

College Planning

Junior Year
Class of 2018

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Junior Counseling

- Signing up for a junior interview this winter/spring
 - Reviewing transcript for accuracy
 - Reviewing completion of graduation requirements
 - Discussing recommendations for senior course selections and post-secondary plans

*** Parents are strongly encouraged to be checking CANVAS regularly for information regarding student grades and assignments.*

<https://youtu.be/iigCs2AaiVo>

Student Responsibilities

- Start the process of finding the right college fit
- Maintain Naviance Account (emails, notifications, etc.)
- Attend campus tours & representative visits at PLP
- Register for all required standardized tests (SAT, ACT, Subject Tests)
 - www.collegeboard.org www.actstudent.org
- Explore Naviance College Search Tools
- Complete NCAA Clearinghouse registration for Divisions I/II athletes

PLP Responsibilities

- Provide support & guidance through the college search & application process
- Provide assistance (mock interviews, preparing for campus visits, understanding test scores, etc.)

Key Fall Dates

- PLP College Fair (10/12)
- PSAT (10/19)
- College Bus Trip (10/26-27)
- College Awareness Week (11/7 - 11/11)

West Coast Colleges Tour

- 6 Day All-Inclusive Tour via EF Education First
- June 12 - June 17

Schools Included

- University of California Berkley or UC Davis
- University of San Fransisco
- Stanford of Santa Clara University
- California Polytechnic State University
- UC Santa Barbara
- Pepperdine or Occidental College
- California Polytechnic State University
- Claremont Colleges
- University of Southern California
- UCLA

Tools to Assist you in Your Search



The screenshot shows the CFNC.org website. At the top left is the "CFNC.org" logo with the tagline "Helping you plan, apply, and pay for college". To the right is the "College Foundation of North Carolina" logo and the phone number "866-866-CFNC(2362)". Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for "My CFNC", "Plan", "Apply", "Pay", and "Save (NC 529)". A sub-navigation bar includes links for "Your Profile", "High School Planning", "College Planning", "Career Planning", and "Financial Portfolio". The main content area is divided into several sections: "Access Your Account" with a login form, "Check It Out" with links to "Financial Aid Primer", "eLearningNC.gov", and "Financial Literacy"; "CFNC Events" with a link to "Register for Webinars, Seminars and Other Training Opportunities"; "Hot Topics" with articles on "Apply to College" and "SAT? ACT? Test Prep Help"; and a "More financial security?" advertisement featuring a woman's face.



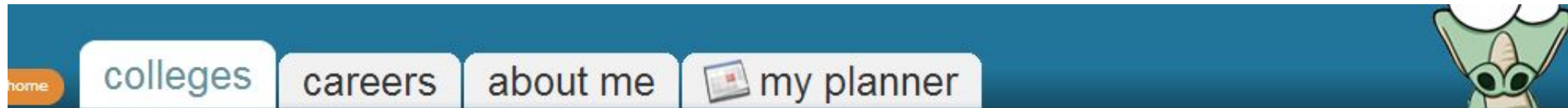
Getting to Know Naviance

- Student & Parent Share Login Information
- Accounts for New Transfer Students Have Been Created & Distributed Through English Classes

The screenshot shows the 'family connection' page on the Naviance website. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the text 'family connection' and a menu with options: 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into several sections:

- resources**: A list of links including 'PrepMe'.
- links**: A list of various educational and college-related links such as 'act', 'college board', 'cost projector', 'cfnc', 'fast web', 'fafsa', 'federal student aid', 'ncaa clearing house', 'princeton review', 'federal aid youtube', and 'ap credit policy'.
- what's new**: A section with two email notifications: 'You received an e-mail: Scholarship Opportunities from Tim Rhodes.' and 'You received an e-mail: College Bus Tour from Tim Rhodes.'
- PLP Welcome**: A section with a welcome message and two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph states the goal of the college planning program at Pine Lake Preparatory. The second paragraph focuses on grades 9 and 10, and the third paragraph focuses on grades 11 and 12.
- Academic Partners**: A section with the text 'Academic Partners -'.
- Get the mobile app!**: A banner for the Naviance Student mobile app, available on the App Store.
- updates**: A section with two links: 'Senior Planning Presentation' and 'Upcoming College Visitations'.
- Messages**: A notification that says 'You have 2 new messages' with a link to 'document library' and 'contact us'.

Naviance College Planning Tools



search for colleges:

[MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>](#)

resources

- [transcripts](#)
- [test scores](#)

my colleges

- [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- [colleges I'm applying to](#)

Upcoming college visits

No upcoming visits.

college research

- [SuperMatch™ college search](#)
- [college match](#)
- [college compare](#)
- [college lookup](#)
- [college search](#)
- [college resources](#)
- [college maps](#)
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Finding the Right Fit



Factors in The College Search Process

- Programs (Major, Internships, Honors etc.)
- Location (Commute, Distance, Urban, Suburban, etc.)
- Cost
- Size (Small <3000, Medium 3-7000, Large 7-10,000)
- Campus Life (Dorms, Activities, Sports, Religion, Diversity, etc.)
- Special Programs (Study Abroad, Athletics, etc.)
- Type of School (public, private, 2-year, specialized schools, etc.)

Campus Visits

- Visit a variety of schools
- DO NOT discount a school because you haven't heard of it.
- Visit when students are there
- Ask LOTS of questions
- Allow enough time to get the feel
- Be sure to sign in with admissions staff
- Plan on having 5-7 colleges on the "list" by the end of junior year.

Sample Campus Visit Questions

- Where do most freshmen live?
- What activities are available for students?
- Who teaches the courses for first-year students?
- How successful are the college's graduates in finding jobs?
- What services (such as transportation and shopping) are available locally?
- What is there to do on weekends? Do most students stay or leave campus on weekends?

Factors in a Holistic Review

- Student transcript – GPA (weighted vs. unweighted), grades, strength of schedule (transcript reflects end of junior year grades and senior year schedule)
- Test scores – ACT, SAT, Subject Tests
- Student Essay & /or Personal Statement
- Recommendation letters (2)
- Extracurricular activities, employment, & / or community service
- Demonstrated interest in the school – including campus visits, emails to admissions office, phone calls, etc. Most document communications in your file!

Extracurricular Involvement

- Show commitment in a few activities and demonstrate leadership
- Community Service Hours - Juniors who don't complete and submit hours show incompletes on their transcripts
- Internships, summer opportunities, shadowing experiences can all show initiative (don't have to cost \$)

ACT

ACT is an achievement-based test measuring what you've learned with an optional writing portion (Scoring 1-36)

Juniors will take in February 2017

Test	Number of Questions	Reporting Categories
English	75 (45 minutes)	Production of Writing; Knowledge of Language; Conventions of Standard Language
Mathematics	60 (60 minutes)	Number & Quantity; Algebra; Functions; Geometry; Stats & Probability; Integrated Skills; Modeling
Reading	40 (35 minutes)	Key Ideas & Details; Craft & Structure; Integration of Knowledge & Ideas
Science	40 (35 minutes)	Interpretation of Data; Scientific Investigation; Evaluation of Models, Inferences, Experimental Results

New SAT

- **SAT is an evidence-based exam, assessing skills**
 - Reading (52 Questions; 65 Minutes)
 - Writing and Language (44 Questions; 35 Minutes)
 - Math (58 Questions; 80 Minutes)
 - Optional Essay (50 minutes)
- 400–1600 score scale
- No penalty for guessing

SAT Subject Tests

- One hour, multiple choice test on one of 20 different subjects.
- *Required by some selective colleges for admission.* **Note – most students do not need SAT Subject Tests.**
- Required by some colleges for course placement.
- Offers an additional opportunity to show colleges what a student knows.

Junior Year Task List

- Plan when you can take SAT, ACT and SAT Subject Test if needed
- Complete all admission testing junior year or EARLY senior year
- Start visiting colleges early junior year or before
- Keep track of school and community activities, work, and volunteer hours (resume)

Average GPA's For Past Acceptance

- UNC Chapel Hill - 4.59
- Appalachian State - 4.12
- UNC Wilmington - 4.1
- NC State Univ - 4.44
- UNC Charlotte - 3.57

Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Night at PLP:
 - Wednesday, October 5 - 6:30 pm STEM Auditorium
- Davidson College Financial Aid Night:
 - Tuesday, October 18 - 7-8:30 pm Davidson College - Baker Sports Complex/Red Ventures Room, Park in Baker parking lot off of Concord Road in Davidson
 - FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Required by all colleges
 - Calculates EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) for Federal Aid
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Application will be available October 1 of Senior Year

Paying For College

- Financial Aid
 - Need-based and Merit-based aid
 - FAFSA (**Free** Application for Federal Student Aid, Senior year)
 - CSS PROFILE (financial aid application service of the College Board, Senior Year)
 - Utilizing the College Financial Aid Officer

Resources

- Twitter –
 - FAFSA
 - New York Times – “The Choice”
 - US Dept. of Education
 - College Board

- Facebook - Federal Student Aid
- YouTube – Federal Student Aid
- Naviance Links & Resources
- CFNC