

# College Planning III - Summer 2024



# College Resources and Appointments

## Resources/Research and Planning

- Research and refine your college list
- [www.pvscollegecounseling.com](http://www.pvscollegecounseling.com)
- Complete assigned tasks – Questionnaire, Prompts and Resume

## Appointments with Mr. Bergman

If we have not met, initial appointments will resume after summer break (early August through November). Please send me any questions via email [lance.bergman@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:lance.bergman@sarasotacountyschools.net)

Follow up appointments will be available as well (20 minutes)

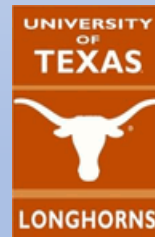
# College Research - Guiding Principles

- Know thyself
- The goal should be "best fit," not "best name"
- Be careful to not overvalue or undervalue a college
- *Program, Place, People, Price, Priorities!* **Research**
- Best "fit" analysis *must* take Net Price into account
- Have "frank family discussions" about funding *before* selecting schools - "Hope is not a plan"
- Create a diversified, *well balanced* college list (Reach, Target, Likely)
- Use trusted resources to make well-informed, timely decisions (PVSCollegeCounseling.com and Naviance)
- Your list is *your* list. Do not listen to the "noise"
- Act with integrity

# A Balanced List (NACAC recommendations)

No more than (it can be done with far fewer!):

- Reach Schools 2
- Target Schools 3-4
- Likely Schools 3



# Florida Public Universities



You are strongly encouraged to apply to two or more Florida public universities (NOT just UF!)



Refer to the [SUS Matrix](#) and specific admissions information



Pay close attention to SUS timelines and requirements as changes may occur between now and Fall 2024



*Common App* and *Self-reported Academic Record (SSAR)*

# Costs & Financial Aid at State Public Universities

- Considerably lower costs v. out of state public/private universities
- Bright Futures - Top Scholars Award covers 100% of tuition. Lower-level Medallion Award covers 75% of tuition at in-state universities
- Most State Universities offer merit-based scholarships in addition to Bright Futures (and Honors colleges/opportunities)
- In-state publics accept *all* Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement credit up to 45 credit hours (1.5 years)
- Opportunities to double major or minor
- Lowered undergraduate costs in light of long trajectories (graduate and medical schools)

# *The Common Application*

The 2024-25 *Common Application* will ‘refresh’ and be available starting in early August 2024 (the application for fall 2025). You may set up an account earlier. You should review the application NOW and start planning your responses which you may simply transcribe in late summer!

Begin writing your essay. You should have a strong draft by August 1st - See [College Essay](#) handout

Research the supplements for each of the colleges to which you are applying (and plan/write). These usually remain the same from year to year

*Institutional Applications (Public, In-State)* - Several in-state public colleges also use their own “institutional” application. These typically open earlier in the summer and are easier to complete (USF, USF, FIU and others) - You may decide to apply through these and not the *Common App*



**SAT**



### Remaining SAT Dates

June 1, 2024

August 24, 2024

October 5, 2024

November 2, 2024

December 7, 2024

### Remaining ACT Dates

July 13, 2024

September 14, 2024

October 26, 2024

December 14, 2024

*\*Based on your last effort some of you may benefit from taking another ACT*



# Looking Ahead

More information will follow in a letter home in August. This will include:

- Instructions for completing the *The Common Application* and how to 'sync' it with *Schoolinks*
  - A copy of your transcript to use when completing self-reported transcripts for UF and FSU (*SSAR*-instructions to follow as well)
  - A transcript request form on which you will list your colleges
  - Instructions for requesting teacher letters of recommendation
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- A series of Class Meetings will begin in August and September to help further explain these tasks and to answer any remaining questions you might have