

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Located behind the Yellow Door in the Lockwood House



Dear Class of 2024,

Senior year will be one of the busiest and most exciting times of your life. That's why it's so important to make the most of the summer. Certainly take some time to relax and recharge, but also consider doing some college prep. It may not be your idea of summer fun, but your future self will thank you:)

Here are **four things** you can do to prep for the college application process:

1. Explore and begin to create your college list

- Begin to create a list of schools you want to apply to and where **YOU** feel you would thrive
- Add these schools to your **"Applying"** list in [SCOIR](#)
- Ideally, your list should consist of 3-10 schools
 - Have a mix of competitive, level, and safety schools
 - Remember just because you haven't heard of a school doesn't mean it's not an **excellent** school or a [great fit for you](#)

2. Visit schools (or take a virtual tour)

Summer is a great time to visit colleges. If your list is still too long or you feel uncertain about a few of the colleges, visiting them (virtually or in person) may help clarify your choices. Take a campus tour or [do a bit of touring on your own](#).

Whether you visit in person or virtually, try to envision yourself living and learning on this campus for four years. **Can you see yourself there? Does it seem like a good fit for you?**

3. Stay Organized

Essay? Resume? Letter of Recommendation? **Some schools require these, some do NOT!** Staying organized will allow you to jump right into completing applications in August or September and ensure you will not miss any deadlines. Check the website to see what the school requires. Use SCOIR and our application worksheet to help. Adapt it to your needs:

[College Application Worksheet](#)

4. Begin/continue working on your college essay and/or activity sheet (if required)

- Remember, there's no need to have a perfectly polished essay once school starts; but getting a draft together or at least a head start will save you time and stress once school is underway
- As for your resume/activity sheet, use [SCOIR](#) and/or a Word Doc to record your activities and honors; it is always good to have a current resume ready to go
- If your application requires a letter of rec, you will need to provide your teacher with a resume
- Don't forget - **Mrs. Eschmann** is our writing coach and will be available by appointment when school resumes

Final Thoughts:

If you can **at least do 1 of these four things**, you will be in a better position for the fall. Find a balance between preparation and relaxation this summer, and you'll be ready to tackle this challenging and exciting final year of high school. And don't forget about **Jumpstart**; you can still register!

Jumpstart Workshop

When: August 1-3 from 9am-Noon.

Where: Nerinx - W7/9

What: Get a jumpstart on applications! Students will create an account with Common App and/or college specific applications; discuss additional application components (essay, resume, letters of rec); have plenty of time to ask questions

Cost: \$250 billed to your FACTS account after the workshop

[Register here for Jumpstart](#)

We look forward to working with you in August!!

- [Mrs. Sumpter](#) (A-L) and [Mrs. Carr](#) (M-Z)