

#### Welcome to the Senior Parent Night! Class of 2024 September 12, 2023



Mr. Scott Smith, Principal



#### Introductions

- Mr. Scott Smith, Principal
- Ms. Nikki Morales, Assistant Principal
  - & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Administrator
- Ms. Nataly Saah, Counselor
- Ms. Christina Kim, Counselor





### **Meeting Outcomes**

By the end of the meeting, families will have:

- Met key staff who will guide your student through senior year,
- Heard about important information and dates of the Class of 2024 events,
- Learned about navigating senior year and beyond,
- Reviewed the 4-year college application process, and
- Learned about additional resources to help with post-secondary planning.





# Meet the Administrative Team



Danielle Abdelsalam Asst Principal Scott Smith Principal Lori Knight Business Administrator



Tara-Dee Henry Asst Principal Jacob Lee Asst Principal

Nikki Morales Asst Principal



Ericka Singleton Asst Principal



### Class of 2024 Graduation Survey

- Student and parent input • is important in helping to plan this year's graduation ceremony.
  - Please complete this survey to provide feedback on location.
- Mandatory graduation rehearsal date and time TBD based on graduation date.



#### MCPS Class of 2024 Graduation Survey-Northwest High School

As a student or parent of a student in the current Class of 2024, please respond to this survey related to commencement venue selection for 2024 MCPS graduation ceremonies. Your input is important as we explore a variety of considerations for these important events celebrating our graduating seniors. Ceremonies held outdoors will have identified inclement weather back-up dates established in advance. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and input with us.

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\* Indicates required question

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C current student in the Class of 2024

family member of a current student in the Class of 2024



#### Class of 2024 Sponsors

• <u>Susan\_D\_Strawser@mcpsmd.org</u>

• <u>Stacie\_E\_Berman@mcpsmd.org</u>





### Sample Senior Year Expenses

Junior/Senior Prom w/After Prom Ticket- \$60-75

After-Prom Ticket- \$10



AP Exams- Costs covered by MCPS (Benefits of taking the AP Exam)

All exam and activity fees will be paid using School Cash Online (SCO).

- □ Cap and Gown Package- (2023 cost) \$75-\$85
- □ <u>Yearbook</u> or Supplement- \$85 \$100 (\$85 until September 13th)

All cap and gown and yearbook costs will be paid directly to Jostens. (Link for purchase and payment will be shared once available.)



### Class 2024 Events (tentative)



#### Senior Panoramic Picture: September 20, 2023

 Senior Portraits Makeup Sessions- October 3rd and 4th, 2023 and November 15, 2023

Onsite at Northwest. A link with sign-ups and additional information will be sent via email and posted on the Northwest website.

- ★ Senior Sunset: May 24, 2024
- Sunior/Senior Prom- Friday, May 17, 2024

■Pinstripes Rockville, MD. After-Prom @ NWHS immediately following Prom.

- Senior Class Awards Night: May 23, 2024
- ★ Last Day of School for Seniors: May 24, 2024



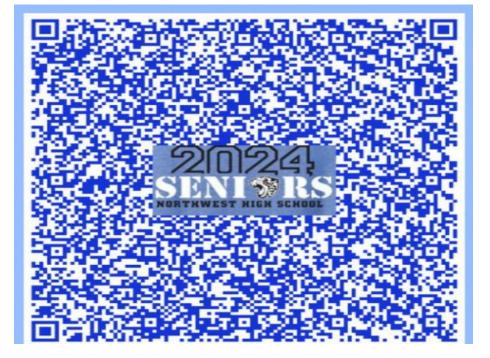
#### Class 2024

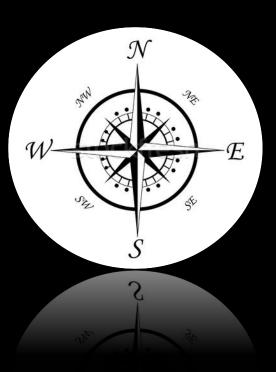


**Order Your Senior** Shirts!! **On SALE till 09/30/23** S н I R Т D Т S Р L A \$21.00 Each Y

Use this QR Code to Order!







## Navigating Senior Year and Beyond



### **Counseling Department**

- A–Biss Mr. Jeff Flach
- Bist-Dau Ms. Tamela McCarthy-Redd
- Dav-Gh Ms. Christine Kravitz
- Gi-Jay Ms. Nancy Blanco
- Jaz-Lop Ms. Athena Cois
- Loq-Mun Mr. Austin Freeman
- Muo-Ov Ms. Susan Bunting
- Ow-Ros Ms. Mary Kakoullis
- Rot-Thai Ms. Christina Kim
- Thaj-Z Ms. Nataly Saah



\*Ms. Kakoullis will be back September 20th



#### Class of 2024 Administrator-Counselor Teams

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Loq - Mun	Mr. Freeman	Ms. Abdelsalam				
Muo - Ov	Ms. Bunting	Mr. Lee				
Ow - Ros	Ms. Kakoullis	Mr. Lee				
Rot - Thai	Ms. Kim	Ms. Henry				
Thaj - Z	Ms. Saah	Ms. Henry				



#### **College Career**

#### Ms. Rochelle Davis College Career Information Coordinator

The NWHS College Career Information Center in Room 126 has information and resources to help with college research, career planning, and financial aid/scholarships.

Visit the Career Center webpage @montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwest hs/careercenter





### **Counseling Department Staff**

# The Registrar's office (located in counseling) processes all requests for **transcripts**.



Ms. Jackie Scholl Registrar



Ms. Anu Shivacharan Assistant Registrar



#### Graduation Requirements\*

\* subject to change per MSDE

#### Earn 22 Credits

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 3 NGSS Science
- **3** Social Studies
- **1** Physical Education
- **J** .5 Health
- 1 Technology
- 1 Fine Art
- 2.5 Elective
- Program Completer

- English 10
- Algebra 1
- Government

Maryland Comprehensive

**Assessment Program** 

❑ Science

#### Earn 75 SSL hours

- Check out the MCPS website for information on SSL opportunities and to access forms:
   MCPS SSL HUB FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
- Students must earn hours from an approved activity or site.
- Ms. McCarthy-Redd SSL Coordinator



#### **Important Reminders**

- Financial obligations must be cleared/paid to the Business Office in order to purchase tickets to any future school event and/or to obtain a high school diploma.
- SSL Hours (75 minimum needed to graduate)
- ★ Deadline for SSL hours is Friday, April 12, 2024.
- ★ Deadline for SSI hours towards Meritorious Certificate award (240 +) March 30, 2024
- Be aware of graduation requirement status! Make an appointment with your child's counselor as needed to review progress toward graduation.



### **Post-Secondary Options**

- 2 Year College
- Military
- Gap Year
- Employment
- 4 Year College





### 2-Year College Bound

#### Montgomery College:

Complete MC online application **after October 1** 

Follow the steps on the <u>MC website</u>!

#### **Germantown Campus**

Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology (PIC MC)

20200 Observation Drive, Germantown, MD 20876

#### **Rockville Campus**

51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD 20850 Interim Vice President/Provost: Eric Benjamin

#### Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

7600 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 Vice President/Provost: Bradley Stewart







#### Considering 2-year, trade, or technical school?

#### Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship

Last dollar scholarship Attend an in-state post-secondary school Awards may vary annually FAFSA or MSFAA\* application required Minimum 2.3 high school GPA Parent household income requirement Credit enrollment requirement

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid MSFAA: Maryland State Financial Aid Application for undocumented students





#### **Military Bound**

Take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) for career exploration and/or military enlistment with Northwest on <u>February 16 @ 7:45 am.</u> There is no obligation for enlistment. Parental permission is required.

Permission forms are available on the College Career web page under Quick Links or access the form via QR Code using the ASVAB display posters near the Counseling Office and in the College Career Information Center, Room 126.

**Recruiter contact information is available on the College Career website under Quick Links!** 

#### COLLEGE & CAREER QUICK LINKS

The Military: ASVAB & Recruiter Information





### 4-Year College Bound

When considering a student for admission, colleges will evaluate:

- Transcript
  - ► GPA, Courses & Grades
- ► Testing (Many schools will remain Test Optional for Fall 2024)
  - ► SAT, ACT and/or Accuplacer Scores
- Essay(s)
- Extracurricular Activities/Service
- Letters of Recommendation
- Possible Interview





#### High School Transcript

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Unweighted GPA

Weighted GPA

Placement and advanced level courses. Beginning 03-04 school year, weighted GPA (WGPA) is calculated A=5, B=4, C=3 for all honors courses.



### National SAT Test Dates for 2023-2024



🕈 CollegeBoard



Visit the website for the most current registration fee info or call 1.866.757.7346

Register for an Upcoming SAT

#### Northwest SAT Test Dates: October | Dec | Spring 2024 TBD

The October 7 is the target test date for November 1 college applications!

	<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINES</b>					
NATIONAL SAT TEST DATE	REGULAR*	DEADLINE FOR CHANGES, REGULAR				
		<b>CANCELLATION &amp; LATE REGISTRATION</b>				
AUGUST 26	<b>JULY 28</b>	AUGUST 15				
OCTOBER 7	SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 26				
November 4	OCTOBER 5	OCTOBER 24				
DECEMBER 2	<b>NOVEMBER 2</b>	NOVEMBER 21				
MARCH 9	FEBRUARY 23	COMING SOON				
MAY 4	APRIL 19	COMING SOON				
JUNE 1	MAY 17	COMING SOON				
*DEADLINE DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE						

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#### Northwest CEEB Code: 210-589 • Test Center Code: 21-298



### National ACT Test Dates for 2023-2024



#### https://www.act.org/

The September 9 test date would have been the target test date for November 1 college applications!

NATIONAL TEST DATES	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE*	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE*
SEPTEMBER 9	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 18
OCTOBER 28	SEPTEMBER 22	OCTOBER 6
DECEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 3	NOVEMBER 17
FEBRUARY 10	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 19
APRIL 13	MARCH 8	MARCH 22
JUNE 8	MAY 3	MAY 17
JULY 13	JUNE 7	JUNE 21

for registration info or call 1.319.337.1270

\*DEADLINE DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUTNOTICE

Northwest CEEB Code: 210-589



### The College Search

- Search and research colleges
  - Target Schools
  - Safety Schools
  - Reach Schools



- Sign up for virtual college rep visits via Naviance
- Look at websites, communicate with college reps, virtual college fairs, and consider campus visits.

UMD College Park	UMBC	Towson	Salisbury	Montgomery College
<pre># of apps rec'd: 56K # admitted: 25K # enrolled: 6K Very large size university National avg. GPA: 96% 3.75+</pre>	<pre># of apps rec'd: 11K # admitted: 9K # enrolled: 2K Large size university National avg. GPA: 86% 3.5+</pre>	<pre># of apps rec'd: 18K # admitted: 13K # enrolled: 3K Very large size university National avg. GPA: 90% 3.25+</pre>	<pre># of apps rec'd: 8K # admitted: 7K # enrolled: 2K Medium sized university National avg. GPA: 88% 3.0+</pre>	Three campuses totalling 30K students. Germantown campus: Biotech & Cybersecurity
Priority deadline: November 1	Early Action deadline: November 1	Early Action deadline & Honors College: November 15	Early Decision (binding): November 15 Early Action: December 1	Rockville campus: largest campus w/international flavor Takoma Park campus: Health & Art
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<b>College Profiles</b>	I was to prese at https://www.anitation.com			west seniors

# Steps in the



4-year College Application Process



Student Sends/Requests	Teachers Sends	NWHS Sends
<ul> <li>Application</li> <li>Application Fees</li> <li>Essay(s)/Supplements</li> <li>SAT/ACT Scores Online (if required)</li> <li>Transcript Request via</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Letter of recommendation</li> <li>Teacher evaluation form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transcript</li> <li>School Profile</li> <li>Counselor Letter of Recommendation</li> <li>Secondary School Report Forms</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Google Form</li> <li>Teacher letters of recommendation via</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>All sent via Naviance (not via common or coalition app)</li> </ul>

Naviance



# **Step 1: The Application**

Go to the college website. Determine how to apply and prepare for deadlines.

- Application Types: Common App, Coalition App, Electronic/School Specific, or Paper/School Specific Application.
- Application Deadline Types: Regular Decision, Early Action (Priority), Restrictive Early Action, and/or Early Decision.

Start working through the application. You will include <u>basic information</u> <u>about yourself, your high school, your classes and extracurricular activities</u>. This is also where you may be asked to complete <u>short answer questions</u> and <u>essay</u> <u>prompts</u>.



# Step 2: Link Accounts

When applying through Common App, Coalition App or Edocs, you will have to **match** your account(s) to Naviance.

#### <u>Steps:</u>

Sign-in D Welcome to Naviance (heading) D

Read More (button) -

View the Common App Matching video with step-by-step instructions on matching your accounts

How to Match your Common App Account with your Naviance | Student Account Video begin this process after August 1:





# **Step 3: Sign FERPA Waiver**

- FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of a student's education records.
- In regards to college, a parent must authorize the school to send a student's transcript as this is part of a student's confidential record.
- Submit the Authorization to Release Records Form to the counseling office and electronically sign the privacy notice in Naviance waiving your right to see your recommendations.
- It is HIGHLY recommended that you check "yes" and waive your right to see/access recommendations.

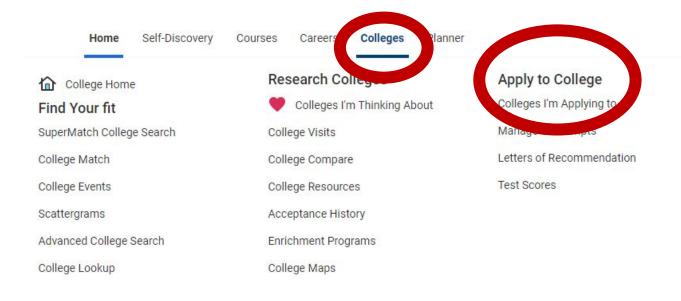


# Step 4: Colleges I'm Applying to

When you have finalized your list of schools that you plan to apply to, make sure they are in the "Colleges I'm Applying To" section in Naviance.

If you are applying to colleges using the Common App platform, once you add colleges to your dashboard and Match accounts, they will automatically appear in Naviance **Dolleges I'm Applying To** 

Once you have done this, you are able to request teacher recommendation letters through Naviance (Step 6).





### **Step 5: Request Transcripts**

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THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO Ms. Jackie Carpenter BEFORE ANY TRANSCRIPT CAN BE SENT

> NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL Release of Records & Early Decision Acknowledgemen

Please scan or send me a screenshot of this signed document. If you don't have access to do so, a <u>parent or guardian</u> can email authorizing the release of records. My email address is: Jacqueline\_R\_Carpenter@mcpsmd.org If you have any questions, let me know.

Public law 93-380 requires a parent/guardian signature before records can be released. We are not permitted to release any information without written authority.

I authorize the Counseling staff of Northwest High School to release my child's scholastic record, activity record, and any other pertinent information to college/universities, scholarship organizations and internship organizations as requested by my child.

Early Decision Acknowledgement

From the National Association for Admission Counseling Statement of Principles and Good Practices

Early Decision (ED) is the application process in which students make a commitment to a first choice institution where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll. While pursuing admission under an ED plan, students may apply to other institutions but may have only one ED application pending at any time. The institution must notify the applicant of the decision within a reasonable and clearly stated period of time after the ED deadline. Usually, a nonrefundable deposit must be made well in advance of May 1. Institutions with ED plans may restrict students from applying to other early plans. Institutions will clearly actued their specific policies in their ED agreement.

If you are accepted under an ED plan, you must notify Jackie Carpenter immediately and must promptly withdraw the applications submitted to other colleges and universities and make no additional application.

I have read and understand the release of records and the responsibilities of the ED process.

 Student Signature
 Date

 Parent/Guardian Signature
 Date

 Res. 82:00
 Date

#### Forms on NW counseling website.





# Step 6: Request Letters of Recommendation

Each college determines the number of recommendations needed so check the college website carefully.

Please allow recommenders at least 3 weeks to complete your letter.

NW Teacher Letters	Counselor Letters	Outside Recommenders
After confirming (in-person) a Northwest teacher can write you a letter of recommendation, follow up with a request on Naviance.	Your counselor will automatically write a letter for any school that requires a counselor letter of recommendation. Make sure to complete the Northwest "Brag Sheet/Self-Evaluation" on Naviance.	Letters from teachers, coaches, mentors, etc. outside of Northwest must be sent directly to college admission offices to be matched up with your application.



#### **Request Letters of Recommendation in Naviance**

Letter of Recomendation Tutorial begin this process after August 1:



For a video tutorial, please go to: Sign in Delcome to Naviance Delcome (button)

#### Steps:

- Sign-in 
   Colleges
   Letters
   of
   Recommendation
- 2. Add Request

Letters of recommendation				
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# Step 7: If needed, send SAT or ACT scores

You will send scores directly from College Board or ACT to each college.

NWHS does not send official scores.





# **Application Process**

## Your application is complete when the college receives...

- **The Application**
- □ Test scores (if required)
  - Transcript (school info)
  - Letters of Recommendation (if required)

Additional Post-secondary Planning Resources

# **Financial Aid**

### FAFSA or MSFAA Free Application for Federal Student Aid Maryland State Financial Aid Application

Complete the FAFSA or the MSFAA to be considered for certain types of state need-based financial aid, such as: the Educational Assistance Grant, the Guaranteed Access Grant, the Campus Based Educational Assistance Grant, the Part Time Grant, the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship, the Near Completer Grant, the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Award, the Legislative Scholarship Program, and the Richard W. Collins III Leadership with Honor Scholarship.

### Which financial aid form is the right one for me?

MSFAA resource is the Maryland Higher Education Commission @ https://mhec.maryland.gov FAFSA resource is Federal Student Aid @ https://studentaid.gov/

### **FAFSA Eligibility:**

You are eligible to complete the FAFSA if you are a:

- o U.S. Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Eligible non-citizen
- o T Visa holder

### **MSFAA Eligibility:**

You are aligible to complete the MSEAA if you are:

# FOR MY Seniors: Please let us know your plan for receiving financial aid to help with paying for college or vocational/trade school!

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES:

The FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) @ https://studentaid.gov/. The FAFSA is used by colleges and vocational/trade schools to determine financial aid eligibility.

The FSA ID: Required as an electronic signature for FAFSA completion @ https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

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# montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/northwesths/careercenter/scholarships/







## **Financial Aid Webinar... Save the Date**

LAUNCHING SOON FOR THE CLASS OF 2024... The NEW Free Application for Federal Student And (FAFSA) FRANCIAL AND WEBINAR 10.04.23 @ 6:30 PM

HOSTED BY ROB MADDOX, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MD

Learn about the FAFSA changes, the types of financial aid, how & when to apply!



WEBINAR LINK WILL POST ON SCHOOL WEBSITES OR CONTACT THE COLLEGE CAREER INFORMATION CENTER

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## FINANCIAL AID OUTREACH

https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/

Federal Student Aid @ studentaid.gov <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u>

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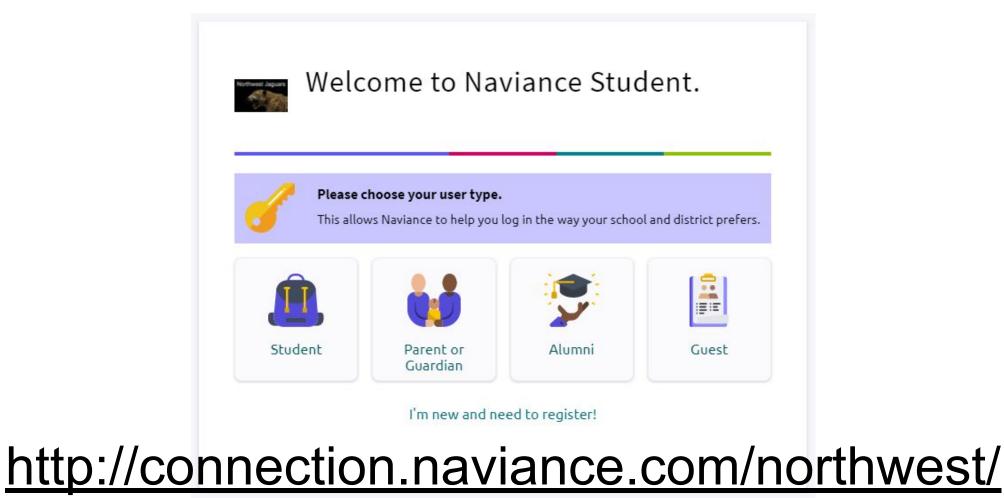


Welcome to Naviance Student.

Montgomery College offers assistance with the financial aid process to ALL high school students in the county!
MC Financial Aid Night on September 29 @ 5:30 pm
Virtual FAFSA Fever dates coming soon in October...



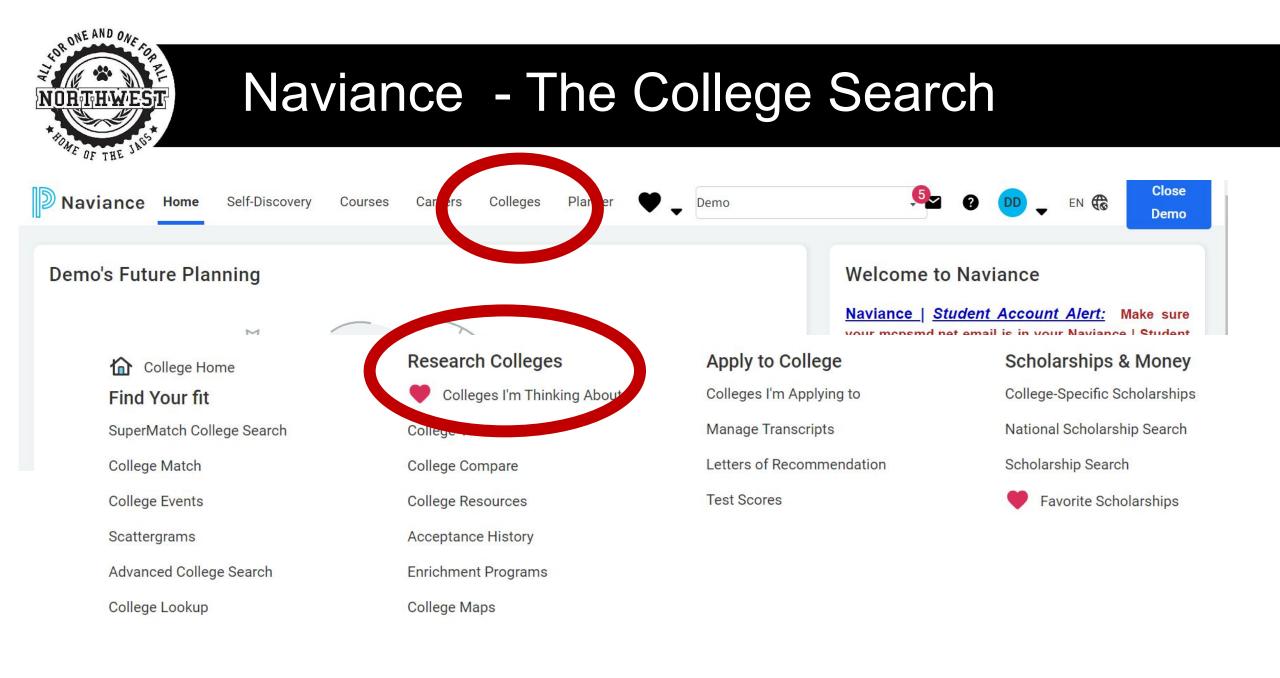
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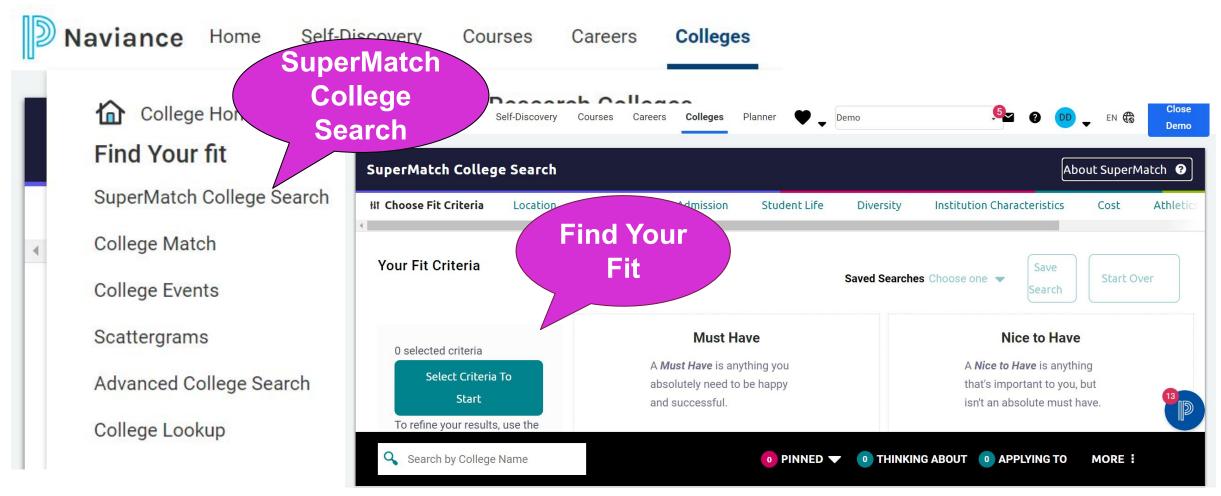
## Naviance

- Receive periodic emails and notifications regarding scholarships, special opportunities, & more.
- Complete a career interest profile, explore various careers, salaries, education and training needed.
- Generate lists of colleges that may be a good match based on your GPA & test scores.
- See when College Reps visits are available and sign up to attend.
- Track your transcript requests.



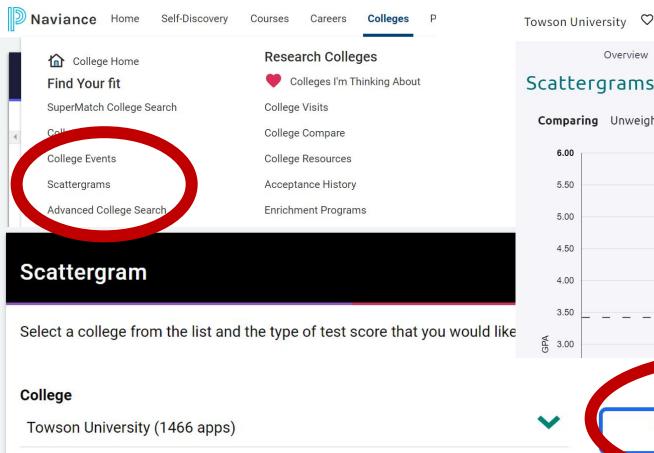


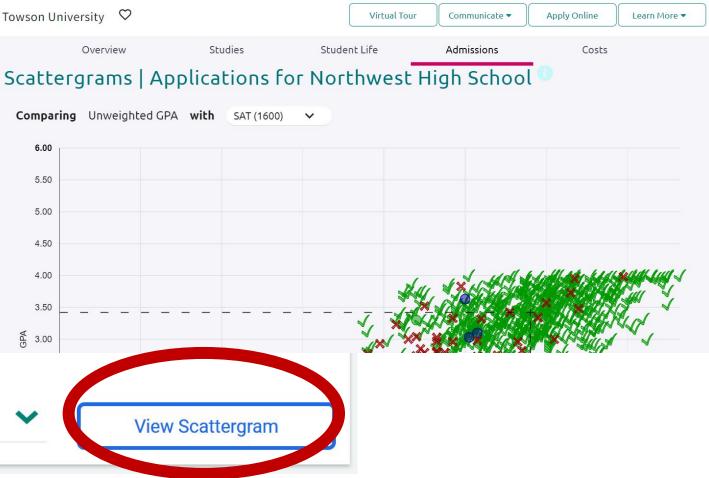
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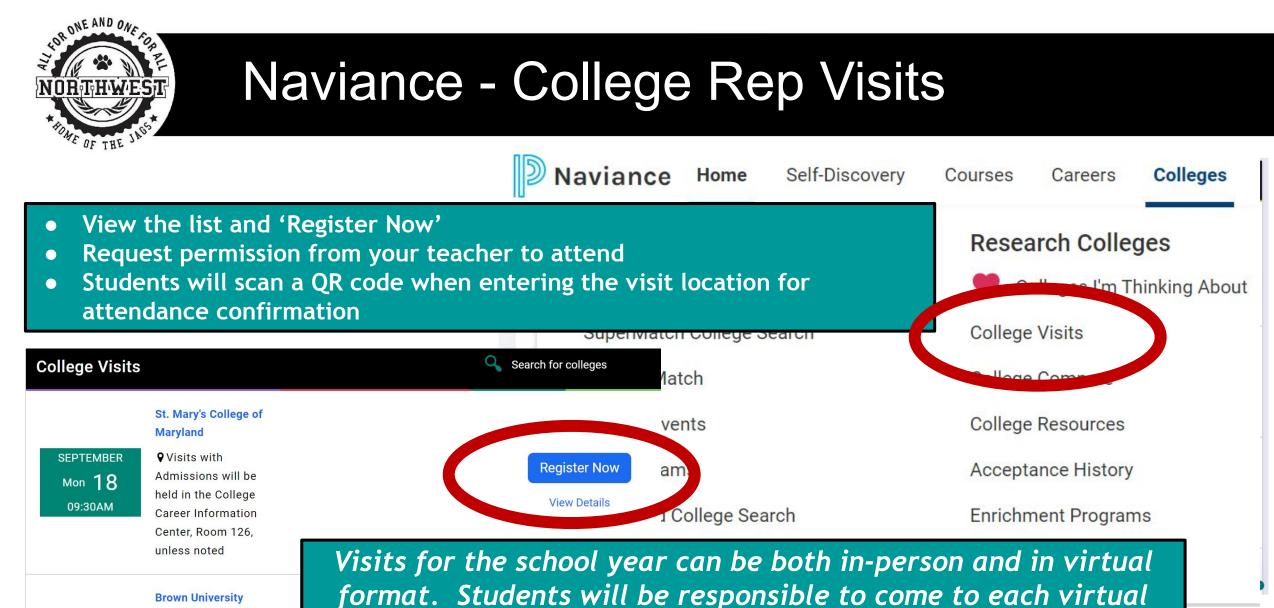




# Naviance - The College Search







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#### **Brown University**

SEPTEMBER Mon 18 10:30AM Center, Room 126.

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# Your Questions are Important to Us

- If you have a question or inquiry pertaining to a concern specific to your child/children, please email your child's counselor directly.
- We take a few questions at the end of our meeting pertaining to presentation topics.

