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# JUNIOR FOCUS FRIDAY SESSION #1

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# WHAT DO COLLEGES WANT?

- THEY WANT YOU!!!!!!
- THERE IS A GOOD COLLEGE MATCH FOR EVERYONE.
- ASK FOR HELP. USE YOUR RESOURCES.

# COMMON FACTORS CONSIDERED BY COLLEGES (COLLEGECHOICE.NET 2018)

- HIGH SCHOOL GPA
- RIGOR OF CURRICULUM
- EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE
- TEST SCORES
- QUALITY RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
- A WELL-WRITTEN ESSAY
- TALENTS AND PASSIONS

## HIGH SCHOOL GPA

- YOUR GPA SHOWS COLLEGES HOW SUCCESSFUL YOU WERE IN YOUR ACADEMIC CLASSES.
- THEY CONSIDER OVERALL GPA.
- ADMISSIONS OFFICERS ALSO LOOK AT GRADES IN SPECIFIC CLASSES (I.E., B+ IN HN PHYSICS).

# RIGOR OF CURRICULUM

- COLLEGES LIKE TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED A CHALLENGING CURRICULUM.
- THEY DO ANALYZE THE NUMBER OF AP, HONORS OR IB CLASSES YOU TAKE.
- COLLEGES DO LOOK AT COURSE LOAD – WHICH IS A GOOD INDICATOR FOR HOW YOU WILL HANDLE THE WORK LOAD AT COLLEGE.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- COLLEGES LOOK FOR STUDENTS WHO STRETCH THEMSELVES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.
- DO YOU PICK AN ACTIVITY AND STICK WITH IT? (4 YEARS OF BAND?)
- DO YOU HAVE ANY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITHIN YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS?

# VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- COLLEGES LIKE TO SEE APPLICANTS WHO HAVE SOME VOLUNTEER AND/OR WORK EXPERIENCE.
- BE SURE TO LIST ANY PROMOTIONS OR SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS.
- INCLUDE A LIST OF ALL PLACES YOU HAVE WORKED AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.



# TEST SCORES

- TEST SCORES – SAT AND ACT ARE IMPORTANT. BUT, MANY SCHOOLS NO LONGER GIVE THEM TOP WEIGHTING WHEN CONSIDERING CANDIDATES.
- EVEN SO, IT IS BEST PRACTICE TO TAKE THE TESTS AND DO AS WELL AS YOU CAN.
- SOME SCHOOLS LOOK AT SAT SUBJECT TESTS, TOO.
- TAKE THE TESTS SERIOUSLY, BUT KNOW THEY ARE NOT THE ONLY FACTOR CONSIDERED.

# QUALITY RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- A GOOD RECOMMENDATION LETTER HIGHLIGHTS ALL YOUR BEST QUALITIES AS A STUDENT.
- ASK TEACHERS WHO KNOW YOU WELL TO WRITE A LETTER.
- RECOMMENDATION LETTERS CAN ALSO COME FROM SUPERVISORS AND OTHERS WHO SEE YOU OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. BUT TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS ARE KEY.

## A WELL-WRITTEN ESSAY

- ADMISSIONS OFFICERS ARE LOOKING FOR ESSAYS THAT ESTABLISH A PERSONAL CONNECTION.
- FOCUS ON SHOWING WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOUR VALUE SYSTEM IS AND WHAT MAKES YOU INTERESTING.
- PUT LESS EMPHASIS ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
- WHEN GIVEN A PROMPT, STICK TO THE PROMPT.

# TALENTS AND PASSIONS

- MORE COLLEGES ARE MOVING AWAY FROM ACCEPTING STUDENTS WHO HAVE DONE THE MOST “STUFF.”
- THEY ARE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS WHO FOCUS THEIR ENERGY IN A SPECIFIC AREA OF INTEREST.
- THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT AND HOW MUCH ENERGY YOU DEVOTE TO THAT.

# COLLEGE RESOURCES

- NAVIANCE STUDENT
- YOU CAN ALSO ADD TO THE RESOURCE SLIDE THESE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:
- [WWW.BIGFUTURE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](http://WWW.BIGFUTURE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG)
- [WWW.COLLEGENAVIGATOR.GOV](http://WWW.COLLEGENAVIGATOR.GOV)
- [WWW.COLLEGEACCESSFAIRFAX.ORG](http://WWW.COLLEGEACCESSFAIRFAX.ORG)
- CAREER CENTER
- ASVAB TESTING-CAREER EXPLORATION NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AND MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9AM-12PM

# COLLEGE FAIRS

- COLLEGE FAIR: SUNDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT FAIR OAKS MALL  
7:30-9:30
- COLLEGE NIGHT: MONDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT HAYFIELD  
SECONDARY SCHOOL FROM 7:00-9:00
- ALCANZA: OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT GEORGE MASON FROM 10:00-  
12:30 (FREE FIELD TRIP FROM EDISON)

# NEWS & INFORMATION

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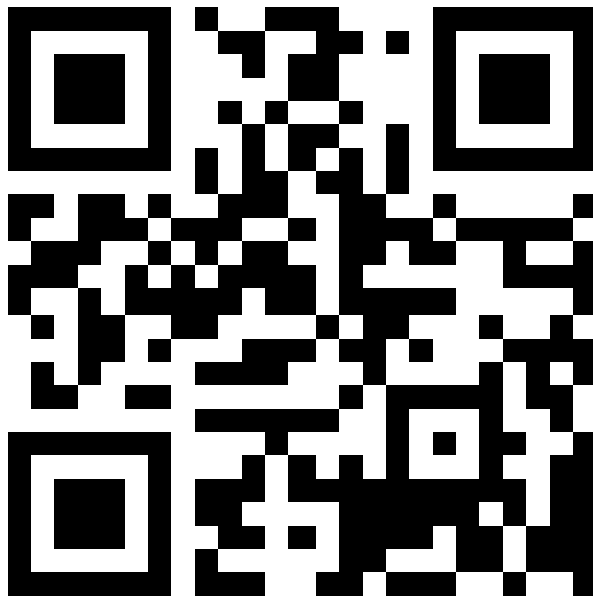
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