SENIOR College Planning Dates & Reminders 2019-2020

Upcoming Events:

- **College Fairs in the Seattle Area** ([http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/Pages/default.aspx))
  - NACAC National College Fair
    - Friday, November 1st (9am-12pm) and Saturday, November 2nd (12pm-4pm) Washington State Convention and Trade Center
  - Seattle Performing and Visual Arts College Fair
    - Tuesday, September 17th from 6:30pm–8:30pm | Fisher Pavilion @ The Seattle Center
  - Black College Fair (UNCF)
    - Sunday, November 3rd from 12:00pm – 4pm | Garfield High School (Seattle)

- **College Visits**
  - College admissions reps from all over the country will be visiting Ballard High School throughout the fall. Students should visit their Naviance page to view the most current list of visiting colleges, sign up for visits, and print the confirmation page for a permission slip to give to their teachers to be excused from class.

- **College Essay Writing**

- **National Portfolio Day, Saturday, November 9th, 2019 11am – 3pm @ Cornish College of the Arts** ([http://www.portfolioday.net/](http://www.portfolioday.net/))

- **Financial Aid Info and Deadlines**
  - Attend the Financial Aid Info Night at Ballard High School on Tuesday, October 8th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
  - Students should consider completing a FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) and/or WASFA (*Washington Application for State Financial Aid*) to be eligible for financial aid.
  - To complete the FAFSA or WASFA online go to: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and [www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa](http://www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa)
  - The FAFSA and WASFA are available starting October 1st, 2019—be sure to fill out the 2020-2021 version.

ACT/SAT Registration:

Please check the ACT and SAT Test Dates 2019-2020 calendar and sign up at the appropriate website. Do not wait for the deadline to register because Seattle testing sites fill up fast.

- **SAT Subject Tests** – Be sure to check your college websites to see if they require these additional tests
- *If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, please see your counselor for a fee waiver for the ACT or the SAT*

**RESOURCES**

- **BHS Counseling Center:** Check regularly to see which colleges will have a representative visiting and other information.
- **Naviance** – Log in via Schoology, explore college possibilities and career fields, understand financial options for college including scholarship searches, identify best-fit colleges, college majors and career fields, and more.
- Check college websites for their specific events and application processes.
- **WUE** ([Western Undergraduate Exchange Program](http://www.wiche.edu/wue)) -- tuition break for some out of state colleges [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue)
- **Career Bridge** – Go to [www.careerbridge.wa.gov](http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov)
- **NCAA Eligibility Center** – to be academically eligible to participate in Div I or Div II college athletics, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and make sure you have completed the necessary academic requirements [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

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