

CLASS OF
2025

Family
Information Session
College Applications & Maia Learning
Summer 2024



Today's Agenda

- ▶ **Planning for College**

- ▶ Finding the Right Fit
- ▶ Admissions
- ▶ Application Process

- ▶ **MaiaLearning**

- ▶ What is MaiaLearning
- ▶ Career and College search
- ▶ Generating a College List



Finding the Right Fit

What to think about when selecting your school?

- ▶ Size
- ▶ Rigor/Selectivity
- ▶ Distance
- ▶ Setting/Town
- ▶ Private vs Public
- ▶ Major
- ▶ Social Life/Friends
- ▶ School Environment/Religion
- ▶ Special Services
- ▶ Cost (Do not let it prevent you from applying)
- ▶ Visit colleges to identify your preference in a campus
- ▶ Meet with college representatives that visit your school



What do colleges want to see?

- ▶ Grades/GPA
 - ▶ Can submit weighted or unweighted GPA
 - ▶ If you are unsure which to submit, talk to your School Counselor!
- ▶ Course Rigor
 - ▶ Did you challenge yourself?
- ▶ Test Scores
 - ▶ Order official scores from College Board / ACT
- ▶ Essay
- ▶ Letter of Rec
- ▶ Extra Curriculars (1-2 & leadership roles if applicable)
- ▶ Student Interests

Application Process

- ❑ Online Application Deadlines
- ❑ Transcripts
- ❑ Test Scores
- ❑ Letter(s) of Recommendation
- ❑ Personal Statement/Essay
- ❑ Fees
- ❑ Look for an application checklist

Note: *Only send what is required or optional*



24-25 Common App
Essay Prompts



National Standardized

Testing

TEST	REGISTER BY	NATIONAL TEST DATE
SAT - College Board	August 9th	August 24th
SAT - College Board	September 20th	October 5th
ACT	June 7th	July 13th
ACT	August 9th	September 14th
ACT	September 20th	October 26th

SAT Website:



Registration Websites:

SAT

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines>

ACT

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

ACT Website:



MaiaLearning and Your Student

College

Apprenticeship
Programs

Preparing for life after high school

Workforce

Military

Vocational
Programs



UNIVERSITY AND CAREER PLANNING

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What is MaiaLearning?

- [College & Career planning platform](#)
- Career exploration
- Post high school exploration
 - Common App
 - Transcripts
 - Scholarships
 - and more!



For Students

- Task Management
- Interests & Personality Assessments
- Research & Plan
 - Careers
 - Universities & Military
 - Scholarships
- Events
 - College rep visits; virtual fairs
- Portfolio Development
- Communication & Meetings

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Student Dashboard

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Dashboard

Scores

Upcoming Surveys 4 Overdue 21 Completed 15

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Trying to figure out what to study and where? Find something that fits you in our new magazine.

Open →



All Upcoming

This Week

Next Week

This Month

Next Month

All Assignments

Fri, 22 Jul 2022

	Type	Start Time	Actions
★ Complete the Interest Profiler	Career		...
★ Complete the Interest Profiler...	Career		...

Thu, 28 Jul 2022

	Type	Start Time	Actions
Create a S.M.A.R.T. Goal for getting into your #1 College.	College		...
★ University of Colorado Colorado Springs Rolling Decision Application	Applications		

Dashboard

Character

Careers

Academics

Universities

Financial Plan

Curriculum

Events


Portfolio






Notes

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Interest Profiler

[Interests](#) Values Learning & Productivity Personality Intelligences Skills Strengths Cognition Wellbeing

Match Professions to Your Passions


Discover professions you'll really enjoy working at. Define your interests and see how they relate to the world of work.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Decide how much you'd like or dislike each task


Review a profile of your interests based on your responses






Explore careers that match your interests

Click to see results 

[See Previous Results](#) [Continue Assessment](#)



Career recommendations

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[← Back to Interest Profiler Result](#)

Matching Careers

 Compare Sort by Name: A-Z 

Select two or more careers and click Compare to view a side-by-side comparison.

Career	Education Level	U.S. Median Salary	Bright Outlook	Fit	In List	Add to Career List
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, and English as a Second Language Instructors	Bachelor's Degree, Some College Courses, Master's Degree	\$55,350		Best		Actions 
<input type="checkbox"/> Arbitrators, Mediators, and Conciliators	Doctoral Degree, First Professional Degree, Bachelor's Degree	\$66,130		Best		Actions 
<input type="checkbox"/> Art Therapists	Master's Degree, Post-Master's Certificate, Post-Doctoral Training	\$57,310	Grow Rapidly	Best		Actions 
<input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast Announcers and Radio Disc Jockeys	Less than a High School Diploma, Master's Degree, High School Diploma	\$36,770	Grow Rapidly	Best		Actions 
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Teachers, Postsecondary	Doctoral Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree	\$88,010		Best		Actions 
<input type="checkbox"/> Career/Technical Education Teachers, Middle School	Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	\$62,270		Best		Actions 

Click for details 

Let's Explore Universities



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CHS006 Demo-Student
ID: Demo-7952710 (GR: 12) 👤

University Search ℹ️

Search Considering Applying F

- Location
 - Region >
 - State >
- Test Optional Universities
- University List >
- Type of School >
- Selectivity >
- Browse Programs >
- Sports >
- Diversity >
- SAT - EBRW
 - 200 ————— 800
- SAT MATH
 -

Postsecondary Exploration

Select 5- 7 College/Universities that interest you!

[Search](#) [Considering](#) [Applying](#) [Recommendations](#) [Decisions](#) [Milestones](#) [Essays](#) [Send Summary](#)

 Filter

Illinois X

4-Year College or University X

Public X

Programs: 1 items selected X

Clear Filters

Click this heart button for schools you would consider



Location

Region >

State >

Illinois X

Test Optional Universities

University List >

Type of School >

Selectivity >

Browse Programs >

Sports >

Universities

Sort by University Name v



12 Universities found

SAT Scores

ACT Scores

Acceptance Rate

Compare



Chicago State University
Chicago, IL, United States of America

840-1078

16-20

46%



Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, IL,

0-0

18-23

56%



Select "Considering" to see all the schools selected!

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Universities Considering

University Search **Considering List** Applying List Milestones Send Summary Request Recs Decisions Essays

Actively Considering Deleted View: Grid

Compare All Scores PDF CSV

Total number of colleges: 3

Choice	Application	Info	Notes
<input type="button" value="Choice"/>			0
<input type="button" value="Choice"/>			0
<input type="button" value="Choice"/>			0

Eastern Oregon University
La Grande, OR

Application Type Term

Ohio State University-Main Campus
Columbus, OH

Application Type Term

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL

Application Type Term

Letter of Recommendations

- Do not request any letters of recommendation until the first day of school!
- You are allowed to request a letter of recommendation from a maximum of 3 recommenders
- Meet with your recommender AT LEAST 4 weeks before the first application due date
- Your Brag Sheet should be completed and uploaded into MaiaLearning under “Universities - Recommendations” to provide an accurate reflection of “your story”
- It is helpful if you provide your letter writers a copy of your personal statement so that they can have a holistic view of your application

Letter of Recommendation Process

“Brag Sheet” template

1. Download
2. Complete & Save to your device
3. Upload Completed “Brag Sheet” in Maia Learning
 - ☐ *All recommenders have access in Maia Learning*

Recommendation Requests

Search | Considering | Applying | **Recommendations** | Decisions | Milestones | Essays | Prepare Docs | Send Docs | Send br >

Enter Recommender Name x Deadline for Recommendations

Search for teacher in all district schools

Max Recommenders: 3

Recommenders

- Adam Gilman (William Fremd High School)
- Aleksandra Sobota (William Fremd High School)
- Allyson Baisden (William Fremd High School)
- Alyssa Durkin (William Fremd High School)

Universities

- Howard University

Enter a note for the recommender

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Open Profile
Settings
Logout

- In the **Application Systems** section, select **Click to link your account**

Profile Settings Connections

Student ID: LAS703 (Grade 11)

Soto, Logan English [EN]

No connections

Notifications

Text/SMS Messaging
Turn ON if you wish to receive text messages

Application Systems

common app

Your Account is not connected.




[Click to link your account](#)

For Families

- **Parent/Guardian Accounts**
 - If login expired, select “Forgot Password”
 - Infinite Campus email
- Support your student through exploration and application
- Communication
- Post High School Planning



Parent Dashboard

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Parent

Student

Parent Dashboard

MaiaDrive

Events

Resources





FAQ's

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Let's get started

My Students Click student's name

Student Info	Year	Activity
  Choudhary, Paul st1@nomail.com 36361	Graduated Class Of 2023	Jul 21, 2022 at 3:22AM
 Clooney, George georgec@sg1.com 73432	Grade 12 Class Of 2020	Never
 Test, student2 student2@hawken.edu HS1002	Graduated Class Of 2021	Sep 30, 2019 at 10:52AM

My Activities

Surveys	Due Date	Actions
Year Review and MaiaLearning for your students	Oct 01	Continue >
Parent test	Not Set	Start >

Financial Aid



❑ Two types of aid:

❑ Merit Aid



❑ Scholarships awarded to students based off applications including grades, test scores, extracurriculars, essays, fit, etc.

❑ Usually automatically given to students

❑ Financial Aid



❑ Based off family's financial situation in 2023 and is determined by family's result of the FAFSA

❑ Can be given, borrowed, or earned

What is the FAFSA?

- ❑ Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- ❑ Graduation requirement for all seniors in the state of Illinois
- ❑ Needs to be completed by graduation in order for students to get their diploma
- ❑ Should be open by October 1st for families to fill out and we recommend filling it out ASAP!
- ❑ What is needed for the FAFSA?
 - ❑ *Student and parent's FSA ID that you can create here:*
 - ❑ *Student and parent's social security numbers*
 - ❑ *2023 taxes*
 - ❑ *Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts*
 - ❑ *Net worth of investments, businesses, or farms*
 - ❑ *Records of child support received (if applicable)*



What other options are available for my student or family?

- ❑ Alternative Application
 - ❑ For students who do not have a social security number
 - ❑ Allows them to still be eligible for state aid
 - ❑ Satisfies graduation requirement
- ❑ Nonparticipation Form
 - ❑ Form student fills out if over 18 or student and parent fill out if under 18 stating that they do not want to fill out the FAFSA at this time
 - ❑ Can always fill out the FAFSA if family changes their minds
 - ❑ Satisfies graduation requirement
 - ❑ Will be available in the fall on the ISAC Website
- ❑ Need help with the FAFSA? Your home school will have Financial Aid Nights, FAFSA Workshops, open FAFSA Advising Hours and more this fall!



**ALTERNATIVE
APPLICATION
FOR ILLINOIS
FINANCIAL AID**

Intended for qualifying
undocumented students





2024 SUMMER RISING SENIOR CHECKLIST



Here are some helpful things you can do this summer to prepare for college applications in the fall!

TESTING

Utilize time this summer to take another SAT or ACT exam if you hope to achieve a higher score!

SAT: Summer Dates - June 1st and August 24th

ACT: Summer Dates - June 8th, July 13th, and September 14th

COLLEGE LIST

Work on your college list!

- Add 6-12 schools to your Considering list on Maia Learning
- Include a healthy mix of safety, match, and reach schools
- Need help finding colleges? Use the University search on [Maia Learning](#)

VISIT COLLEGES

Visit colleges you might be interested in this summer! To plan formal visits, visit the school's website or reach out to their office of admissions. This will help you identify important factors and narrow down your list.

ATTEND A STUDENT COLLEGE WORKSHOP

- August 1st 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Conant High School
- August 6th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Palatine High School
- Register through this QR code or link <https://forms.gle/9X22YaqSKnWjx7qx9>



START WORKING ON COMMON APP AND ESSAY

- Common App opens August 1, 2024!
- www.commonapp.org
- Over 1,000 colleges and universities nationwide use Common App
- Start working on drafts of your Common App Essay
- [Essay prompts](#) can already be found on the Common App website

WORK ON YOUR BRAG SHEET

- Letters of Rec. can be requested through Maia Learning in the FALL
- You may begin working on your Brag Sheet this summer
- Maia Learning - Universities - Recommendations - Download Brag Sheet

Student In-Person Workshop

College Application Process



Thursday, August 1st
Conant High School
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, August 6th
Palatine High School
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



STUDENT REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Fall Evening Events

- ❑ **College Application Process - In Depth**
Thursday, August 29, 2024 Before Parent Open House
- ❑ **Financial Aid Sessions**
Available at each school.
Dates and times will be communicated in the fall
- ❑ **First Generation College Night**
Wednesday, September 18th, 2024

Details will be posted in MaiaLearning

School Events

- ❑ College Rep Visits
- ❑ Senior Group Guidance
- ❑ Individual Student Meetings with Counselors
- ❑ FAFSA/Financial Aid Office Hours
- ❑ Career Treks

Details will be posted in Maia Learning

College & Career Counselors

Jordan Schroeder	Palatine High School
John Baima	Fremd High School
JC Brown	Conant High School
Reiko Behlke	Schaumburg High School
Patrick Evans	Hoffman Estates High School

Please complete the
form for attendance and
provide feedback



Thank
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joining
us!

