

College Preparation

For Freshmen



What Can I Do Now?

- ❑ Get involved ! Increase commitment to extracurricular activities
 - ❑ (e.g., clubs, sports, community service)
- ❑ Make a plan of which classes to take throughout HS
 - ❑ AP Classes
 - ❑ College Now Program (*Starting Sophomore Year*)
- ❑ Practice taking college entrance exams such as SAT/ACT
 - ❑ PSAT (*Sophomores*)
- ❑ Develop relationships with teachers and counselor



What Can I Do Now? (cont.)



- ❑ Concentrate on academics
 - ❑ Set goals!
 - ❑ Stay focused and motivated to maximize your GPA
 - ❑ Read & practice writing
- ❑ Develop time management skills
- ❑ Update resume
 - ❑ Add activities, work experiences, and achievements throughout high school



What Can I Do Now? (cont.)

- ❑ Create a summer plan
 - ❑ Internships, jobs, volunteer opportunities, hobbies, etc.
- ❑ Enroll in a Pre-College Summer Course
- ❑ Explore potential career paths (naviance)
 - ❑ Take a career assessment
 - ❑ Take a personality assessment
- ❑ Gain insight on strengths, abilities, and skills
- ❑ Explore different colleges
 - ❑ Take and build on your notes



College Exploration

- ☐ Build a college list based on preferences and use that as your goal
- ☐ Take a virtual tour
- ☐ Discuss college budget
- ☐ Attend college fairs
- ☐ Speak with college counselor, faculty, and classmates
- ☐ Ask about scholarship opportunities
- ☐ Explore financial aid eligibility
- ☐ Become aware of deadlines



What Should I Consider When Searching?

- ☐ Size
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Diversity
- ☐ Academic programs- majors/minors
- ☐ Campus life (e.g., clubs, athletics, housing, greek life, organizations, study abroad programs)
- ☐ Institution type (public, private, 2yr/4yr)
- ☐ Student to faculty ratio
- ☐ Retention rate
- ☐ Whatever is important to you!





QUESTIONS?