



# Class of 2024 Junior College Night

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# Welcome and Overview

- Presentation regarding the components of the college search & post-high school planning process.
- Questions & Answers



# H.S. Graduation Requirements- What Do I Need??

- **40 Service Learning Hours**
- **Pass Reading FSA or pass with a concordant score on SAT or ACT**
- **Pass Algebra 1 and Geometry**
- **Pass Algebra 1 EOC**
- **One full online course**
- **24 required credits**

## 24 credits include:

- English 4
- Math 4 (1 credit in Algebra 1, 1 credit in Geometry)
- Science 3 (1 credit in Biology)
- Social Studies 3 (World History, US History, Econ/Gov't)
- Performing Arts 1 (Debate, Art, Theater, Band, Chorus)
- Physical Education 1 (Including HOPE)
- Electives 8
- **Foreign Language \* 0 (\*2 credits of the same Foreign Language required for admission to SUS, Bright Futures and other 4 year schools.)**

# Grade Point Average (GPA)



A Broward County transcript lists three GPAs:  
Unweighted, Core and Weighted

**The Core includes:  
English, Math, Science,  
Social Studies and Foreign  
Language and is weighted.**

**The Unweighted includes all classes  
and electives and is not weighted.**

**The Weighted includes all classes and  
electives and is weighted.**

# QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- **What subjects do I like?**
- **What subjects do you earn higher grades in?**
- **What interests/hobbies do you have?**
- **What do you enjoy doing?**
- **What are you passionate about?**
- **Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?**



# Post-High School Options

- **State Colleges/Two Year Colleges (Associate's Degree)**
- **Four Year Colleges & Universities (Bachelor's Degree)**
- **Technical/Vocational Schools**
- **Military**
- **Gap Year**
- **Employment**

# NAVIANCE—SSO/CLEVER

- Naviance is a web-based program for college and career planning for students and families.

Students can access Naviance thru Clever

- Perform a college search and create a college list
- Access college profiles and websites
- Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics.
- Review results from career assessments
- View scholarship information
- **STUDENTS—MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A VALID EMAIL IN NAVIANCE!!**

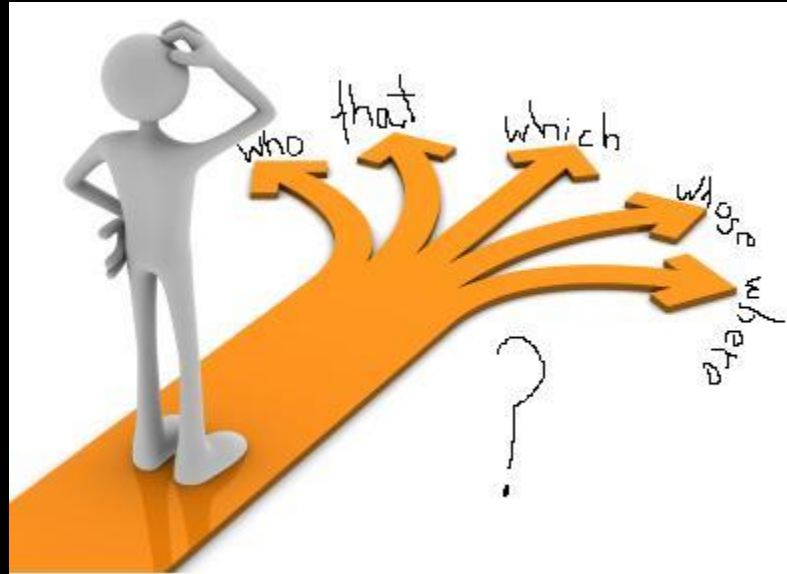
# Virtual Counselor

- Virtual Counselor provides parents and students access to graduation status and test scores along with other pertinent information.
- You will use VC to do SSAR or SPARK. Most of the Florida public universities now ask for student's to self-report grades.

You Can't First Think About  
College in Your Senior Year!

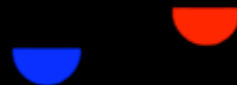
Start Now!!

# Selection Criteria for Initial College List



# A Balanced List

- **Reach Colleges:** Students who are being admitted have grades, test scores, and extra-curricular activities that are stronger than yours.
- **Target Colleges:** Students who get admitted have similar coursework, grades and test scores to yours. The majority of schools on your list should fit in the “target” category.
- **Safety Colleges:** Your academic profile is stronger than the majority of accepted students. Everyone should have a “safety” school on your list.



# Public vs. Private Schools

- Public college/universities are mainly funded by state governments.
- In Florida, there are 12 four-year public universities and 28 two-year colleges.
- Ex. Broward College, FAU, FIU, FSU, UF, UCF, FAMU, FGCU, UNF, USF, UWF, FL Poly, New College
- Private colleges/universities are supported mainly by their own endowments and student tuition fees.
- Private schools are located across the U.S.
- Ex. Nova Southeastern, U Miam, Barry University and other private schools/Ivy League in U.S.

# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

- Florida A&M U—Tallahassee
- Florida Atlantic U—Boca Raton
- Florida Gulf Coast U—Ft Myers
- Florida International U--Miami
- Florida Polytech U—Lakeland
- Florida State U--Tallahassee
- New College--Sarasota
- U Central Florida—Orlando
- U Florida--Gainesville
- North Florida—Jacksonville
- South Florida—Tampa
- West Florida--Pensacola



# HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (HBCUs)

- Currently 107 HBCUs across the United States
- Florida A&M University—Public--Tallahassee
- Bethune-Cookman University—Private--Daytona Beach
- Edward Waters College—Private--Jacksonville
- Florida Memorial University—Private--Miami

# Parts of a College Application

- **Application—Institutional or Common Application**
- **SAT/ACT Scores\***—Official test scores must be sent from either student's College Board or ACT account to all schools requiring.
- **SSAR or SPARK**—many FL public universities now use self-report forms instead of transcripts.
- **SSAR**—FAMU, FAU, FL Poly, FSU, New College, UF, UNF, USF
- **SPARK**—UCF
- **Official Transcript**—Sent from JPT directly to the colleges. FIU, FGCU

**\*MANDATORY FOR FLORIDA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES!**

# Application Deadlines

- **Rolling Admissions** – no specific deadline; best to submit applications in the fall (**FAMU, FAU, FIU, UCF, UNF, FGCU, USF, UWF**)
- **Regular Decision** – most students are notified by the end of spring; most applications are due in January/February
- **Early Action (EA)** – non-binding; can apply to more than one school; most applications are due in November
- **Early Decision (ED)** – binding contract and commitment to one school only; most applications are due in November, decisions rendered in December

# Application Deadlines (cont.)

- **University of Florida**—November 1, 2023 (Find out Feb. 2024).
- **FSU**—Early Oct. 15, 2023 (FL Residents) December 1, 2023 (Find out Jan/Feb 2024).
- **FL Poly**—November 1, 2023.
- **FSU Care Program**—Summer Bridge program for 1<sup>st</sup> generation students.
- **UCF Top 10 Knights Program**—For students ending 11<sup>th</sup> grade year in the top 10% of their class. Apply by January 15, 2024.
- **UF Innovation Academy (IA)**—November 1, 2023.

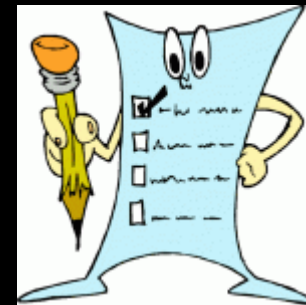
# What Colleges Consider

- **Grades in academic classes all four years**
- **Strength of curriculum & senior schedule!!**
- SAT/ACT scores
- Grades in all other classes (particularly core classes)
- Essays (if applicable)
- Extra-curricular activities
- Recommendations (if applicable)
- Student's Demonstrated Interest
- Financial Need (unless need blind)
- Legacy
- Special Talent (art/music/athletics)



# Senior Year Schedule

- Colleges **DO** look at the strength of the senior schedule.
- They want to see rigor appropriate to the student's strengths.
  - Honors, AP or Dual Enrollment
- Choose appropriate challenging courses.
- Fulfill graduation requirements.
- **STAY IN YOUR LANE!!!**



# 2022-2023 SUS—Mid 50%

School	Summer GPA	Summer SAT	Summer ACT	Fall GPA	Fall SAT	Fall ACT
FAMU	3.5	1020	16	3.7	1110	18
FAU	3.22-3.80	1000-1120	20-23	3.70-4.30	1090-1260	22-28
FGCU	3.56-4.33	1010-1170	19-24	3.75-4.52	1090-1240	21-27
FIU	3.9-4.4	1070-1170	21-24	4.2-4.7	1250-1380	26-30
FL Polytech	3.8-4.5	1140-1250	22-27	4.0-4.7	1290-1410	27-32
FSU	4.0-4.4	1180-1300	25-29	4.3-4.6	1300-1430	29-32
New College	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.8-4.4	1110-1320	22-29
UCF	3.8-4.3	1150-1270	23-27	3.9-4.4	1250-1370	26-30
UF	4.4-4.6	1240-1420	28-32	3.9-4.4	1370-1500	31-34
UNF	3.37-4.30	1110	22	3.6-4.39	1135	24
USF	3.62-4.12	1100-1190	22-25	4.00-4.50	1240-1390	27-31
UWF	3.4-4.05	1050-1170	21-25	3.5-4.18	1050-1220	21-27

# FSU Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE)

- Application Deadline is October 15 or December 1, 2023
- 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Students as defined as both parents not receiving a Bachelor's degree from U.S. or other country
- CARE Students start in Summer
- If admitted, Summer Session completely paid for
- Minimum CARE Requirements:
  - GPA 3.9-4.4 Core GPA
  - SAT 1060-1180
  - ACT 20-26
  - **Must be Pell Eligible for both Aid Years 2023-2024 & 2024-2025**



# UCF Top 10 Knights

- Must currently be attending a Florida High School
- Must rank in the top 10% by end of junior year
- Earn a minimum score of 1100 (SAT) or composite ACT score of 22
- **Must submit a UCF application prior to January 15, 2023. However, please do so much, much earlier!!!**
- **You must have successfully completed at least 4 units of approved academic core math by end of your senior year**

# UF Innovation Academy (IA)

- Spring/Summer Cohort for all 4 years
- No classes can be taken on UF campus for Fall semester
- Fall semester can be used for internships, online classes, study abroad
- 30 different majors to choose from
- Earn a minor in Innovation which focuses on entrepreneurship, creativity, leadership
- **If you get into IA, YOU CAN NOT (AND WILL NOT BE) MOVED INTO A FALL OR SUMMER SEMESTER!**

# 5 Benefits for Taking AP Courses

1. **Great Prep for College**—fast-paced, cover more material than regular classes, and require independent research and analysis.
2. **Rise to the Top of the Pile**—AP classes show admissions officers that you are ready for college-level work. Shows rigor!
3. **Strengthen your transcript**—BCPS gives extra weight to AP grades in calculating your GPA.
4. **Study what you Love**—If you like science, consider taking an AP Biology, Chemistry or Physics course. This could give you an extra challenge!
5. **Get a Head Start on College Requirements**—Scores of 4 or higher typically yield to \$ savings.

# AICE--Cambridge

- Complete 7 courses from required groups in 3 years, with 100 service hours.
- Student will receive AICE Diploma
- **Currently guarantees 100% Bright Futures without SAT or ACT requirement**
- Can still complete AICE courses—not on AICE diploma track—allows student to receive rigorous course work and college credits
- Questions? Contact Jennifer Letizia at [Jennifer.Letizia@browardschools.com](mailto:Jennifer.Letizia@browardschools.com)

# AICE Courses Offered for 2022-2023 School Year—7 Points to Receive AICE Diploma

- Need at least 1 Point from each Group \*Counts for 1 or 3 depending on what student needs

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Core-Required
		Business		
		Biblical Studies		
		Drama		
Environmental Management*	English Language AS	Environmental Management*	English General Paper	Global Perspectives
Marine Science	English Language A	History American	Thinking Skills	
Psychology*	Spanish	History International		
		Literature in English		
		Sociology Psychology		
		Travel & Tourism		

# Is High School Dual Enrollment Right for Me?

## Pros

- Gives students an idea of what college coursework will be like.
- Student can take courses not offered at the high school.
- Can demonstrate student's ability to handle more difficult coursework.
- Can start to accumulate college credits early.

## Cons

- Colleges see AP classes as more rigorous. Might be better than taking an intro D/E class.
- D/E classes might interfere with student's regular schedule at school or other outside commitments.
- **D/E grades become part of a student's permanent college record.**

# DUAL ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 3.0 unweighted high school GPA
- College level test scores in English, Reading, and Math
- Scores from either the SAT, ACT, Pert or Accuplacer tests.
- **Deadline for Fall Semester is April 20, 2023**

# Early Admissions at Broward College

- Early Admissions is a form of Dual Enrollment.
- Allows eligible students to take at least 12 credits per semester.
- **Still considered a JPT 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who takes courses at BC in senior year.**
- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- If you receive a “D” or “F” in a BC class, you **MUST** return back to JPT.
- Any grade received at BC, will be part of your permanent college record.



Placement Test	English	Reading	Math
SAT	25+ (Writing and Language)	24+ (Reading)	24-26.4 (MAC1105C, MGF1106, MGF1107)
ACT	17+ (English)	19+ (Reading)	19-20 (MAC1105C, MGF1106, MGF1107) 21+ (MAC1105)
Pert	103+ (Writing) and 106+ (Reading)	106+ (Reading)	114-122 (MAC1105C, MGF1106, MGF1107)
ACCUPLACE Next Gen on or before 10/24/22	245+	245+	242-258 (MAC1105C, MGF1106, MGF1107) 259+ (MAC1105)
ACCUPLACE Next Gen on or after 10/25/2022	253+	256+	261+ (MAC1105C, MGF1106, MGF1107) 264 (STA2023) 267+ (MAC1105)

# 2-Year College Broward College

Benefits to starting at a 2-year school:

1. Classes are less expensive.
2. Can do your general education requirements cheaper than if starting at a 4-year school.
3. Classes tend to be smaller for more individualized attention.
4. More flexibility—night classes, on-line classes, 3 campuses
5. You can transfer your credits—60 credits to get A.A. degree which is transferrable to a 4-year university.
6. Closer to home.

# SAT vs. ACT

(Fee waivers available for students on free/reduced lunch)

## SAT

- 3 hours and 15 minutes
- Evidence-Based Reading & Writing, Math,
- No penalty for wrong answers
- A score range of 200-800 per section. 1600 highest score

## ACT

- 3 hours and 15 minutes
- English, Reading, Math and Science Reasoning,
- No penalty for wrong answers
- A score range of 1-36 per section and 36 is the highest composite score

# SAT/ACT Test Fee Waivers Procedure

- STEP 1: Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>
- Click on "Broward schools Household Income Survey" – complete form
- STEP 2: Complete the Meal Benefits Disclosure Form at
- <https://www.browardschools.com/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=88956&ViewID=ed695a1c-ef13-4546-b4eb-4fefcdd4f389&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=155967&PageID=34341&Comments=true>
- \*Doing this will determine if you have access to SAT/ACT fee waivers, unlimited SAT score sends, and college application fee waivers.

# How to Register for the SAT/ACT

- SAT-Make an account at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ACT-Make an account at [MyACT.org](http://MyACT.org)
- Provide your full legal name as it appears on your photo ID.
- Answer all questions for first time registrants.
- Upload a photo.
- Pay (or fee waiver), and print admission ticket.
- **REGISTER EARLY to secure your spot!!!**

# 2022-2023 SAT/ACT Test Dates (remaining)

- **SAT**

March 11

May 6

June 3

August (TBD)

- **ACT**

April 15

June 10

July 15

September (TBD)

**Taravella is a test site for the SAT.**

**Taravella is not a test site for the ACT.**

# Superscoring & Sending SAT/ACT Scores

- **Superscoring** is the process by which colleges consider your highest section scores across all the dates you took the SAT.
- Rather than confining your scores to one particular date, many schools will take your highest section scores, forming the highest composite scores.
- **Florida Public universities superscore.** Therefore, it is in the student's best interest to send ALL scores to each institution that they will be applying to.
- **It is the student's responsibility to send their SAT and/or ACT scores to all colleges they are applying to.**

# Are Florida Public Universities Test Optional?

- **Florida Public Universities are NOT TEST OPTIONAL.**
- All applicants must submit SAT or ACT scores as part of the application process.
- Students are responsible for sending their SAT or ACT scores to schools that require to do so.
- No test scores are on BCPS transcripts.

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**SAT**<sup>®</sup>

**ACT**<sup>®</sup>



# Teacher/Counselor Recommendations (ONLY IF NEEDED) NOT REQUIRED FOR FL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES!

## Teacher

- A teacher letter is specific to the student in the course
- If needed, typically 1-2 letters from academic core teachers
- Students should choose the teacher(s) who knows you well, preferably junior year teacher
- Request at end of junior year

## Counselor

- A counselor letter talks about the student over four years
- Student resume or brag sheet helpful
- Give counselor plenty of time, a few weeks heads up for a letter

# Visual & Performing Arts

- Check with individual school for specific instructions
- Audition/CD/DVD
- Portfolio
- Performing & Visual Arts (PVA) College fairs at Dillard HS in the Fall.



# Athletics

- Students should speak with their coach and counselor
- Division I or II athletics must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- **If a student is planning to attend a Division III school he/she does not need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.**
- **RESPONSIBILITY OF STUDENT TO SEND SAT/ACT SCORES TO NCAA!!**



# Students with Learning Differences

Students seeking academic accommodations at the college level should be aware of the following:

- Family decision whether or not to disclose
- Documentation requirements, eligibility criteria, and accommodations provided. However, may vary from college to college

# What Is Career/Technical Education?

- Student obtains hands-on training + academic skills + employability skills.
- Receive industry certification to go into the workforce.
- Programs, on average, take 9-18 months to complete.
- Can be viewed as a “stepping stone”.
- **Some programs can be started in high school as part of career/technical dual enrollment.**

# Broward Technical Colleges

- 3 Centers:
  - **Atlantic Tech College** located in Coconut Creek
  - **McFatter Tech College** located in Davie
  - **Sheridan Tech College** located in Hollywood
- **Call each center directly for admissions information**
- **[www.browardtechnicalcolleges.com](http://www.browardtechnicalcolleges.com)**

# What Kinds of Programs do Career/Technical Schools Have?

- **Programs in:**
  - Architecture & Construction—Carpentry, Drafting, Electricity, Heating, A/C
  - Business Management—Accounting Operations, Court Reporting,
  - Health Sciences—Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Coding/Billing
  - Hospitality/Tourism—Culinary Arts & Hospitality
  - Human Services—Cosmetology, Barbering
  - Information Technology—Applied Information, Game Simulation, Web Dev.
  - Manufacturing—Machining Technologies, Welding Technology
  - Transportation & Logistics—Automotive Technology, Avionics Systems Tech.
- **AND MANY MORE!!!**

# Military

## Benefits of Enlisting in the Armed Forces:

1. Serving the Country
2. Educational Benefits
3. Receiving Valuable Training in Different Fields
4. Traveling Across the U.S. and the World
5. Higher Income Potential
6. Enlistment Bonuses
7. Basic Armed Service Benefits



# What is a Gap Year?

- A Gap Year is intended to give a student a break from academics to discover themselves.
- Often referred to as a deferred year whereby college is put on hold for a year.
- Paid work, completing an internship, volunteering or traveling.

How Am I Suppose to  
Pay for College???



## 4 Sources of \$\$\$\$

1. *Federal--FAFSA*
2. *State—Bright Futures, Florida Assistance Grants*
3. *Institutional—Scholarship or Grant Money from the college*
4. *Outside Scholarships—Organizations or Corporations*

# Financial Aid

- FAFSA is Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- **[www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)**
- FAFSA required by ALL colleges (2 year, 4 year, vocational/technical)
- Class of 2024 will use parent/guardian's 2022 tax return (covers Fall 2024/Spring 2025)
- **FAFSA opens October 1, 2023 for Class of 2024.**
- CSS Profile required by some private colleges in addition to FAFSA and is available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)



# Federal Grant, Work Study and Loan Programs

## Grants

- **Pell Grant**—largest of US grants for education
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Teacher Education Assistance for College
- **Federal Work-Study (FWS)**

## Loans

- Federal Perkins Loan
- Direct Subsidized Loan
- Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Direct PLUS Loan for Parents

# Top FAFSA Myths

- *Myth: “My family makes too much money to qualify for financial aid”*
- **Fact: There is no income cut-off for financial aid. Many states, schools and scholarships use the FAFSA to determine aid.**
- *Myth: “Only students with good grades get financial aid”*
- **Fact: Financial aid is based on need, not your GPA.**
- *Myth: “It does not matter when I apply for FAFSA, as long as I do it before the deadline”*
- **Fact: Filing your FAFSA promptly is one of the most important steps to receiving the biggest financial aid package possible. Try to fill out prior to January 1, 2023.**

# CSS Profile—College Board

- Used by private/Ivy League institutions in addition to the FAFSA.
- Currently used by 300-400 schools in the U.S.
- Provides a more intimate snapshot of one's financial picture.
- Not used by Florida Public schools
- Florida schools that use CSS: U Miami, U Jacksonville, Ringling College of Art, and Stetson University

# Florida Bright Futures Scholarship



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# Bright Futures Scholarship

## (Apply starting October 1, 2023)

### Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)

- 3.5 weighted GPA in core classes
- 100+ hours of community service
- 1330 SAT (reading/math) OR 29 ACT
- **Pays 100% at a 2-year or 4-year Florida college or university (Public or Private)**

### Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)

- 3.0 weighted GPA in core classes
- 75+ hours of community service
- 1210 SAT (reading/math) OR 25 ACT
- **Pays 100% at a 2-year or 75% at a 4-year Florida college or university (Public or Private)**

# Bright Futures (cont.)

## Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)

- 3.0 in overall GPA
- 3 classes in vocational/technical area. Must get a 3.5 GPA in those content areas
- 30 community service hours
- 440 SAT in Reading and Math sections OR 19 Reading/17 English/19 Math on ACT sections
- **Can be used at a tech program or A.S. degree at 2 year school**

## Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC)

- No minimum GPA
- Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications
- 30 community service hours
- 440 SAT in Reading and Math sections OR 19 Reading/17 English/19 Math on ACT sections
- **Can be used for an A.S. degree and then for a B.A.S. degree at a 4 year university**

# What Should Juniors Do Second Semester??

- ✓ Work hard in school
- ✓ Generate initial college list and bring to family meeting
- ✓ Standardized test schedule
- ✓ Resume/activity list
- ✓ Student Brag Sheets
- ✓ Teacher recommendations if needed

# SCHOLARSHIPS

- Use Naviance—BCPS has put all scholarships in Naviance under the “College” tab
- Juniors can apply for scholarships NOW!!!
- If any come across my desk, I send out in email
- ***Apply to every scholarship for which you qualify ESPECIALLY the local scholarships!***

# **FREE** Scholarship Search Sites

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)
- [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)\* Everyone should have a Raise.me account!!!

# Scholarship Scam Warning Signs

- You have to pay a fee
- Money Back Guarantee
- Credit Card/Bank Info Required
- Offers “Exclusive” Information
- **NEVER PAY MONEY TO MAKE MONEY!!!!**

# How Parents Can Support Their Children

- ✓ Keep test scores and GPAs private
- ✓ Keep an open mind regarding college choices
- ✓ Encourage a realistic range of schools
- ✓ Use Naviance to make college/career lists/scholarships
- ✓ Visit colleges with your child
- ✓ Help student register for SAT/ACT
- ✓ Help your child stay organized



THANK YOU FOR COMING!!