

The Road to College

A College Counseling Newsletter



As we begin to set our sights on commencement, I am humbled by the incredible [accomplishments of the Class of 2022](#) and excited about what the future holds for these soon-to-be graduates. As a class, this group of seniors and PGs have faced incredible challenges in navigating a global pandemic for the majority of their high school careers and a college admission landscape that was the most competitive ever. And yet, their resolve, resilience and determination to persist in the face of such difficulty has only made them stronger and all the more prepared for even greater success in their futures. On behalf of the entire College Counseling Office, I wish to extend our most enthusiastic and sincere congratulations to this extraordinary class.

While the next few weeks promise to be filled with great celebration, they will also include year-end meetings for our juniors and the announcement of college counseling assignments for the sophomores! As we look to the summer months, our team is excited to continue supporting students in their college counseling process. For students and families of the Class of 2023 and 2024, counselors are available to schedule either in-person or virtual meetings during the months of June and August, but will only be accessible via email during the month of July to afford us the opportunity to devote time to letter writing.

Please read on for more class-specific information. We send everyone our best wishes for the month of May!

Anna Barlow-Boesch
Director of College Counseling



We are so proud of their accomplishments and excited to celebrate the Class of 2022! Seniors and PGs are invited to wear a t-shirt or sweatshirt representing their college to school on our annual College T-Shirt Day which will be Friday, May 13, 2022. If you do not have a t-shirt or sweatshirt from your college but wish to participate in this day, please be in touch with Mrs. Barry (barryb@wra.net) and we can help. Be sure to take a peek at the Pennant Garden on the corner of College and Aurora Streets.

We strongly encourage students to update the college you will be attending with your personal email address and contact information (especially important for boarding students). You want to be sure to receive all important communication from the college over the summer and you will lose access to your WRA email account after graduation.

Final transcripts will be sent by July 1 to the one school you will be attending, and will be noted on Naviance under "Office materials." If you are accepted off a waitlist and will be attending this new school, please let us know.



Mrs. Barlow-Boesch, Ms. Koester and Mr. Shriver enjoyed the many conversations had during our junior family conferences. If you were unable to schedule a conference with your student's counselor, please feel free to be in touch as we are always available for in-person, virtual or phone meetings.

There are two testing dates this summer to take the SAT and ACT. See the [testing schedule](#) for codes needed when registering. Note that the June and July ACT are not offered at WRA but other local test centers should offer these exams on these dates.

Teacher Recommendation forms are due this month. Completed request forms should be returned to the College Counseling Office by May 9 and questionnaires for the teachers writing recommendations should be completed no later than May 15.

Last month the college counselors of the CCIS hosted a Financial Aid webinar featuring Ashley Bianchi from Williams College. If you were unable to attend the CCIS Financial Aid webinar, a recording of the program is available [here](#) (Passcode: 84BHn\$xr). Ms. Bianchi also shared these resources: [Glossary of Financial Aid Terms](#), [Top 5 Myths and Misconceptions of Financial Aid](#); Financial Aid [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

We are excited to introduce a new aid to assist in the college search and application process. We will be transitioning from Naviance Student to Maia Learning! This new platform provides students with an all-inclusive site for college and career planning. More information will be shared over the summer.



Counselor assignments will be announced the first week of May. This assignment is the beginning of the college journey as we support students throughout their application process. While our formal and regular meetings will not begin until later in the fall, please know that you can reach out to your counselor at any time with questions or concerns.

Summer is a wonderful time to [visit college campuses](#)! You can find information about scheduling a visit on the college's website. Be sure to sign up for an official tour and information session in advance. Visiting colleges is an excellent way to build your own perspective about the types of colleges you may ultimately consider.



If you have time this summer, consider including a college visit in your plans. While you are still several years away from applying, this is a great first step to explore different college environments.

Upcoming Dates & Tips

**May 13 - College T-Shirt Day
(Class of 2022)**

**May 20 - Late registration
deadline for the June ACT**

**May 25 - Late registration
deadline for the June SAT**

June 4 - SAT test date

**June 11 - ACT test date
(not offered at WRA)**

*** READING RECS & TIPS ***

**Forbes Magazine:
[Don't Give Up Now Seniors!](#)**

**UVA Admission Blog:
[Organize your inbox](#)**

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