SENIOR COLLEGE AND CAREER ACTION PLAN

Four Year College

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Career Action Plan Suggested Completion Dates

✓	Section	Early Action/Early Decision Applicants	Regular Decision Applicants
	I. Career Goals	Friday, September 15th	Friday, October 13th
	II. College List	Friday, September 15th	Friday, October 13th
	III. Campus Visits	Friday, October 13th	Friday, November 17th
	IV. Application Details	Friday, October 13th	Friday, November 17th
	V. Financial Aid	Monday, October 23rd	Monday, October 23rd
	VI. Scholarships	Friday, March 22nd	Friday, March 22nd
	VII. Senior Action Plan	Friday, October 20th	Friday, December 1st
	VIII. Fallback Plan	Friday, November 3rd	Friday, December 15th

I. Career Goals

What career(s) are you considering pursuing? Use **Naviance Student- Careers- Explore** to help you find information about each career

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Career 1 Name	Computer Network Architects	Career 2 Name	Musician
Related Occupations	Computer Engineer, Programmers, etc.	**Related Occupations**	Music Composer, Artist, etc.
Related College Majors	CS, programming, Engingeering	**Related College Majors**	Music Theory, Performance Arts, etc.
State Wage Average	$100k~ Anually	**State Wage Average**	$73k~ Anually
National Wage Average	Around $95k~ Anually	**National Wage Average**	$63k~ Anually
Is the career shop-related?	Yes	**Is the career shop-related?**	No
What job/volunteer/coop experience do you have related to this field, if any?	I do not have any experience in this field other than my shop certifications and studies.	**What job/volunteer/coop experience do you have related to this field, if any?**	None, other than self taught piano skills that I have learn

II. College List

What major(s) are you considering studying in college?

Computer Science	Data Science

On average, it is recommended students apply to 1-2 safety schools, 2-3 fit schools, and 1-2 reach schools.

Please list the colleges you are thinking of applying to below and fill in the specified information for each one. Use the **Naviance Student-Colleges- Home** to lookup each school. You can also use the college website to find this information.

- **Test Scores & GPA Ranges** and **Graduation Rate** are listed under the **Overview Tab**. You can toggle between National Ranges and Your High School's Ranges. Use whichever seems more reliable.
- Use **Scattergrams** under the **Admissions Tab** to determine if the college would be a **safety, fit or reach school** for you. (Select SAT (1600) scale from the dropdown to get the best results.) **Acceptance Rate** is also listed under this tab.
- **Average Net Price** is listed under the **Cost Tab**. You can select your household income from the dropdown to get the most accurate figure.

*If you have a particular major(s) in mind, make sure the schools you list offers this major.

College Name	Acceptance Rate	Avg. GPA	Avg. SAT 1600	Graduation Rate	Safety/Fit/Reach
Wentworth	76%	3.05	1176	47%	Fit
Umass Amherst	59%	3.9	1300~	71%	Fit
Northeastern	19%	4.04	1465~	0/87%	Reach
Amherst	12%	4.08	1480~	85%	Reach
URI	69%	3.5	1179~	49%	Safety
WPI	41%	3.89	1380~	74%	Fit

III. Campus Visits

Many students visit the campuses of the schools they are thinking of applying to starting in the spring of their junior year. Fill in the information below about any campuses you have visited or plan to visit in the future.

College Name	Tour Date	Rating of a scale of 1-10, if already visited
Wentworth	8/9	9
WPI	8/11	8
UMASS Amherst	8/11	9
Northeastern	8/9	7
URI	8/12	6

*YOU MUST TURN IN A <u>CAMPUS VISIT FORM</u> TO THE BRC AT LEAST 2 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY CAMPUS VISIT THAT OCCURS DURING SCHOOL HOURS. YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING UP ANY MISSED WORK. THE FORMS ARE LOCATED IN SCHOOL COUNSELING AND ON THE SCHOOL COUNSELING CANVAS PAGE.

<u>IV. Application Details</u>

Colleges can have different applications requirements. Determine what is needed for each of your colleges.

Please be cautioned that you can only apply to 1 school early decision and you are contractually obligated to go there, if you choose to use this method to apply.

College Name	Application Submission Type (Common App, Website, Mailed)	Application Type & Deadline (EA, ED, RD, Rolling)	SAT/ACT Required?	Essay Required?	Minimum Number of Letters	Transcript Requested?	Midyear (T1) Transcripts Required?	Supplemental Documents Required
Wentworth	CA	EA	X	Y	2	Y	N	X?
UMASS Amherst	CA	EA	X	Y	1	Y	N	X?
Northeastern	CA	RD	X	Y	2	Y	N	X?
WPI	CA	RD	X	Y	3	Y	N	X
URI	CA	RD	X	Y	1	Y	N	X
Amherst	CA	RD	X	Y	1	Y	N	X

You can send the same application to multiple schools, if they are members of Common App. Common App schools prefer receiving applications through the Common App system. If you are using the Common App, have you linked your Naviance and your Common App accounts?	Yes

*IN ORDER FOR YOUR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND TRANSCRIPTS TO BE SENT, YOUR SCHOOLS MUST BE LISTED ON NAVIANCE UNDER "COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO."

IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO COMMON APP SCHOOLS, YOU MUST ALSO LINK NAVIANCE TO COMMON APP.

If you need help to do this, view the CommonApp Match tutorial in the Document Resources link at the bottom of the Naviance homepage.

Letters of Recommendation: You should ask teachers to write letters for you at the beginning of senior year. Please complete the information below about your letters of recommendation.

Recommender's Name	Confirmed? (Yes/No)	Request Form & Resume Provided?	Naviance Request Completed?	Letter Sent?
Mr. Austin	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Ms. Cunningham	No	No	No	No
Ms. Pilger	No	No	No	No

*THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST PROCESS IS OUTLINED ON THE <u>COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES DOCUMENT</u> LOCATED ON THE SCHOOL COUNSELING CANVAS PAGE.

SAT/ACT:

Completed Tests	Test Name and Date Taken (M/Y)	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
SAT	May 6th, 2023	580	590	540(?)	0
Future Test Name(s) and Date(s), if applicable: SAT, October 23rd.					

What deadline should you give yourself for sending your test scores to your schools? | ?

*SAT/ACT SCORES TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO ARRIVE AT COLLEGES. TEST SCORES MUST BE SENT THROUGH THE OFFICIAL TESTING AGENCIES (WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG OR WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG).

Essay: Many colleges require students to write a college essay of approximately 650 words or less. Most colleges that require an essay have similar options for topics, so students can send the same essay to all of their schools. The essay prompt options for all Common App Schools are as follows:

1. Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Which essay prompt did you choose?

6.

Who will/did you ask to edit your essay?

Mom/Dad

Is your essay complete?

Yes

IX.   Financial Considerations

If you are a US Citizen, you will complete the FAFSA and send it to the colleges that you applied to in October of your senior year.

The FAFSA is used to determine your Student Aid Index (SAI) or how much a family is expected to pay out of pocket toward one year of educational expenses.

To find the **cost of attendance** you can use the college's website or you can look up the school on Naviance and research under **the Financial Aid Tab.**

Use an SAI calculator, like the one at https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/tools-calculators to get an estimate of what your **SAI** will be**.**

Calculate an estimate of what each college will determine your **financial need** to be for attending their school. Please note that the formula is **Cost of Attendance – SAI = Financial Need**. (If you do not want to use your own SAI, use the example SAI number to do your calculations.)

College Name	Cost of Attendance	SAI	Financial Need	FAFSA Submitted
Example: University ABC	*$40,000*	*$6,000*	*$34,000.00*	
Wentworth	$40,410	$8,000	$32,410	Yes
UMass Amherst	$32,434	$8,000	$24,434	Yes
Northeastern	$78,202	$8,000	$70,202	Yes
WPI	$74,271	$8,000	$66,271	Yes
		$8,000		

Students who are not US citizens and are applying to US schools are not eligible to receive federal aid and may need to apply as an international student.

*YOU WILL LIKELY NEED HELP FROM YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION OF YOUR CAREER PLAN. IN OCTOBER, US CITIZENS WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA AT WWW.FAFSA.ORG AND SEND IT TO THEIR SCHOOLS.

<u>IX. Grants and Scholarships</u>

Grants and scholarships are gift aid that you never have to repay. Therefore, they are a great way to keep reduce the money you need to pay either out of pocket or through loans. Some scholarships and grants are awarded by the college after they have reviewed your FAFSA. You will most likely get the more scholarship money from safety schools than reach schools because of preferential packaging.You may also be eligible for scholarships through other sources.

List any scholarships that you know you will be applying for below.

Scholarship Name	Award Amount	Status
x	x	x
x	x	x
x	x	x
x	x	x
x	x	x

BVT UPDATES LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS REGULARLY ON CANVAS

NAVIANCE ALSO HAS A <u>NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TOOL</u> UNDER THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND MONEY SECTION THAT YOU CAN USE TO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

<u>X. Senior Action Plan</u>

Using the information you have compiled, create a calendar for yourself for completing all of the components of the college application process that you will complete this year. Your tasks should be listed in **<u>chronological order</u>**.

The suggested timeline you have been provided may also prove useful in completing this task.

Task	Month/Date	Task	Month/Date
Apply for college	November 1st		
Run through application, look over for regular app.	Nov-Dec 31st		

Scan over new colleges, another time	Nov-Dec 31st.	
Hear back from colleges and make decision	Dec-March 31st.	

<u>XI. Fallback Plan</u>

Sometimes in life our circumstances change and we have to change our plans accordingly. For example, you might have to leave school due to changes in your financial situation, health, or family obligations. If for some reason, attending a four year college were no longer an option for you, what would you do instead? Who might help support you in making this transition?

I would more than likely look for options for self study, and with self study I will work a job that will give me time to enchance my knowledge and make my way through the masses to work on myself and get prepared for a better life.

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