Rising Senior Parent Meeting – May 2019

ALBERT EINSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL

Agenda

• Meet the Class of 2020 sponsor, Mr. Kavlock
  • College Application Timeline
  • Important Dates/Websites
  • Q&A: Student Panel
Class of 2020 Sponsor

ALBERT EINSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL

- Mr. Jared Kavlock
  - Jared_A_Kavlock@mcpsmd.org
Senior Prom

- Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the University of Maryland Riggs Alumni Center
- Tickets are expected to cost $50
- The cost of Prom tickets & Senior Dues can be offset by the Claire’s Gourmet fundraiser
Senior Dues

- $50 due by December 20, 2019
- Senior dues will become an obligation after Prom

  Expenses covered:
  - Senior Dinner
  - Senior Picnic (Rehearsal)
  - Cap and Gown
  - DAR Constitution Hall
  - Graduation programs, flowers, etc.
Senior Class Meeting

- October 11 - Senior Class meeting
  - Collect superlative votes
  - Hand out/collect cap and gown orders
  - Panoramic picture (Seniors should wear RED)
  - Claire’s Gourmet fundraiser kickoff
    - Opportunities to reduce costs of prom tickets or senior dues!
  - Hypnotist!
Yearbooks

- Will be on sale starting September 3rd for $65.

- Price goes up through the year, so buy early!

- Senior recognition ads are available for parent to purchase to congratulate their graduate.

- Contact, class sponsor and yearbook advisor, Mr. Kavlock with any questions.
IB & AP Exam Registration

New for next year!

- Both IB & AP Exam registration will be due in **NOVEMBER**!
- AP Exam Registration had been in January, but AP has changed their deadline for next year.
- Please look for AP & IB Exam registration information in **September**. It will be mailed home, as well as distributed to students.
Never too early to think about SSL Hours. Need 75 to graduate!

Montgomery County Volunteer Center website, is a great source of opportunities.

To receive Certificate of Meritorious Service, student must earn 260 hours by first Friday in April of graduation year.

Ms. Erica Ramos is SSL Coordinator
Objective: To make the college search and application process as smooth as possible and thus minimize senior year stress.

Perfect World: 100% of applications completed before the first day of school Senior year

Realistic goal: 50-75% of applications completed
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College Application Timeline

Spring 2019

- Take SAT or ACT
- Continue Naviance Super Match College Search and identify 5-10 “Colleges I’m Thinking About”
- Complete 10 question Self-evaluation in Naviance aka “Brag Sheet”
- Continue to research and visit colleges
- Ask 1 or 2 teachers for a letter of recommendation
College Application Timeline

**Summer 2019**

- Continue to research and visit colleges of interest (schedule a campus tour)
- Identify “Colleges I’m Applying To”
- Create organizational system w/ deadlines
- **Begin college applications (including commonapp.org) on or about August 1\(^{st}\), 2019**
- CommonApp writing prompts already available
- Take an ACT or SAT prep course if unhappy with 1\(^{st}\) score
## Organizational System

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College Application Timeline

Fall 2019

• Take ACT or SAT again if unhappy with 1\textsuperscript{st} score
• Sign up for College Visits on Naviance (VERY IMPORTANT! Meet the actual College Rep)
• Ask teachers for letter of recommendation if you have not already (1\textsuperscript{st} couple weeks of school)
• \textbf{Complete self-evaluation in Naviance} (if not completed already)
Fall 2019

• Submit Transcript Request form and List of “Colleges I’m Applying to” (given to students and available on our website)
• Finalize and submit college applications (before Early Action Deadlines)
• Send SAT and/or ACT scores to Colleges (through College Board for SAT and ACT.org for ACT)
• Complete FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) – Opens October 1st every year
Programs To Help You Choose The Right College/Career

Naviance-
A program designed to help students and parents with the college and career search process

www.connection.naviance.com/einstein

User name: Student ID#  Password: Student ID#

Parents -
Email counselor to have your account activated

College Board-
A website designed to assist students and parents with college search, scholarships, SAT registration and preparation

www.collegeboard.com

ACT- www.actstudent.org website to register for the ACT
Factors To Consider When Choosing A College

- Location
- Major
- Accreditation by Major
- Size
- Cost
- Graduation Rate
- Activities/Sports
- Diversity
- Campus Life
- Disability Services
- Facilities
- Housing
- Freshmen Retention Rate
- Alumni Job Placement
How many college applications should I submit??

There is no magic number, however 3-9 are usually enough. This number should be made up of a combination of reach, match and safety schools.

- **Reach School**-- A reach school is 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.

- **Match School**--A match school is 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 you look at the school's profile.

- **Safe School**--A safety school is 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 (Bowie, Coppin, Frostburg, Salisbury, Towson, U of Baltimore, Morgan, St. Mary’s, US Naval Academy, U of MD-CP, Baltimore, Eastern Shore and University College)
Admission Options

- Early Decision (binding agreement)
- Early Action (early deadline)
- Regular Admission
- Rolling Admission
- Open Admission

Most popular
In order for Einstein to send transcripts, we must have parent permission.

The transcript request form must be completed fully and turned into Ms. Malner. The form is given to students their *Life After High School* packet, and is also posted on the counseling website.

Allow 4 weeks from submission of the transcript request form for processing. *
Tasks to complete before the end of Junior year

- Prepare for and take the SAT and/or ACT
- Complete the Self-Evaluation questionnaire in Naviance
- Conduct Super Match College Search and add 3-10 colleges to the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” in Naviance
Tasks to complete over the Summer

- Continue to research and visit colleges of interest/schedule campus tours
- Identify “Colleges I’m Applying to”
- Begin Applications (including Common App.org) which typically open August 1st, 2018
- Write Personal Essays for applications
- Complete SSL hours
Helpful Websites

- [www.connection.naviance.com/einstein](http://www.connection.naviance.com/einstein)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.khanacademy.com](http://www.khanacademy.com)
- [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
- [www.prepscholar.com](http://www.prepscholar.com)
Important Dates To Remember

AUGUST 1st, 2019  COLLEGE APPLICATIONS OPEN
SEPTEMBER 3rd  FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
OCTOBER 1st  FAFSA APPLICATION OPEN
NOVEMBER 1st  EARLY ACTION DEADLINE FOR MANY COLLEGES INCLUDING UMD-COLLEGE PARK
Important Dates for the Class of 2020

OCTOBER 11, 2019  SENIOR CLASS MEETING (DURING SCHOOL DAY)
OCTOBER 11 – OCTOBER 30  CLAIRE’S GOURMET SALE
DECEMBER 20\textsuperscript{TH}  SENIOR DUES ARE DUE
APRIL 18, 2020  SENIOR PROM AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND RIGGS ALUMNI CENTER

GRADUATION DATE TBD
Q&A Panel
Let’s hear from current seniors!