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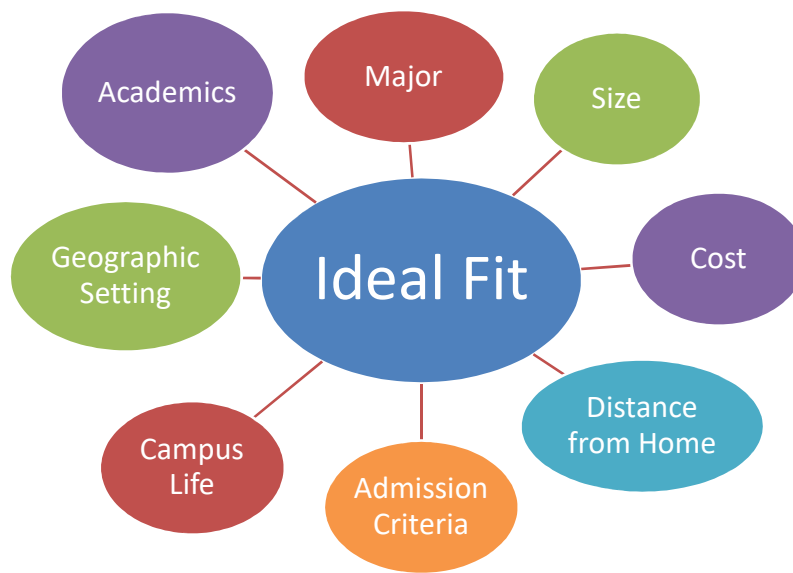
College/Career Information Night



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College Search



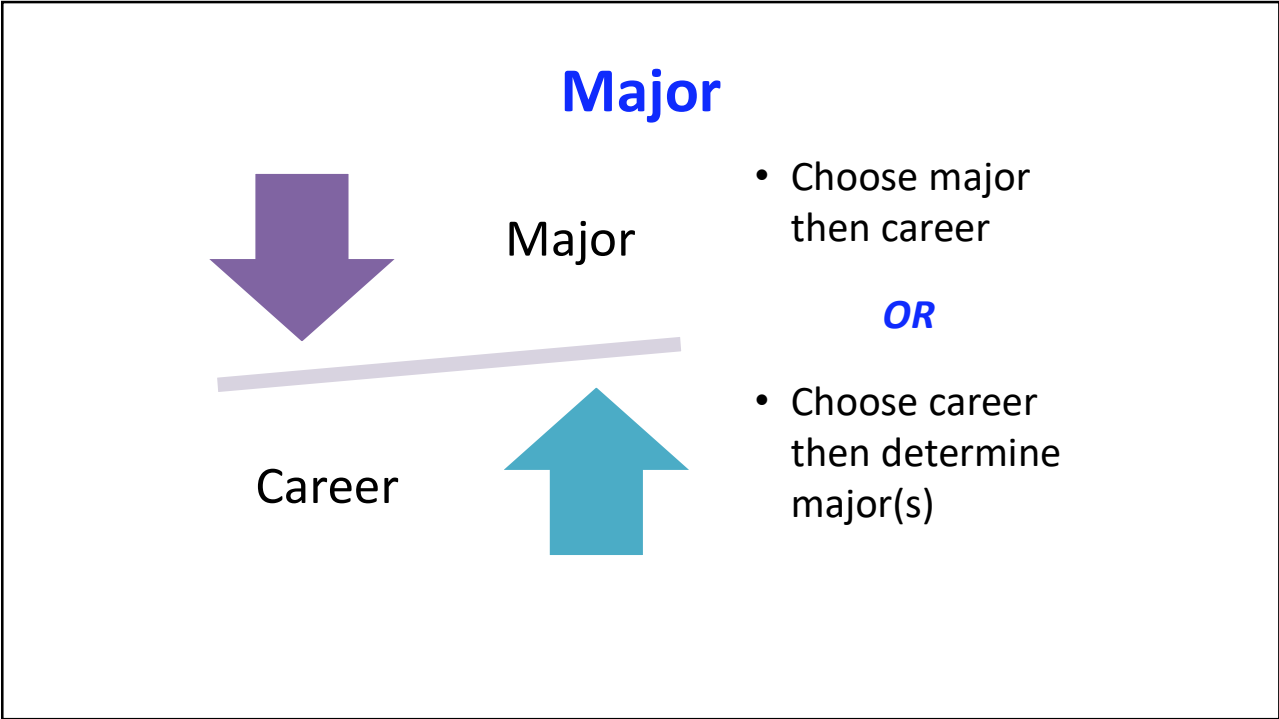
Permanent Factors

- Size
- Distance from home
- Setting
- Diversity



Know Yourself First





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College Fit



Academics



- Size of ideal classes/
student to faculty ratio
- Academic
competitiveness match
- Internships
- Career services office
- Study Abroad

Campus Life



- Atmosphere of campus
- Activities and opportunities of interest
- College athletics level
- What do students do on weekends
- Facilities
 - Dorms
 - Work out
 - Dining hall

Exploring Colleges



- Due to COVID, college visits may look different this year.
- Contact the admissions office (or check their website)
- Counselor website has more detailed information

Finances



- Don't rule out yet just because of costs
- Net Price Calculator
- Scholarships
- FAFSA

Ways to help minimize costs

- College Credit Plus (CC+)
 - Information will come out in January
- Military
- Consider full range of college options
 - 2 year (CSCC pathway)
 - 4 year Public/ Private



College Fit



How Colleges Evaluate Applicants

- It Depends
- Colleges have own goals
- Straight forward “basic” approach
- Holistic approach
- Do not assume



Top Factors in Admissions

Most Important:

- Grades in College Prep courses
- Strength of Curriculum
- GPA
- Test Scores



Next Key Factors:

- Essay
- Demonstrated Interest
- Recommendation Letters
- Extra-curriculars
- Class rank

** SOURCE: NACAC State of College Admissions, 2018

College Admissions Tests



The ACT

- English, Math, Reading and Science scores ranging from 1 – 36
- Composite score - average of the four section scores – ranges from 1 – 36
- Optional writing test



The SAT

- Evidence Based Reading and Writing and Math scores ranging from 200 - 800
- Overall score ranges from 400 - 1600
- Optional writing test
- Optional SAT Subject Tests



College Admissions Tests



- ACT: www.actstudent.org
- Upcoming Tests:
 - December 1, 2020
 - February 6, 2021
 - **Free WKHS administration: February 23, 2021**
 - April 17, 2020
 - June 12, 2021
 - July 17, 2021
- SAT: www.collegeboard.org
- Upcoming Tests:
 - November 7, 2020
 - December 5, 2020
 - March 13, 2021
 - May 8, 2021
 - June 5, 2021
 - August 28, 2021
 - October 2, 2021

When should students test?



- Plan to test twice
- Possibility to repeat test
- Last test dates for college deadlines
- December test have option to order test questions and answers

Test Preparation



- Rigorous Academic Course-load
- PSAT scores/ Khan Academy
- Pre-ACT – November 17 and 18, WKHS - \$14
- Free online test prep
- Tutoring

How good are my scores?

College Readiness Scores	
English	18
Math	22
Reading	22
Science	23

WKHS ACT Average	22.6
Ohio ACT Average	20
National ACT Average	20.7

WKHS SAT Average	1229
Ohio SAT Average	1097
National SAT Average	1059

- Average Scores –
 - WKHS, State, National
- College Readiness scores

Test Optional



- Some colleges will continue test optional after this year
- Test as if scores are component of application

What can students be doing now?

- Keep up your grades
- Organize your resume
- Consider your social media presence
- Investigate careers & potential majors including career related growth opportunities:
 - YouScience
 - Community Service/ Work
 - Educational programs/ camps
 - Job Shadowing



Preparing for College

Junior Year Winter/ Spring:

- Take the ACT/SAT
- Schedule a rigorous course load for senior year
- Begin developing your college list
- Visit colleges/reach out to colleges
- Attend college essay brainstorming workshop
- Determine if you will need a recommendation letter; ask if required
- Register with NCAA/ NAIA Eligibility center if planning to play collegiate sports
- Finish your junior year strong!



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Junior Year Summer:

- Continue to make college visits
- Finalize your college list of where you will apply
- Register and prepare for summer/ fall ACT/SAT tests if needed
- Begin essays for applications – make sure you are looking at the updated year application prompts for the school!
- Once Common App open, start filling in application basics



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