

The Road to College

A College Counseling Newsletter



Class of 2023, does it seem possible?! Your senior/post-graduate year is soon to begin! On behalf of the College Counseling Office, I want to first wish you a wonderful last few weeks of the summer and also express our excitement as the start of another year draws near. This year promises to be one filled with anticipation, hard work, preparation, and elation as you work toward and celebrate the culmination of your high school career. We are eager to continue partnering with and supporting you as you plan for and execute upon your goals for life after WRA!

While the next few months will undoubtedly be busy, remember that you are not alone in navigating this process. In fact, the very point of this special edition of "The Road To College" is to provide you with a centralized piece of communication which will provide you with all of the information needed to prepare for the coming year. While I can't deny that this is likely to create some "info overload," I encourage you to take a slow and steady approach and read through the below information and links over several days (not necessarily all at once). All of the information included in this newsletter is very important, and the expectation is that you will read and understand what is included so that you feel confident and in control of your process this fall. Should you or your family have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your college counselor who will be happy to assist.

Here's to an amazing year ahead!

Anna Barlow-Boesch
Director of College Counseling

What To Expect - Fall 2022

First and foremost, please join us in welcoming [Ms. Vanessa Grandison](#) as WRA's new Associate Director of College Counseling. A native of Ohio, Ms. Grandison is a proud Denison University alumnae and has spent time working in the admission offices of Purdue University and Miami University of Ohio. In addition to her college admission expertise, her warmth of spirit and enthusiasm for supporting students are an invaluable asset not just to the College Counseling Office but to the entire WRA community. Feel free to stop down to the office and say hello once you are back on campus!



Families, please take less than 5 minutes to [complete this short survey](#)! We welcome your feedback!

We have said farewell to Naviance and hello to **MaiaLearning**! We are excited to introduce students to this new platform (don't worry, all of your information has been transferred over) and encourage you to [check out this introductory material](#) so that you can begin to explore the many resources available! You'll find that Maia is incredibly user friendly and is a definite upgrade! You will also spend time getting to know Maia in your first college counseling meeting of the fall. Families will also have access and login information will be shared in a separate email.

A really helpful and important document to review carefully with your family is the [2023 College Counseling Office Policy Statement](#). In your first college counseling meeting with your counselor this fall, you will sign a copy of this statement to ensure that you have read and understand what is included.

Now that the **Common Application** has re-launched for the 2022-23 school year, be sure to check out our updated [Common Application Guidelines](#) as you work to finalize your application.

As occurred last spring, students and families will be copied on meeting notes at the conclusion of every individual college counseling meeting. It is our expectation that these notes will be consulted and reviewed closely by students and families. Should there be any questions or concerns at any point this fall, please contact your student's counselor directly. Counselors will also be hosting brief family check-ins during the week of September 12, 2022 and more information will be forthcoming regarding how to sign up!

Testing, Testing - 123! Here is information for [upcoming standardized test registration](#) dates and deadlines this fall. Some other testing considerations...

- Score submission with applications
 - o Given the ongoing test-optional policies at most colleges/universities, whether to submit a test score or not to the colleges to which you are applying will be a topic of conversation between you and your college counselor this fall.
 - o In the event that you do opt to send test scores for evaluation as a part of your college application, please be conscious of the following:
 - ▶ This is a [list of colleges which will accept self-reported test scores](#) (alleviating the need to order official scores for inclusion in your applications).
 - ▶ However, if you plan to submit test scores to a college *NOT* included on this list, you will need to order official test scores directly from the testing agency at least two weeks in advance of an application deadline.

College **Admission Representatives** will be visiting WRA again this fall. Visits will take place either in person or virtually and you can [see the calendar of visits here](#), on the rep visit calendar, and on Maia. Students may sign up to attend these visits via their MaiaLearning accounts. Keep in mind that these admission representatives are often the individuals who are reading WRA applications first when being reviewed. As such, these are important people with whom to connect and these meetings are not to be missed! For tips regarding how to prepare for these visits, [check this out](#). Feel free to also discuss these visits with your counselor. Lastly, if you have an unavoidable conflict with a college representative visit, stop by the CC Office to write a brief note of introduction, which a counselor will be glad to deliver for you directly to the admission representative.

Information on **Diversity Fly-In Programs** is [available and can be found here](#). This list includes colleges that offer travel assistance and sponsor special visit opportunities for students (and families) who meet each program's eligibility requirements. We will continuously update this spreadsheet as we learn about more opportunities!

Here is a [link to our Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources](#). Do take the time to review this information carefully and be in touch with your counselor should you have any questions. Please note that the [FAFSA](#) and [CSS Profile](#) will become available on October 1, 2022. It is imperative that you and your family pay close attention to required documents and deadlines when applying for need-based financial aid. The CCIS will be hosting a Financial Aid webinar on Monday, September 12, 2022 beginning at 7pm. More detailed information about this event will be shared a little later this fall.

International Students - please be aware of the following so that you can take necessary steps to ensure you have all of the required documentation you will need for your application process.

- Here is our [TOEFL testing calendar](#) which includes the dates when school-provided transportation to a TOEFL test site will be available. Should you need to take the TOEFL this fall, please register for one of these dates at the test center in Akron.
- Keep in mind that there is limited financial aid available for non-US citizens and that most colleges will require a [Certification of Finances Form](#) with your application. It is imperative that you review the International Students admission webpage of every college to which you are applying so that you are aware of the required documents. If you have questions about this, please ask your college counselor.

NCAA Eligibility Center - for aspiring Division I and/or Division II athletes, if you have not already registered with the NCAA eligibility center, please [follow these instructions](#) to do so.

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