Apprenticeship Opportunities Military of Today** 

MCPS Youth
Apprenticeship Program

Search for a Trade School

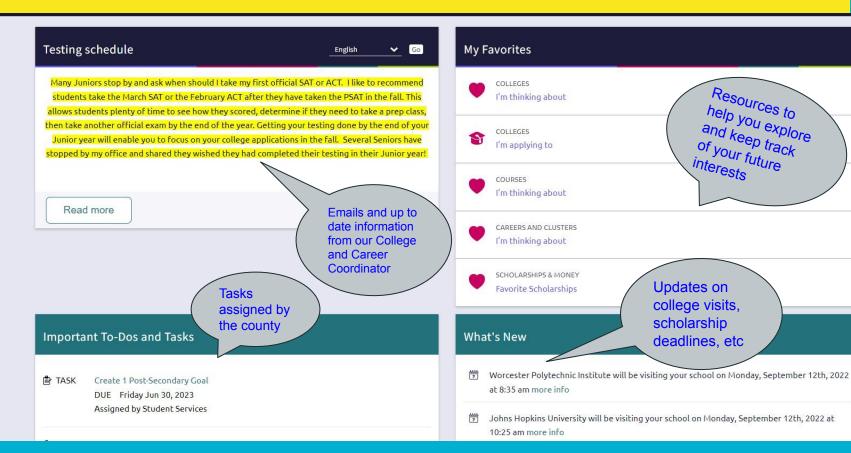
26 Review Factors for UMD

Join the Military

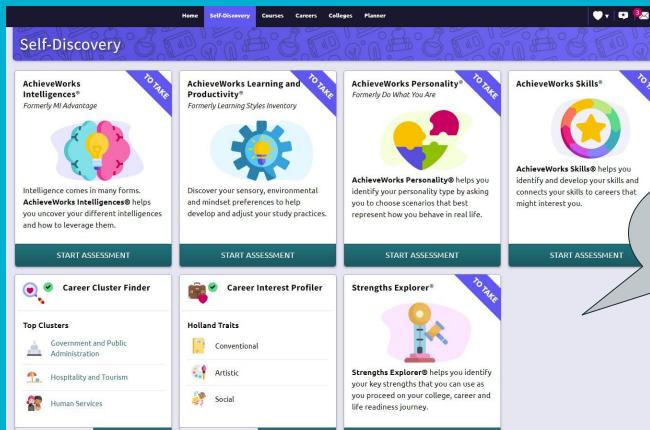
**Gap Year Planning** 

**College Admissions Resource Handbook** 

#### Naviance: A comprehensive online K-12 college and career readiness tool



## Naviance: Self-Discovery Homepage



VIEW RESULTS

START ASSESSMENT

RETAKE

VIEW RESULTS

RETAKE

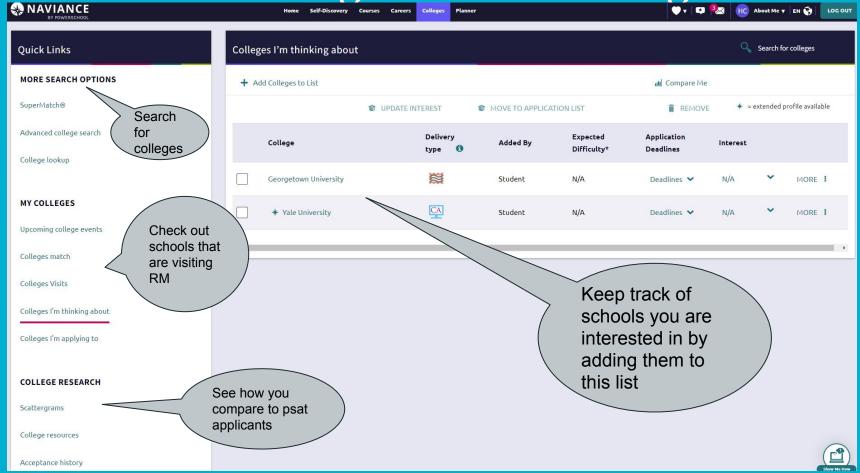
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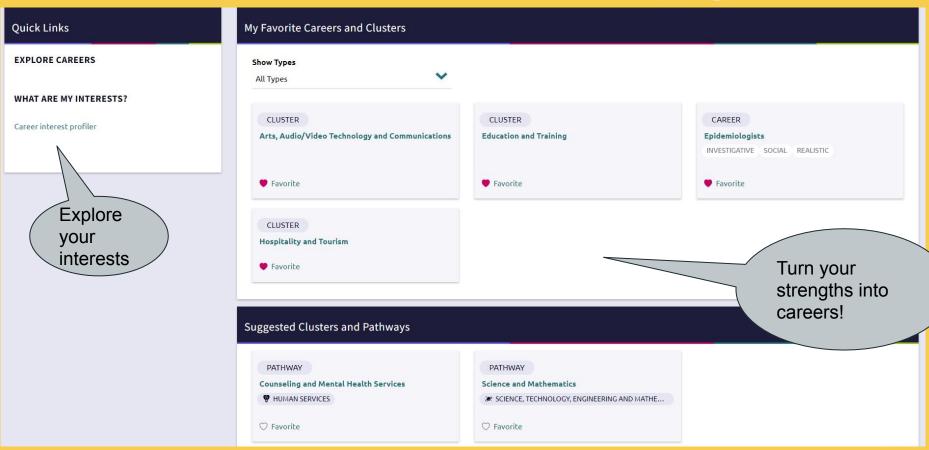
are good at.

figure out what you like and what you

### **Naviance: Colleges I am Thinking About**



## Naviance Career Homepage



#### Future Events

Junior Parent Evening Presentation:

December 8th, 2022

PSAT Day: October 12, 2022

**SAT Day:** March 22, 2023

One-on-one student meetings in the spring to discuss the college

application process

Ongoing college rep visits at RM

