

# The Road to College

## A College Counseling Newsletter



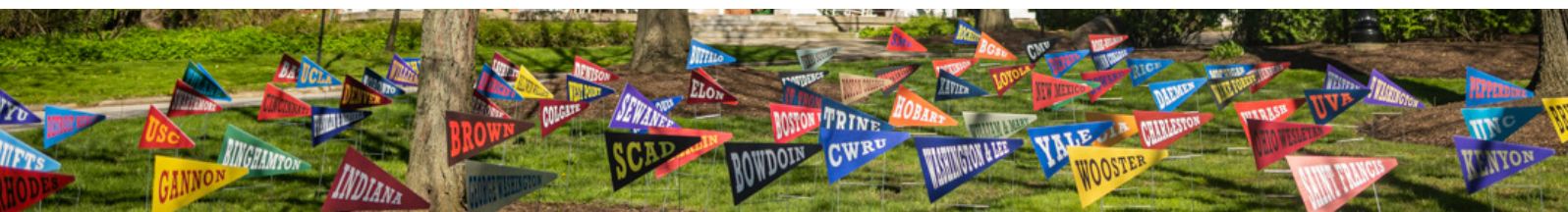
Per usual, the first few weeks of school are flying by and it is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching mid-September. Fall is admittedly the busiest season in the College Counseling Office, and we are excited about everything these next few months will bring as we welcome college admission representatives back to our dining hall for dinner visits, teach "Learn to College," meet with our senior/PG counselees bi-weekly and read and review countless essays and applications! As always, we are here to guide and support students as they navigate their process, and we are committed to honoring and nurturing the individualized nature of each students' journey.

Often at schools like WRA, there is a great deal of chatter and comparison which occurs among and between students at this point in the process. And while we understand that those types of conversations are inherent in a school filled with talented and high achieving students, I do want to urge caution and restraint as these discussions can sometimes fuel unnecessary stress and anxiety. As Jordan Shriver always says to his counselees (and in full transparency, I have "borrowed" and now say to mine), it is important for students to "run their own race" as they make these important strides toward their future lives as proud WRA alumni.

So...on that note: Ready, set, go!

Please read on for more class specific news.

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Director of College Counseling



Counselor meetings are underway! Students, please be sure to accept your google calendar invites from your counselor and keep track of your scheduled meetings. Be proactive if you have a need to reschedule as we want to ensure you stay on track with your process. Families, be on the lookout for meeting notes and should you have questions or concerns at any point, please be in touch!

As a reminder, we have transitioned from Naviance to [MaiaLearning](#). Students and families, please check to make sure you have access to your [Maia account](#) and reach out with any questions.

College Admission Representative visits begin Monday, September 12, 2022. To see the complete list of scheduled visits, please log in to MaiaLearning or check the [rep visit calendar](#). Visits will be held in the Ong Library, Ellsworth Hall or online. Students, you will receive a weekly email every Sunday night with the schedule for the week ahead!

Additional Application Support: in anticipation of a very busy fall, we will be offering students several opportunities to get extra help on their college applications. Application Help Nights (held in Wilson Reading Room) will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on the following dates: 9/26, 10/17, 10/25 and 10/27. All members of the Class of 2023 will be required to attend the College Application Bootcamp on Wednesday, 10/13, beginning at 9 a.m.



LTC: As a reminder, all juniors will take Learn to College this year. If you do not have the class during the fall semester, you will take it in the spring. This course serves as a wonderful complement to the individual work you will engage in with your counselor during this important year!

PSAT: All members of the Class of 2024 are required to take the PSAT/NMSQT exam on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. More information will be forthcoming about this important practice exam.

Practice ACT: We are offering an optional full length practice ACT on Saturday, October 1, 2022. The test will begin at 8 a.m. Registration for this practice test is required (email [collegecounseling@wra.net](mailto:collegecounseling@wra.net)), and we must hear from students who are interested in taking this exam no later than Wednesday, September 15, 2022. Student accounts will be charged \$15 for the exam and financial assistance is available.

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Method Learning: All students at WRA have access to Method Learning to pursue online standardized test preparation for the SAT and ACT. The Class of 2024 should have received an email yesterday inviting students to activate their Method Learning accounts as well as an introductory message from Ms. Koester. If students have any questions about their Method Learning account, please feel free to stop in to the College Counseling Office.



Welcome to sophomore year! In the spring semester, you will learn who your college counselor will be. But in the meantime, if you have any questions about the college process, please feel free to stop in (our candy jar is always full!) Sophomore year is another foundational year to really focus on doing your best academically and exploring your passions or interests. Think about joining a new club or pursuing a new activity — who knows where it might take you!

An FYI about the PSAT! In years past, sophomore students at WRA have taken the PSAT (a test designed for juniors) in October purely as an opportunity to practice and gain familiarity with the testing format. However, beginning with the Class of 2024, the CollegeBoard (the organization which administers the PSAT and SAT) will be moving to a new digital platform for the SAT and likely the PSAT. Given that the new digital platform is not yet available, **sophomore students will not take the PSAT this year in October** as the paper version will be antiquated by this time next year. Rest assured, we are monitoring these developments closely and will communicate opportunities for practice on the new digital platform as they become available.



Welcome to WRA! We are so glad you are here and really look forward to getting to know you over the next few years. While we are always available to answer questions, the best thing you can do for your college process this year is to focus on working hard in your classes and beginning to explore the many academic and co-curricular opportunities that exist here at WRA.

## Upcoming Dates & Tips

Sept. 16 - October ACT registration deadline

Sept. 17 - TOEFL Transportation

Sept. 20 - Late registration deadline for the October SAT

Sept. 27 - Application Help Night

\* READING RECS & TIPS \*

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