



SENIOR NIGHT 2016

A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Union High School Counseling Department

Senior Counselor Assignments and Information

*Mrs. Bridges:	Je - Le	Main
*Ms. Desamours:	C - D	Main
*Mrs. Douglas-Wright:	A	Side
*Mrs. DeCorte:	E, F, Ga-Go	Main
*Mrs. Weissberg:	Q, R, Sa-Sh	Main
*Mr. Mayes:	Si-Sz, T, U, V	Side
*Mrs. Svetvilas:	W, X, Y, Z	Main
*Mrs. Birstler:	Li-Lz, M	Main
*Mr. Demetriou:	B	Main
*Mrs. Judd:	Gr-Gz, H, I, Ja	Side
*Mrs. DeGeorge:	N, O, P	Main

Nicole Ahern, Supervisor

Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Padden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Muller

Key players in the process:



Counselor

Student

Family

Teachers

Planning Calendar



MAKE A CALENDAR JUST FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Read Daily Bulletin every day
- ✓ Discuss post-secondary plans with your family and counselor
- ✓ Register for SAT/ACT
- ✓ Be aware of deadlines
- *** (TRANSCRIPT TURN AROUND TIME)
- ✓ Common App
- ✓ Naviance Family Connection, READ EMAILS
- ✓ College Visit procedure

What Colleges are Looking For:

Main components to an application:

- Grades
- Rigor of courses
- Test scores
- Extra-curriculars
- Recommendations
- Essay

The student's essay and the teacher/counselor recommendations shine a light on all components

****Should ask teachers in person and follow up with a thank you!**

Points to consider

Two Year Schools

- Less expensive (ex: 1 year UCC= \$2688 vs. Montclair State=\$8000)
- If grades are not high enough, chance to earn higher grades and then transfer
- Learn a profession or vocation and go into workforce
- No SAT, take placement test

□ **NJ STARS**

Four Year Schools

- More expensive, consider debt when student graduates
- Well-rounded education and Bachelor's Degree
- On campus and off campus learning opportunities (internships, student clubs, study abroad)
- Most require SAT or ACT, more involved application

Paying for college???

- Assistance filling out the FAFSA forms coming 1/19 or 2/4 @ UHS
- www.hesaa.org *FREE RESOURCE*

Will be available to speak with you regarding specific financial questions & concerns

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Naviance Family Connection

<http://connection.naviance.com/unionsh>

- Request transcripts
- Request teacher recommendations
- Complete brag sheets
- Complete resume
- Track your applications
- Search for scholarships
- Receive important announcements
 - Regardless of your plans, Naviance is an excellent learning tool!

Transcript Release/Request

- 2 step process:
 - ▣ Use paper Transcript Release Form
 - ▣ Submit request in Naviance
- The Transcript Release Forms are available in the Counseling offices or through Naviance
- All transcript requests (to be sent to a college) must be submitted at least 15 school days prior to the deadline.
- Transcript requests will not be processed until both tasks are completed.

pages

- [kaplan sat prep](#)
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Documents and Forms

Looking for a document or form from the Counseling Office?

Find it here...

- **Start On Your Family Connection Home Page**
- **Click "Documents library" on the right side of the page**
- **Under Documents: Folders click "Union High Documents"**
- **Choose the document you need.**

To complete your College Application, You must submit these 4 forms to your Counselor:

- **Transcript Release Form**
- **Student Activity Sheet**
- **Student Brag Sheet**
- **Parent Brag Sheet**

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BRAG SHEETS & ESSAYS

- Submit student brag sheet.
- Submit parent brag sheet.
- Submit resume.
- **COMPLETE ALL BRAG SHEETS AND RESUME, see your counselor for details.**

□ ESSAYS

- Usually are pretty general and can be modified to match multiple schools - remember to make it “feel” like it was written for that school though!
- Be unique! Get admission officers’ attention!
- To see if you can write well enough for their college program
- To get a sense of whether your values and style would fit diversify/benefit their college
- To see if you care enough about the college to take some time writing to it and about it

Sending and Releasing SAT/ACT Scores: Important!

- It is your responsibility to release and send your scores!
- You can do this by phone or online (Go to www.act.org or www.collegeboard.org)
- Just have school codes ready to go!
- Our code: 311510
- Be sure to save the confirmation for your records.
- Keep all records and copies of reports in one place.

Ways to Apply

	Regular Decision	Rolling Admissions	Early Decision	Early Action
Application	12/1-3/1	No deadline	10/31-12/1	10/31-12/1
Notification	By 4/1	4-6 weeks after applying	Between 12/1-1/31	Between 12/1-1/31
Binding?	No	No	YES	No
			**Must submit deposit if accepted	Can wait until 5/1 to decide

The Common Application Process

- More than 600 colleges and universities accept the Common Application.
- Learn about individual college application requirements including:
 - ▣ application
 - ▣ supplementary material
 - ▣ payments
 - ▣ school forms
- The Counseling Department will assist the students with Common Application information in September and October.



www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/

Instant Decision Days

Date	School
November 17	Union County College
November 29	Johnson & Wales
November 30	Montclair State
December 1	Seton Hall
December 7	Felician
December 8	NJIT
December 9	Rider University
December 13	Farleigh Dickinson University
December 15	St. Peter's University
January 10	Bloomfield College
January 19	New Jersey City University

College Visits

- **Please call attendance on the day of or the day before the visit.**
- **Counts as an unexcused absence until documentation is brought to Attendance, is then changed to excused.**
- **Proof of visit must be demonstrated, letter or registration card stamped by college representative.**

Scholarships

- Naviance – log on to access scholarship information and download applications
- Check the Daily Bulletin for related information
- Ask employers, local community groups, parents'/students' employers, colleges
- Use Internet for additional scholarships
- Adhering to deadlines – essays, letters of recommendation, transcripts
- **REMIND 101**



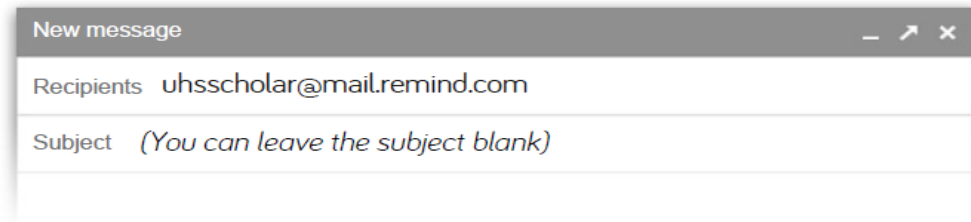
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scholarships and financial aid

The list below contains scholarships or financial aid awards that may be relevant for you. Click the name of a scholarship to view more information or click the column headings to sort by name, category, deadline or maximum award.

You may also check the scholarships for which you are submitting applications and then click "Add Selected Scholarships to My List" below.

Browse by category: (select category) Go Only show scholarships added or updated since my last visit

Name	Deadline	Maximum Award	Merit Based	Need Based	Essay Req	Service Req
<input type="checkbox"/> Alfred J. Speak Scholarship	3/20	\$5,000 (multiple awards)	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> All-in-One Scholarship	3/1	\$1,000 (2 awards)	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Chemical Society Scholarship	3/1	5,000	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)	3/28	\$1,000				
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Scholarship	5/28	N/A			X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Antonio Faias Memorial Scholarship	4/28	\$750				
<input type="checkbox"/> ASHRAE Engineering Scholarship Program	12/1	\$3,000 (2 awards)	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Association of Equipment Management Professionals (AEMP) Foundation Scholarship	5/1	\$2,000	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Autism Family Services of New Jersey Scholarship	5/9	\$1,000 (2 awards)			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> AXA Achievement Scholarship	12/15	Up to \$25,000			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Chirls Scholarship	-	N/A				
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Farnan Scholarship Fund	5/9	\$2,000	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Daniels Memorial Education Grant	4/30	\$750 (multiple awards)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Buick Achievers Scholarship	2/28	\$2,000-\$25,000		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Carol Remondelli Memorial Scholarship	3/14	\$500	X			X
<input type="checkbox"/> Citrin Scholarship for Accounting and Business	5/1	\$1,000			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation	10/31	\$1,000 - 1,500	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Columbiettes of Union #4504	4/15	\$100.00				X
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Foundation of New Jersey	3/31	Varies				
<input type="checkbox"/> Congress of Portuguese-American Educators Scholarship	3/8	\$2500			X	

Post-Secondary Options

□ Military

- Specific recruiters working with UHS students
- ASVAB Career Exploration program www.asvabprogram.com

□ Vocational


□ Technical

□ Business

www.njnextstop.org

- All types of schools and options will be represented at our College/Career night on 10/26

October 26, 2016



- College & Career Night
 - 6:00 UHS cafeteria
- Financial Aid Information Session

NCAA Athletes

- Register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Credit Card needed
- Additional UHS transcript release form required
- Students and parents should speak with coaches and counselor about schools and selection process

Additional Graduation Requirements

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS		Acceptable Passing Score
Grade 9 PARCC ELA	OR	750
Grade 10: PARCC	OR	750
Grade 11: PARCC	OR	725
SAT Critical Reading	OR	450 or above
PSAT Reading	OR	40 or above-10 th grade 22 or above- 11 th grade
ACT Reading	OR	16 or above
ASVAB-AFQT Score	OR	31 or above
Accuplacer: Write Placer	OR	6 or above
Meet the criteria of the NJDOE		

MATH		Acceptable Passing Score
Algebra PARCC	OR	750
Geometry PARCC	OR	725
Algebra II PARCC	OR	725
SAT Math	OR	440 or above
PSAT	OR	40 or above-10th grade 22 or above- 11th grade
ACT Math	OR	16 or above
ASVAB-AFQT Score	OR	31 or above
Accuplacer Math: Algebra	Elementary OR	76 or above
Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal		

Final Tips for Families!



- Be supportive
- Be a sounding board
- Be a proofreader
- Use *Naviance* for communication, college visits, research and surveys
- Ask your son/daughter “How can I help?”
- **USE YOUR COUNSELOR AS A RESOURCE!**