SENIOR PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT

CLASS of 2020

Mrs. FitzPatrick
Mrs. Heywood
Mr. Wagshul
Mrs. Young

Introducing Jon Wagshul

- Coming to us from Darlington School (GA) where he was
  – College Counselor, Chair of History Dept., Head Tennis Coach
- B.S., Georgetown University
- J.D., Washington and Lee University, School of Law
- L.L.M. in Military Law,
  The Judge Advocate General's School, U.S. Army
- M.A., International Relations from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
- Retired Navy JAG officer (after 22 years)
- Family: Wife Nan, Daughter Grace (college freshman)

Congratulations!

- You made it! They are seniors!
- They all get into college. 100%.
- And…. they have started applications,
        but there is still some work to be done.

Quick Review of Responsibilities and Roles

- Student

- Counselor

- Parent

Student Responsibilities

- **Meet with college visitors** at Academy
- Prep for SAT/ACT
- Read your school e-mail
- **Meet with College Counselor**
- **Understand application requirements**
- Keep track of **deadlines**
- Write their own **college essays**
- Ask two teachers to write rec letters
- **Complete application(s) and the supplements**
- **Request Transcripts via Naviance** (one month in advance)
- **Send Official SAT/ACT scores from testing websites**
  - Actstudent.org and Collegeboard.com (click view and send scores)

Student Role

- Be open to suggestions – your college list is fluid
- **Know when you need help from an adult...and don't wait until the last minute**
- Know when to help yourself
  - Example: "I know you already told us 5 times, but what is the registration deadline for the SAT?"
- **Be sensitive to your classmates**
  - confidentiality, pressure, language
- Know that you are not your GPA or the college you go to
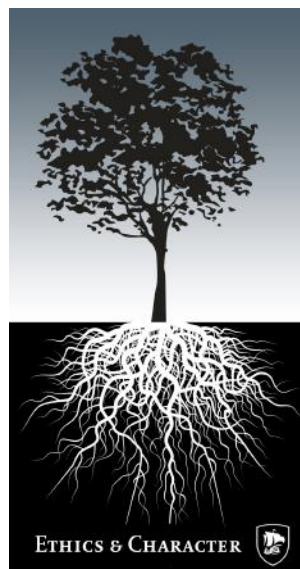
Counselor Responsibilities

- Guide families through the many complexities of the process
  - **In the fall, meeting to review applications before student hits "submit"**
- Lead College Counseling Meetings for topics that apply to all
- Serve as external face of CA to colleges
  - **Host colleges who visit Academy**
  - Visit college campuses
  - **Attend** 3-4 **national conferences** per year
  - Stay abreast of NCAA rules/regulations
- Coordinate standardized testing
- Educate CA community (teachers, etc.) about current trends
- Narrate the **counselor (school) letter of recommendation**
- Send the following to colleges and universities:
  Secondary School Report, Official Transcript, Counselor Recommendation
  Teacher Recommendations, School Profile, 1st semester grades in January

Counselor Role

- Provide support & advice
- Be an advocate for the student
- Help students learn important interpersonal skills
  Introductions, interviews, and follow-up
- Place the college process in context within overall student development & school life
- Keep our core values at the center of the college admission process

Respect	Responsibility
Honesty	Compassion
Fairness	Moral Courage
Integrity	

ETHICS & CHARACTER

Parent Responsibilities

- Complete Parent Brag Sheet (Google Form – April junior year)
- Communicate with college counselor
- Attend Parent Nights, Coffees, & College Fairs
- Visit college campuses
- **Consider options with your student**
  - **Know the data**
- **Be upfront about limiting factors**
  - Cost, distance, location, major
- Pay for college and **complete any necessary Financial Aid applications**
  - FAFSA and CSS Profile
  - **www.finaid.org** (for estimate)
- **Help student keep track of deadlines**

Parent Role

- Choose your words carefully - we or bad college
- Be a member of your student's support system
  - Know when to step in/when to encourage independence
- Educate yourself about the process
  - Myths v. Facts
  - Don't believe everything you read
- **Know when to change the topic**
- **Model good behavior and etiquette**
- Think about unintended consequences

Where are We Now?

A Long View
Tips & Observations
What We've Done So Far

Things You May Hear
Your Child Say

- "My counselor wants me to add more schools to my list" (sniffle, sniffle)
- "Jeeze, I still have a lot of writing to do!"
- "Did you send my scores yet?"
- "Can I have your credit card?"
- "Oh my goodness, everybody is applying to _my_ school!"
- "Our counselors drink a lot of coffee!"

WHY ADD SCHOOLS?

National Association for College Admission Counseling's
"State of College Admissions"

Copy in your folder
- reviews the
current trends in
college admissions

...and let's look at some data
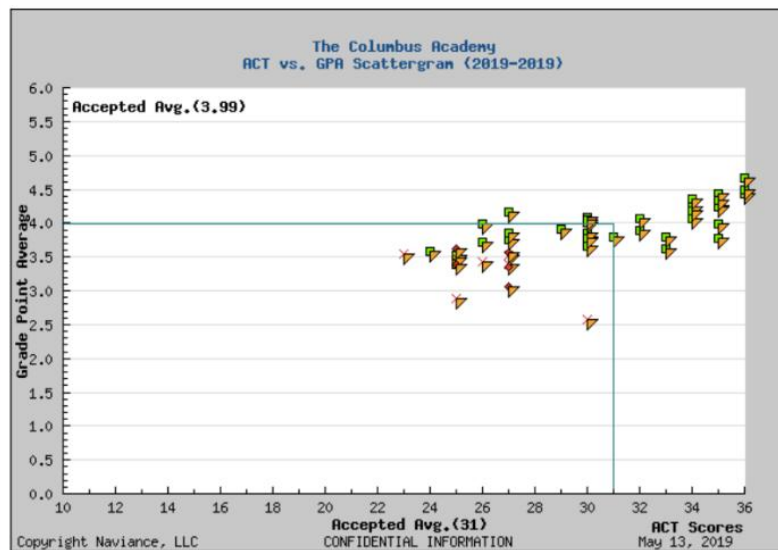

Adding Schools is Driven by Data

Data courtesy of Steve Frappier, Westminster Schools (GA)

8/27/19

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Year	Applicants	Admits	Enrolls	Admit Rate
2001	107,958	19,106	10,876	17.7%
2002	124,663	21,031	12,368	16.9%
2003	135,347	22,734	13,458	16.8%
2004	134,501	22,762	13,490	16.9%
2005	149,966	23,340	13,654	15.6%
2006	160,346	23,250	13,706	14.5%
2007	168,825	23,021	13,527	13.6%
2008	180,233	24,094	13,794	13.4%
2009	195,354	24,385	13,965	12.5%
2010	219,712	24,583	13,889	11.2%
2011	231,959	24,448	14,108	10.5%
2012	243,126	23,833	14,091	9.8%
2013	245,660	23,381	14,000	9.5%
2014	253,466	22,973	14,114	9.1%
2015	261,815	23,737	14,216	9.1%
2016	273,746	23,750	14,512	8.7%
2017	281,769	23,414	14,776	8.3%

The Ohio State University
Applications from Columbus Academy's Class of 2019

Stats on the 36 admits from CA to OSU in 2019:
- GPA average: 3.99
- SAT average: 1421
- ACT average: 31

From CA's Class of 2019

Where we see clear patterns:
- Below a 29/30 ACT without honors courses and a 3.8 GPA = regional campus placement
  - Yes, there are exceptions to this rule, but very few
- Ohio State is looking for students who have challenged themselves in high school and can demonstrate their ability on national level exams (SAT, ACT, and AP exams)
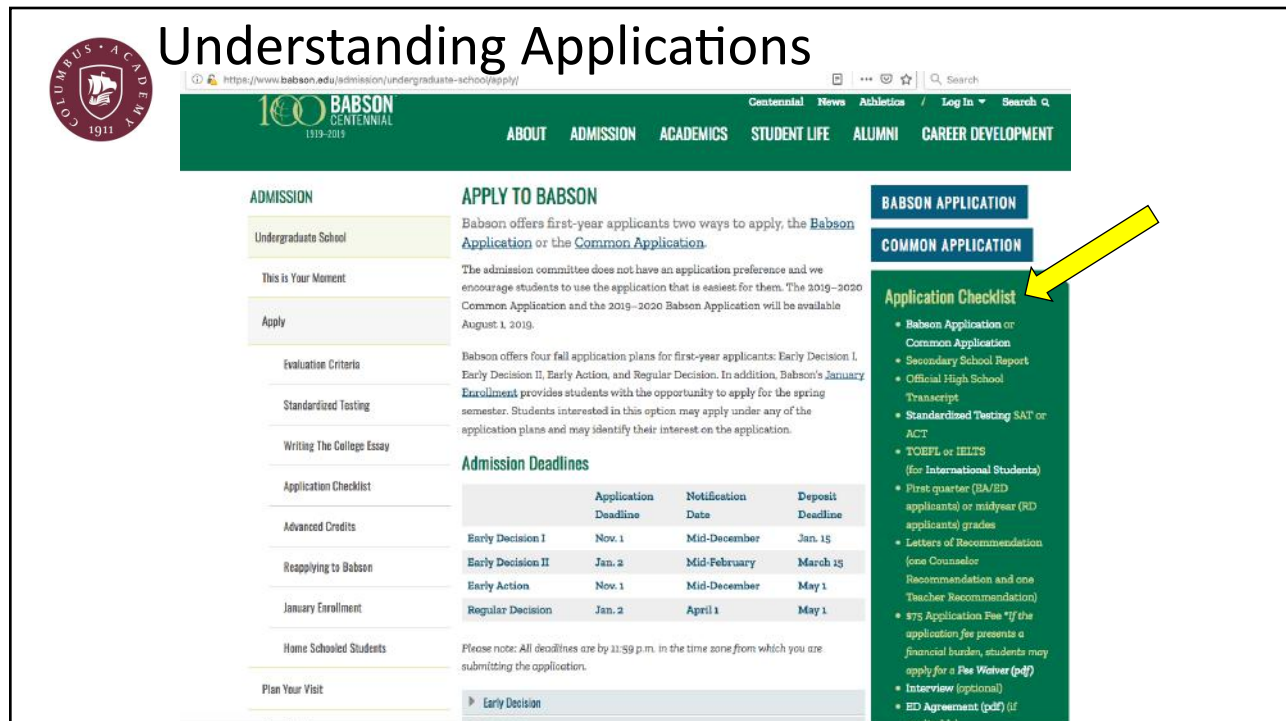

Data & News From

- OSU receives 53,000 applications
- OSU admits approx. 23,000 freshmen
- OSU's admit rate = 44%
- 14% of freshmen are in Honors College

1/3 of all OSU graduates began at Newark, Marion, Wooster, Mansfield, or the Lima campus

- **65% of all OSU applications are Early Action (Nov. 1 deadline)**
- **If applying for Honors & Scholars, Nov. 1 is THE deadline**
- **If applying to Engineering, Nov. 1 is "strongly encouraged"**
- **All parts of the application must be RECEIVED by Nov. 1, including official test scores**
- **August 24 SAT and Sept 14 ACT are the last test date that will meet Nov. 1 deadline for OSU**

Using Data

**From Georgia Tech's
Profile of First Year Students**

From College Board's "Big Future" website

Adding Schools
Balances the List

Reach
(Unlikely)

Possible

Sleep at Night
(Likely)

Understanding Applications

https://www.babson.edu/admission/undergraduate-school/apply/

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BABSON CENTENNIAL 1919-2019

ADMISSION

Undergraduate School

This is Your Moment

Apply

Evaluation Criteria

Standardized Testing

Writing The College Essay

Application Checklist

Advanced Credits

Reapplying to Babson

January Enrollment

Home Schooled Students

Plan Your Visit

APPLY TO BABSON

Babson offers first-year applicants two ways to apply, the Babson Application or the Common Application.

The admission committee does not have an application preference and we encourage students to use the application that is easiest for them. The 2019–2020 Common Application and the 2019–2020 Babson Application will be available August 1, 2019.

Babson offers four fall application plans for first-year applicants: Early Decision I, Early Decision II, Early Action, and Regular Decision. In addition, Babson's January Enrollment provides students with the opportunity to apply for the spring semester. Students interested in this option may apply under any of the application plans and may identify their interest on the application.

Admission Deadlines

	Application Deadline	Notification Date	Deposit Deadline
Early Decision I	Nov. 1	Mid-December	Jan. 15
Early Decision II	Jan. 2	Mid-February	March 15
Early Action	Nov. 1	Mid-December	May 1
Regular Decision	Jan. 2	April 1	May 1

Please note: All deadlines are by 11:59 p.m. in the time zone from which you are submitting the application.
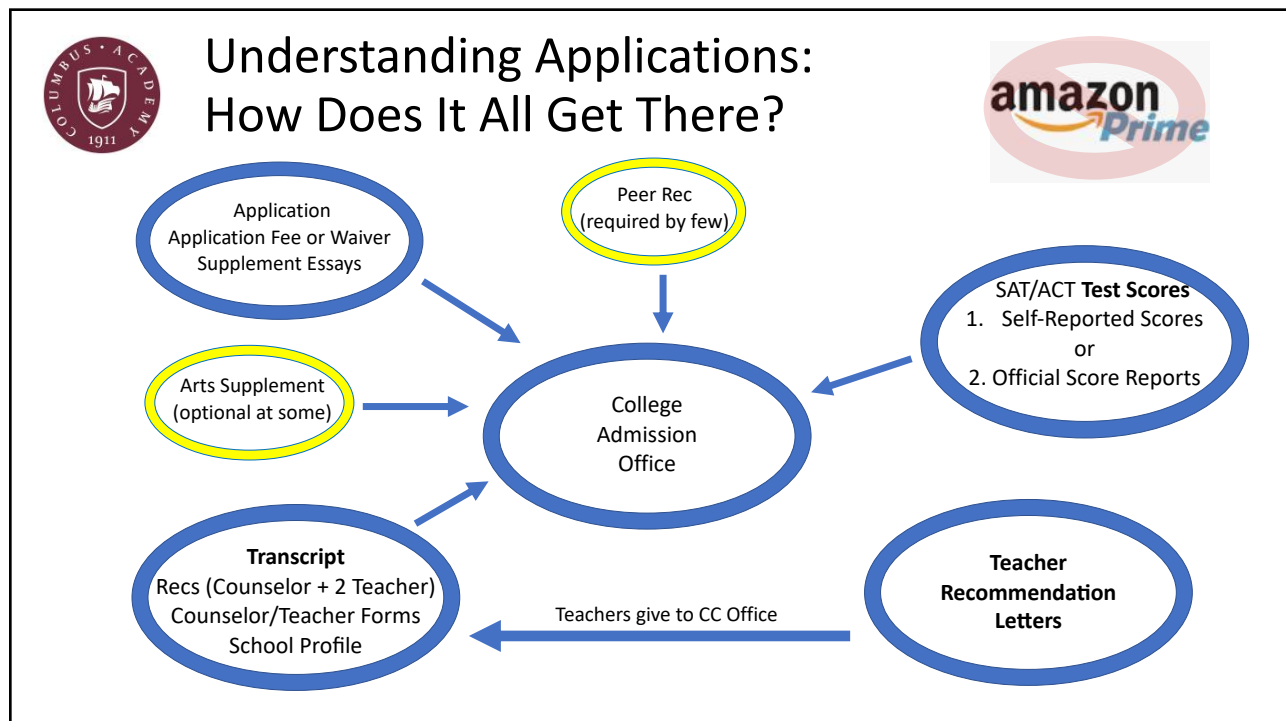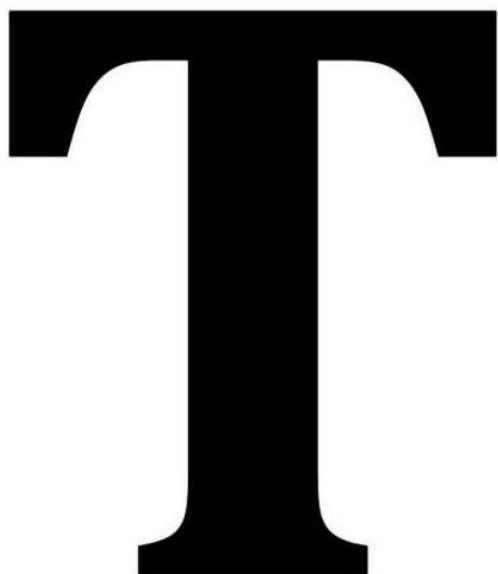
► Early Decision

BABSON APPLICATION

COMMON APPLICATION

Application Checklist

- Babson Application or Common Application
- Secondary School Report
- Official High School Transcript
- Standardized Testing SAT or ACT
- TOEFL or IELTS (for International Students)
- First quarter (EA/ED applicants) or midyear (RD applicants) grades
- Letters of Recommendation (one Counselor Recommendation and one Teacher Recommendation)
- $75 Application Fee *If the application fee presents a financial burden, students may apply for a Fee Waiver (pdf)
- Interview (optional)
- ED Agreement (pdf) (if applicable)

Understanding Applications: How Does It All Get There?

amazon Prime

Application
Application Fee or Waiver
Supplement Essays

Peer Rec
(required by few)

SAT/ACT **Test Scores**
1. Self-Reported Scores
   or
2. Official Score Reports

Arts Supplement
(optional at some)

College
Admission
Office

Transcript
Recs (Counselor + 2 Teacher)
Counselor/Teacher Forms
School Profile

Teachers give to CC Office

**Teacher
Recommendation
Letters**

The Three T's

Transcript
&
Teacher Recs
+
Test Scores

Sent together after student request in Naviance

Sending Test Scores vs Self-Reported Scores:
3 Examples from "application requirements" pages

Colorado College

Colorado College adopted a flexible testing policy in 2011. We require that applicants submit either the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT test, or elect a third option including three exams of the applicant's choice chosen from a list of acceptable exams. Review a list of those options here.

We do not use an arbitrary cutoff point, and scores are never the ultimate deciding factor in our process. They do, however, continue to be valued as the only standardized measure among our evaluation criteria. We accept unofficial test scores in the application process. Students should list applicable scores in the testing section of the application. Students who are admitted with unofficial scores must provide official scores before enrolling.

The Ohio State University

☐ Official ACT or SAT scores

How do I submit my scores?
We must receive your official ACT or SAT score sent directly from the testing agency. Scores from transcripts will not be considered. Read more about score requirements in STEP 1.

That School Up North

***Your SAT/ACT test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency and received in our office by our deadline. Rush paper scores are not accepted. Scores from tests taken in October will *not arrive in time* to complete the application for Early Action. If you have not yet had your scores reported, you can have them sent to us using these links:

ACT (U-M Code is 2062)

SAT (U-M code is 1839)

What You Will Pay
Should Not Be a Surprise

Types of Applications

- Early Decision
- Early Action
- Restrictive Early Action
- Rolling Admission
- Regular Decision
- Priority, Presidential, Leadership, V.I.P.
  - These are commonly referred to as "fast apps" or "snap apps"
  - We discourage these because it is harder to track "materials sent"
  - Fee Waiver can be transferred over to use on the Common Application

Early Decision (ED)

- Deadline - November 1st or 15th
- Early Reply - usually by December 20th
- Binding Agreement
  - If admitted, student <u>must</u> withdraw all other applications
  - If admitted, student must make an enrollment deposit
- Great plan if student is 100% sure it is his/her first choice
- Same formula used to compute your financial aid package, but you forfeit the ability to *compare* financial aid offers from other schools
- Your financial aid package will be an estimate
- Student will be accepted, deferred, or denied
  - Deferred students are evaluated again in the spring with other applicants
- Some schools offer an **ED II** option with a later deadline

Early Action

Early Action (EA)

- Application Deadlines are typically Oct 15 or Nov 1
- Notification from College – usually by January 30th
- No commitment from student required until May 1st
- Student may continue to apply to other colleges
- State universities that have EA admit the bulk of students during this time
- As with ED, applicant may be accepted, deferred, or denied
  Ex: The Ohio State University and Georgetown have EA, *not* ED
  Ex: University of Chicago, Villanova University, Union College, and The College of Wooster have both ED *and* EA

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

- Same as above except:
- Student may *not* apply early (ED or EA) to any other colleges, with few exceptions
  Examples: Stanford, Yale, Harvard

Two Traditional Application Plans

Rolling Admission

- Student usually receives a reply within 6-8 weeks
- Colleges using this plan will continue to admit qualified students until they have filled their freshman class.
- Apply in September/October, not December!
  Examples: University of Pittsburgh, Ohio University, University of AZ
- Qualified, but late applicants will be wait-listed or admitted to branch campuses when all slots for freshmen admissions have been filled

Regular Decision

- Set deadline is established – usually January 1 or February 1
- All applications reviewed relative to one another after the deadline

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Senior Year Road Map

- Application Workshops ✅
- Individual Appointments (going on now)
- Colleges Visiting Columbus Academy
  - ⭐ Naviance Family Connection
  - TV screens in school
  - Daily e-mail to students with lunch menu/sporting events
  - Bulletin board outside of the College Counseling office
- Continued Visits to College Campuses (FALL BREAK & CONFERENCE DAY)
- Most Applications completed by November 1
- PSAT Day – Oct. 16 – last day for students to turn in essays for feedback
  - This gives counselors one week to get them back to students and time to submit all of the documents needed for Nov. 1
- Class Meetings for College Counseling (students)
- ⭐ Financial Aid Night – Oct. 2 at CSG (parents) ⬅

In Your Folder

-College Visit List (but the most up to date info is on Naviance)
- Student's Rights and Responsibilities
- Transcript Request & Release of School Documents Form⭐
- Columbus Academy School Profile
- NACAC "State of College Admission"
- Article: "9 Important Reminders for Parents of HS Seniors"
- Your student's transcript

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Benchmark Dates

October 1
Send official SAT/ACT scores to colleges with a Nov. 1 deadline

October 2
Financial Aid Night at Columbus School for Girls, 7:00 p.m.

October 16
Your senior should be finishing up all writing required for
November 1 deadlines and getting ready to press the "submit" button

November 1
Some College Applications are due (students)
**Financial Aid Forms for ED/REA applications (parents)

January 1
Financial Aid Forms for RD applications (parents)
ED/EA applications have earlier deadlines. Check college websites. This is the parents' responsibility.

**Thank you
for sharing
your children
with us!**