

**WELCOME!**

**COUNTDOWN-TO-COLLEGE  
WORKSHOP**

**FOR 11TH GRADERS  
and their  
PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Thank you for being  
here tonight, you've  
taken a major step in  
helping your child  
through this journey!

# Introductions

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*As you go through this process, remember...*

**COLLEGE IS A MATCH  
TO BE MADE, NOT A  
PRIZE TO BE WON!**

# COLLEGE CHOICE

There are **nearly 2,500**  
**four-year colleges** and  
universities in the United  
States **with varying levels of**  
**selectivity.**

## IMPORTANT FACT!

You'll learn that there are many colleges for every type of student.

*PLEASE KEEP IN MIND...*

Approximately **80%** of the colleges and universities in the United States **have higher than a 50% acceptance rate!**

# TONIGHT

- ★ Procedures for working with CHAMPS' College Counseling Office
- ★ Overview of college choice and the application process
- ★ Introduction to Naviance as well as the school's website



*FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- Share driving responsibilities with your child...**sometimes you drive, sometimes your child drives.**  
Moderation!!

## *FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- Take advantage of all resources that are offered you, not only by us, but others.

*FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

➤ **We're small, but mighty!**

But we are telling you right now --  
We are FAR from perfect! We have  
limitations, thus we work  
somewhat creatively but do our  
best to serve everyone.

Our resources are limited and our best way of communicating with you and your child is through email. Please encourage your child to **read ALL of our emails! Student communications will go through the CHAMPS email.**

*FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

➤ **We are College/Career Counselors -- not Academic Counselors.** We are happy to discuss course options to get you to your intended goal, but we do not schedule classes.

*FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- When you come to see us, please come prepared and bring your best selves to the table.

## *FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- We aren't your private counselors. Caseload and time constraints don't allow it. However, outside **private counselors don't substitute for the work we do.**

## *FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- **We endeavor to live in reality.**  
We also encourage your kids to join us there. While we believe in having dreams, **we don't believe in misleading kids.**



## *FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- Understand that **college is going to cost you some money**. There is very rarely such a thing as a free ride.

How many times your child tests, how many schools your child applies to, how many schools you visit, and the types of schools your child applies to (audition, CSS Profile, etc.) will determine your pre-college costs.

## *FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- Embrace the timetable right now. If you sit back and let your child start this process next November, it's entirely too late!

*FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- Commit to the plan that your child will test **AT LEAST** once during their junior year.

**The ideal plan is to take both the ACT (w/ Writing) and SAT (w/ Essay) exam during the 11th grade.**

## *FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- Encourage your child to be productive during the summer between junior and senior year.  
**RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH!**

## *FIRST THINGS FIRST...*

- Students, have all your college related information sent to your CHAMPS' email! This is where we will send your emails.

Where to Start?

Let's explore college options...

There are so many great options to choose from. Have an open mind. Just because YOU haven't heard of it, doesn't mean it isn't great.

Have an open mind...

A school does not have to be in California, New York City or Boston for your child to have a great experience...many CHAMPS students have found matches in seemingly unlikely places, even though it might be out in the middle of Wisconsin, Iowa or Ohio!



Here is one reason why we are different...

Our mission is to help each child find the correct college fit, we are going to ask you to consider a variety of options (which may or MAY NOT include public institutions).

# Community Colleges

This may be be the best option for some students based on their academic record and/or cost, but if you are eligible for a 4-year we are going to encourage you to start there.

Why do we ask you to look  
beyond the CSU system?

Because of its abysmal  
four-year grad rates due to  
overcrowding!

Yes there are exceptions, but an average  
of 19% of the students will graduate in 4 years.

**Financial Aid only lasts for 4 years!**

Why are we so hard on the UCs?

Because they've become  
unreasonably selective!  
(see handout)

Let's talk about what you are dreading...COSTS

## **AVERAGE STICKER PRICE**

California State University (CSU) - \$26,000+

University of California (UC) - \$35,000+

Out-Of-State Public University-\$17,000-\$55,000

Private/Independent Colleges/Univ. – \$33,000 -  
\$65,000+

## The Good News...

Do not eliminate schools for the sticker prices alone – especially in the case of private colleges!

What can help reduce the costs of college....

**Academic Excellence** - good grades, strong rigor and high test scores can all be used to calculate merit scholarships -- not offered at every school, especially the most selective institutions

**Talent/Skills** - also a means for determining merit money

**Need** - factored by the submission of the **FAFSA/Dream Act**

**Location** - Cal Grant for students staying in state or an enticement from schools seeking CA residents for diversity

**Leadership** - often a factor in institutional and private scholarships

# In-State Public Universities

The California State University (CSU)

The University of California (UC)



# CSUs (23 campuses)



## The UCs (There are nine of them)

➤	<b>UC-Berkeley (UCB)</b> .....	<b>15%</b>	<b>(4.27</b> , ACT-32, SAT ERW-705, SAT M-735)
➤	<b>UC-Davis (UCD)</b> .....	<b>41%</b>	<b>(4.11</b> , ACT-30, SAT ERW-650, SAT M-700)
➤	<b>UC-Irvine (UCI)</b> .....	<b>29%</b>	<b>(4.13</b> , ACT-30, SAT ERW-656, SAT M-705)
➤	<b>UC-Los Angeles (UCLA)</b> .....	<b>14%</b>	<b>(4.24</b> , ACT-33, SAT ERW-710, SAT M-740)
➤	<b>UC-Merced (UCM)</b> .....	<b>70%</b>	<b>(3.71</b> , ACT-24, SAT ERW-570, SAT M-580)
➤	<b>UC-Riverside (UCR)</b> .....	<b>51%</b>	<b>(3.88</b> , ACT-26, SAT ERW-620, SAT M-635)
➤	<b>UC-San Diego (UCSD)</b> .....	<b>30%</b>	<b>(4.15</b> , ACT-31, SAT ERW-685, SAT M-725)
➤	<b>UC-Santa Barbara (UCSB)</b> ..	<b>32%</b>	<b>(4.13</b> , ACT-31, SAT ERW-675, SAT M-710)
➤	<b>UC-Santa Cruz (UCSC)</b> .....	<b>47%</b>	<b>(3.96</b> , ACT-29, SAT ERW-645, SAT M-685)

\*Info for students admitted in fall 2018, GPA based on “A-G” courses in 10th & 11th

# Out-of-State Public Universities

Out-of-state **TUITION** greatly varies from state to state:

- **Montana State U. – \$24,992**
- **Salem State U. (MA) - \$7,050**
- **U. of Arizona – \$36,400**
- **U. of Michigan - \$49,350**
- **SUNY Purchase - \$16,650**

# Major Private Universities

(just a few examples)

\*New York University (NYU)

\*Tufts University

\*University of Southern California (USC)

\*Brandeis University

\*Stanford University

\*University of Chicago

\*Northwestern University

\*Johns Hopkins University

\*Washington University in St. Louis

\*American University

\*Boston University

\*Tulane University

\*Emory University

\*Duke University

# Major Catholic Colleges/Universities

\*Georgetown University

\*Santa Clara University

\*University of Notre Dame

\*DePaul University

\*Villanova University

\*Fordham University

\*University of San Francisco

\*Seattle University

\*University of San Diego

\*Marquette University

\*St. Louis University

\*Loyola Marymount U

# The Ivy League (8 schools)

## \*Harvard University

(Boston area -- 4.6% acceptance)

## \*Yale University

(New Haven, CT -- 6.3% acceptance),  
opened two new colleges to increase  
enrollment

## \*Princeton University

(New Jersey -- 5.5% acceptance)

## \*Brown University

(Rhode Island -- 7.2% acceptance)

## \*Dartmouth College

(New Hampshire -- 8.7% acceptance)

## \*The University of Pennsylvania

(Philadelphia -- 8.4% acceptance)

## \*Columbia University

(New York City -- 5.5% acceptance)

## \*Cornell University

(Upstate New York area -- 10.3% acceptance)

# Liberal Arts Colleges

JUST A SAMPLING OF SO MANY GREAT ONES.....

\*Occidental College

\*Kenyon College

\*Colorado College

\*Hiram College

\*Beloit College

\*Eckerd College

\*Lake Forest College

\*Illinois Wesleyan University

\*Goucher College

\*Whitman College

\*Sarah Lawrence College

\*Willamette University

\*Swarthmore College

\*University of Redlands

\*Bradley University

\*Amherst College

# Why choose a small, private Liberal arts college?

- Generally, they have **much better four-year graduation** rates than large publics, as well as retention rates
- **One-on-one relationships** with real professors, not graduate assistants.
- As an undergraduate, **you are the main customer.**
- **Class sizes are generally much smaller.** Tendency to build closer, longer-lasting friendships with peers.
- The institutionally generated **financial aid packages tend to be more generous.**



# Women's Colleges

## The Five Sisters

- \* **Barnard College** (New York City)
- \* **Wellesley College** (Boston Area)
- \* **Smith College** (Massachusetts)
- \* **Mt. Holyoke College** (Massachusetts)
- \* **Bryn Mawr College** (Philadelphia Area)

## More Women's Colleges

- \* **Scripps College** (Claremont, CA)
- \* **Mills College** (Oakland Hills/Berkeley Area)
- \* **Mount St. Mary's College** (Los Angeles Area)
- \* **Agnes Scott College** (Atlanta Area)

## Some of the Very Best HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges/Universities)

- \* **Howard University** – Washington, DC
- \* **Spelman College** (all women) – Atlanta, GA
- \* **Xavier University** – New Orleans, LA
- \* **Morehouse College** (all men) – Atlanta, GA
- \* **Clark-Atlanta University** – Atlanta, GA
- \* **Hampton State University** – Hampton, VA
- \* **Morgan State University** – Baltimore, MD
- \* **Fisk University** – Nashville, TN

# **A Sampling of HSIs**

## **(Hispanic Serving Institutions)**

- \*The UCs and Cal States – California**
- \*Whittier College – Whittier, CA**
- \*St. Edward's University – Austin, TX**
- \*Adams State U – Alamosa, CO**
- \*University of New Mexico – Albuquerque, NM**
- \*CUNY City College – New York, NY**
- \*Barry University – Miami Shores, FL**
- \*University of Illinois – Chicago, IL**

# College Consortiums...

## The Claremont Colleges

- \* Pomona College
- \* Pitzer College
- \* Scripps College
- \* Claremont-McKenna College
- \* Harvey Mudd College

## The 5-College Consortium

- \* Amherst College
- \* Smith College
- \* Mt. Holyoke College
- \* Hampshire College
- \* U of Mass-Amherst

# More College Consortiums...

## The Colleges of the Fenway

- \*Emmanuel College
- \*Simmons College
- \*Wheelock College
- \*Wentworth Institute of Technology
- \*Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- \*Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

## The New School, New York

- \*Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts
- \*Parsons - The New School For Design
- \*College of Performing Arts
  - School of Jazz
  - School of Drama
  - Mannes School of Music
- \*The New School For Social Research
- \*Schools of Public Engagement

## **Visual and Performing Arts**

\*Conservatories for Dance, Music, Theater

\*Art Colleges ([www.portfolioday.net](http://www.portfolioday.net))

## **Colleges that Cater to Students on the Spectrum or with Learning Disabilities**

## **Trade Colleges**

# A Few Prominent Theatre and/or Music Conservatories

\*Boston Conservatory

\*Mannes College of Music

\*California Institute of the Arts

\*Cornish College of Arts

\*North Carolina School of the Arts

\*University of the Arts

\*Berklee College of Music

\*Peabody Conservatory

\*Manhattan School of Music

\*The Juilliard School

\*American Academy of Dramatic Art

\*Eastman School of Music

\*The Hartt School

\*Curtis Institute of Music

# Some Prominent Art Colleges

(check out [www.portfolioday.net](http://www.portfolioday.net))

\*Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)

\*Art Center College of Design

\*School of the Museum of Fine Arts/Tufts

\*Cooper Union

\*California College of Art and Design

\*Parsons School of Design

\*California Institute of the Arts (Cal Arts)

\*Otis College of Art and Design

\*Maryland Institute College of Art and Design (MICA)

\*Columbia College Chicago

\*School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)

\*Pratt Institute

\*Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)

\*Cornish College of the Arts

\*Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt)

\*University of the Arts



# Some of the Top Science/Tech Places

- \*Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- \*California Institute of Technology (CalTech)
- \*Georgia Institute of Tech. (Georgia Tech)
- \*Missouri School of Science and Tech.
- \*Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
- \*Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)
- \*Virginia Institute of Technology (Virginia Tech)
- \*Illinois Institute of Tech.
- \*Rose-Hulman Inst. Of Tech.
- \*Cooper Union
- \*School of the Mines
- \*Carnegie Mellon University
- \*Harvey Mudd College
- \*Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (RPI)

# TESTING

## Why is it so important?

Whether we like it or not, it is still a factor for many colleges.

Three vitally important websites:

- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)

Still talking about testing...

To prep or not to prep?

**Sign up for an  
SAT (with Essay) and/or an ACT (with Writing)  
sitting now!**

**Do not wait until fall to test for the first time!**

KEY INGREDIENTS  
OF A WINNING COLLEGE  
APPLICATION

WHAT ARE THEY,  
IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE?

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:  
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**THE TRANSCRIPT**

How RIGOROUS or hard is the curriculum a student has taken AND is taking?

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:  
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)**

How well did the student do  
in his/her courses?

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:  
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**EXTRACURRICULARS**

QUALITY NOT QUANTITY!

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:  
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**LETTERS OF**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

FROM THE COLLEGE  
COUNSELOR AND TEACHERS.



THE KEY INGREDIENTS:  
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

# WELL-MANAGED APPLICATION

- STRONG ESSAY, WHERE REQUIRED
- DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN COLLEGE, WHERE APPLICABLE.

# APPLICATION TYPES

## ➤ The Common App -

[WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG](http://WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG)

Questions/prompts are typically updated in August for the next admissions cycle.

## ➤ Individual Online Apps

Second-most typical way to apply to colleges after Common App.

# CRAFTING A LIST

- **Assessment** of talents, interests grades, test scores, activities, and geographical/financial restrictions.
- **Research** college options – Do the investigative legwork. Ask questions, use internet and book resources. Read subjective narratives on colleges.
- Establish a preliminary list of colleges that interest you – as long of a list as you want. Get on their mailing lists. Visit whatever campuses you can. Meet their admissions representatives at college fairs and their own “road shows.”

# REFINING THE LIST

- Refine the preliminary list, and begin imposing structure on it, based on your own qualifications and limitations, and using the following three categories:

**(Realistic) reach** – 25% or less, based on college's overall acceptance rate

**Possible** -meaning you have a 50% shot at acceptance, based on your own stats

**Likely** -70% or higher, based on your personal stats

- Keep researching and learning about the schools on your refined list, narrow your options, and edit it down to a workable final list.

\*\*We do not believe in having FAR REACHES on a student's final list, but we will provide school related documents for all schools to which you apply.

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:  
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES**

**SAT (with Writing)**

and/or the

**ACT (with Writing),**

and the **SAT SUBJECT TESTS** (if required)

# Procedures for Individual Spring Appointments:

- Priority was given to students that completed the Preliminary College Questionnaire by the initial deadline.
- **We cannot take requests for dates/times.**
- We set an appointment that coincides with one of the student's electives.
- Spring appointments will start in early February and will continue until every student has been given an opportunity to meet with a college counselor. **If you miss your appointment, you will go to the end of the list. If we have to change an appointment on our end, we will reschedule you as soon as possible.**
- We encourage parents to attend, but understand it may not be possible.

# Appointments...what to bring?

- The preliminary college list.
- A completely open state of mind.

# Resources

**THE CHAMPS WEBSITE** — The College Planning Pages are your first stop for finding answers and resources!

**OUR FAMOUS (INFAMOUS?) EMAILS** — we will send you guideposts/reminders on a frequent basis.



**NAVIANCE** — What in the world is it?




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# Naviance/Student Connection

- You should already be familiar with your Naviance account and should be using it now
- **Your Naviance/Student Connection account is at the center of all of your college application mechanics**

# https://student.naviance.com/champs



Welcome to Naviance Student

Email

Password

Remember me

[Forgot your password?](#)

Login

Are you new here?

[I'm a guest](#)

[I need to register](#)

**CHAMPS Charter High School for the Arts**

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[www.champscharter.org/index.html](http://www.champscharter.org/index.html)  
[Privacy Policy](#)

**email:** enter everything (all lower case) before the “@” symbol in your CHAMPS email

**password:** your birthdate in this format -- yyyymmdd

# Navigating Naviance's Home Page

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Naviance Student website. The bar is teal and contains the Naviance logo and the text "Naviance | Student" on the left. On the right, there are links for "Give feedback", "2 new messages", and "LOG OUT". Below these are the main navigation links: "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", "About Me", and "My Planner". The "Home" link is underlined. A red circle highlights the "Home", "Colleges", "Careers", "About Me", and "My Planner" links. Below the navigation bar is a search area with the text "Welcome, Ann!" and a search box containing the placeholder text "Type a college name". To the left of the search box is a link "Search for Colleges" with a dropdown arrow. To the right of the search box is a "SEARCH" button.

## Welcome Class of 2019!

Hi Class of 2019!

Welcome to Naviance! Naviance/Student Connection is your fastest route to not only learning about colleges, but it's also the main tool you'll be using to manage your college applications plus communicate with the CHAMPS College Counseling Center.

Don't forget to look at the top of this page to check for any messages we may have sent you. You can find useful links to important college information on the bottom of this page.

[Read more](#)

## My Favorites



COLLEGES  
I'm thinking about



COLLEGES  
I'm applying to



CAREERS AND CLUSTERS  
I'm thinking about



# Navigating Naviance's Home Page

## From My School

### LINKS

[Countdown-To-College](#)

[Fastweb](#)

[Countdown 2019](#)

[Going Merry](#)

[View all from my school](#)

### PAGES

Your school has no new pages. Check back later.

### UPDATES

Your school has no new updates. Check back later.

**CHAMPS Charter High School for the Arts**

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# Adding to/updating your list

## Quick Links

**MORE SEARCH OPTIONS**

- SuperMatch@
- Advance college search
- College lookup

**MY COLLEGES**

- Upcoming college events
- Colleges match
- Colleges Visits
- Colleges I'm thinking about**
- Colleges I'm applying to
- Letters of recommendation

## Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

[+ Add Colleges to List](#) [Compare Me](#)

[UPDATE INTEREST](#) [MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST](#) [REMOVE](#) + = extended profile available

College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo		Student	N/A	Regular Decision November 30	N/A <a href="#">▼ MORE</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> California State University, Northridge		Counselor	N/A	Regular Decision November 30	N/A <a href="#">▼ MORE</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Columbia College Chicago		Counselor	N/A	N/A	N/A <a href="#">▼ MORE</a>

# Spring Semester '19 Overview - College/Career Counseling

- **Individual student/parent appointments** - Spring semester starting about the second week of February, and running throughout spring semester
- **NACAC College Fair** – April 9th (we take the entire Junior Class)
- **College Counseling Drop-In (STUDENTS ONLY)** – Lunch

# Senior Year Overview

- **Mandatory “All About the Class of 2020” - TBD**
- **Individual student/parent appointments - September and October**
- **Financial Aid Workshop - Late Sept./Early Oct**
- **College Counseling Drop-In (STUDENTS ONLY) – Lunch**



College is not a prize to be won, but a match to be made. “Fit” is everything. There is not a “bad” college, but there is certainly such a thing as good or bad “fit.”

**Let's discover the right fit for each of you!**

Thank you for coming!

# Questions

