Lunchtime College Workshop for Juniors

The College List, Demonstrated Interest and Application Info Presented by Linda Dowley, College Information Specialist, LJHS

Creating your college list – why is it so important?

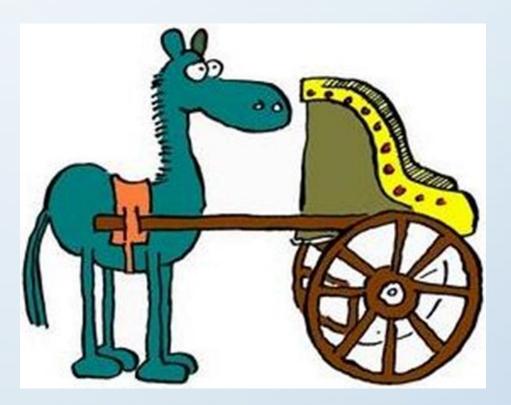
- It is the starting point!
- You can have the best essay and highest GPA and sharpest application in the world, but if you have chosen to apply to schools which are not a good fit for you, you won't be happy!





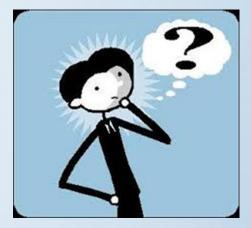


How can you research schools if you don't know what you want from college?



What are my goals?

- Do you have a specific job/career goal?
- I've always wanted to be a doctor/lawyer/architect/fashion designer/civil engineer/graphic artist/hedge fund manager...
- How will college help me achieve my goals?
- Through course of study, internships, research opportunities
- Is graduate school part of your plan?
- Important to plan ahead for appropriate academic offerings, professor connections, finances (grad school is expensive, too).
- Remember: college is not vocational school, but you do want to be employable (or be qualified for grad school) upon graduation...



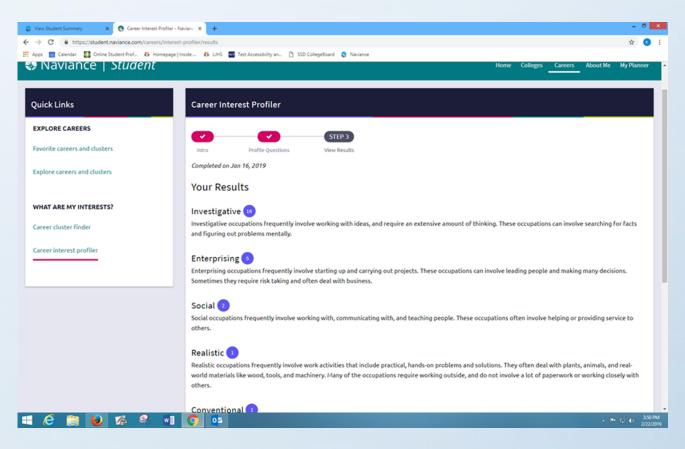
What do you want to study?

- Do you have an idea of your desired major or field of study?
- Do the schools on your list offer this as a major?
- The "liberal arts" include the sciences although not always engineering.
- How difficult is it to change majors at your schools?
- It is okay to be undecided!



What do I want to do with my life??

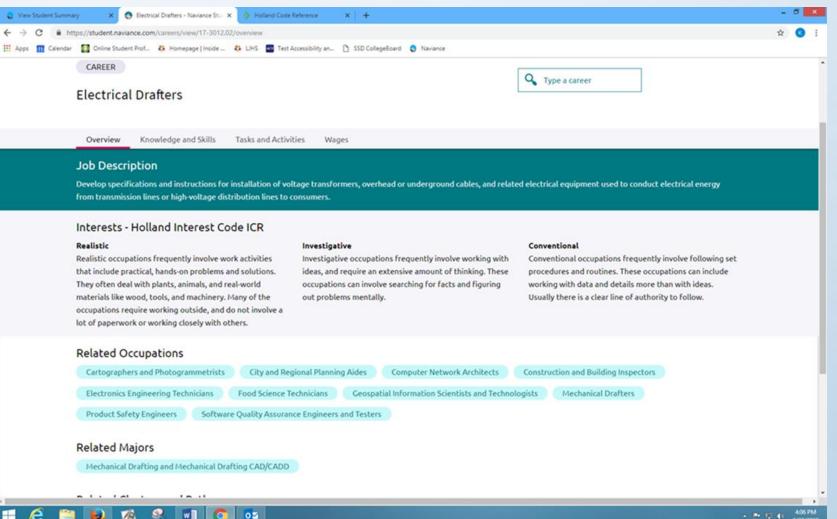
• Start with Naviance – look at the Careers tab and take interest surveys (you should have already done this):



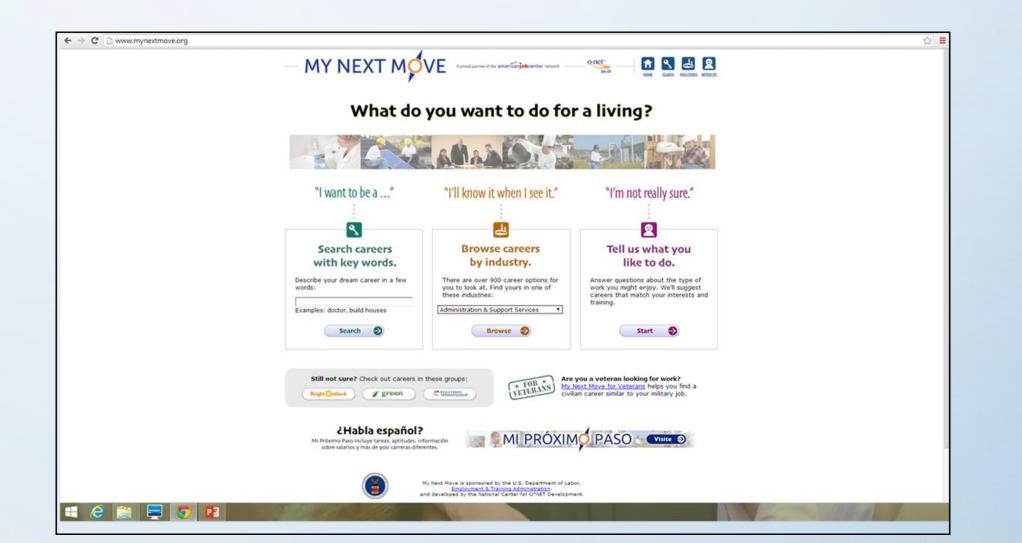
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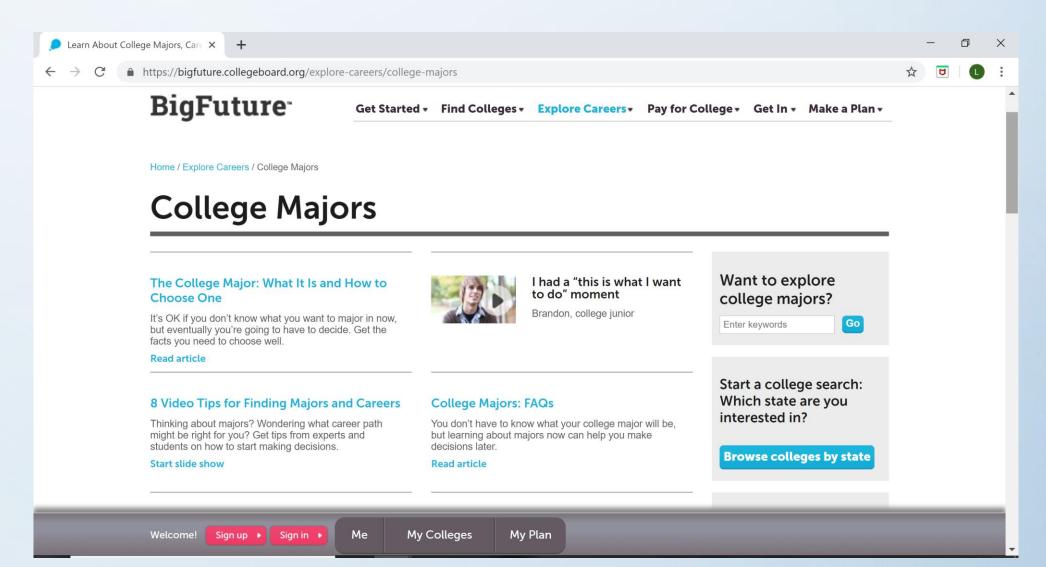
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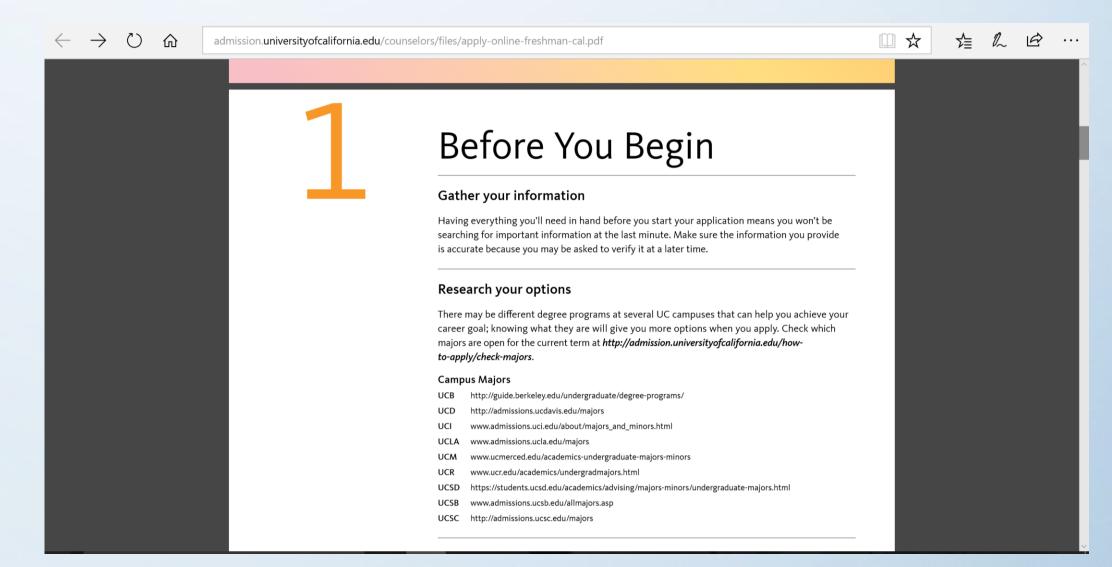
More career/interest information: <u>www.onetonline.org</u> – US Dept. of Labor



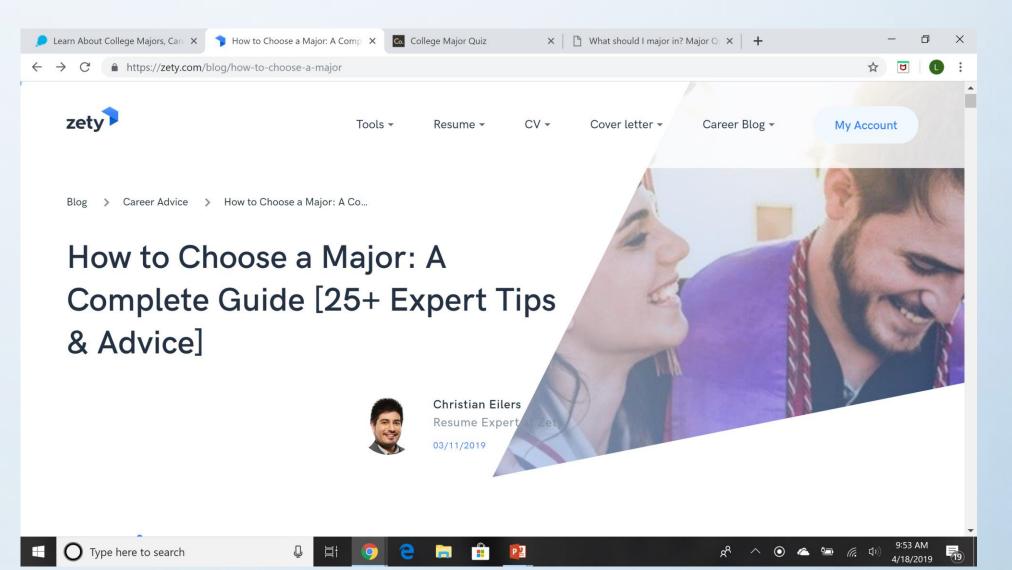
Think about what majors lead to which careers:



Research majors at various campuses:



Google things!



More research advice on majors:

- Research what majors are offered at specific colleges often found under "Academics" or "Degrees Offered".
- Sometimes you need to indicate your major on your application. Research what that means for your school. Example: At Cal Poly SLO, you actually declare your major when you apply and it is difficult to change to a different major. At other schools, specific majors (or colleges, such as engineering) might require a supplemental application.
- See if a major is available to freshmen. Examples: At UC Berkeley, freshmen cannot apply directly into the Haas School of Business – select the College of Letters and Science with an undeclared or prebusiness major (for either option your application will be reviewed in the same way); At UC Los Angeles, freshmen cannot apply directly to the Film/Television major--select the College of Letters and Science with an undeclared.
- If a campus is unable to offer you a place in your first-choice major, they may consider you for an alternate major—be sure the alternate major is in a subject area that you really want to study.

Learn your college priorities!

- Where do I want to study what part of the country?
- What size school big? Small?
- In a city or in a small town/suburb or somewhere rural?
- Campus appeal?
- How do I learn best? Is it important to be in a small classroom?
- Is it important to be taught by a professor?
- Cost of attending including financial aid (use calculator tools).

Some great search sites!

- College Board <u>www.collegeboard.org</u>
- College Data <u>www.collegedata.com</u>
- College Navigator <u>www.collegenavigator.gov</u>
- Cappex <u>www.cappex.com</u>
- FinAid <u>www.finaid.org</u>
- Common Data Set <u>www.commondataset.org</u>
- The College Solution <u>www.thecollegesolution.com</u>
- Do It Yourself College Rankings <u>divcollegerankings.com</u>

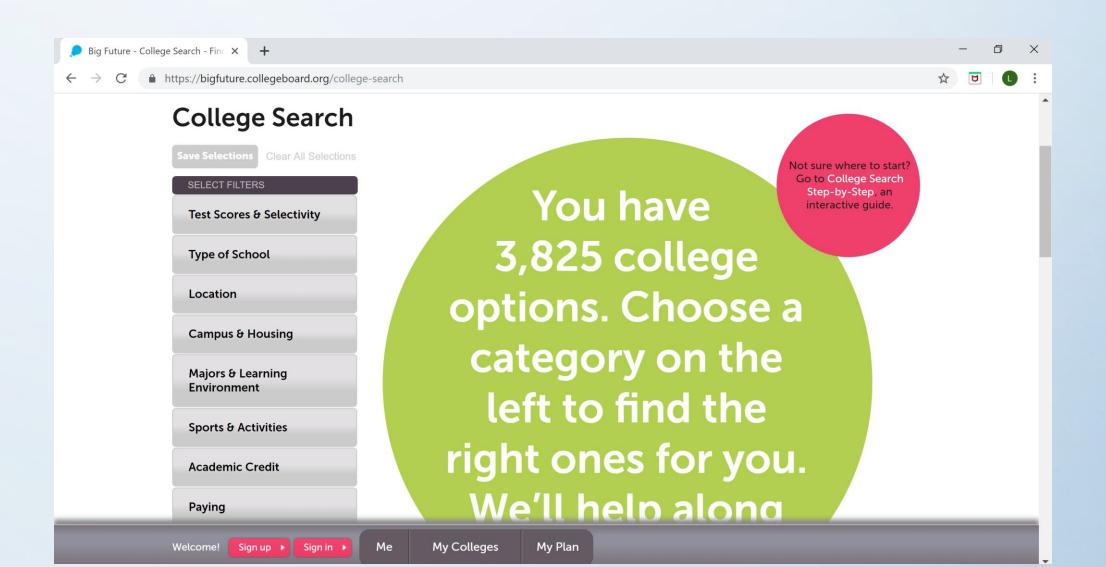
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College Board (Big Future) – College Search Tool



So many helpful websites! College Results – www.collegeresults.org

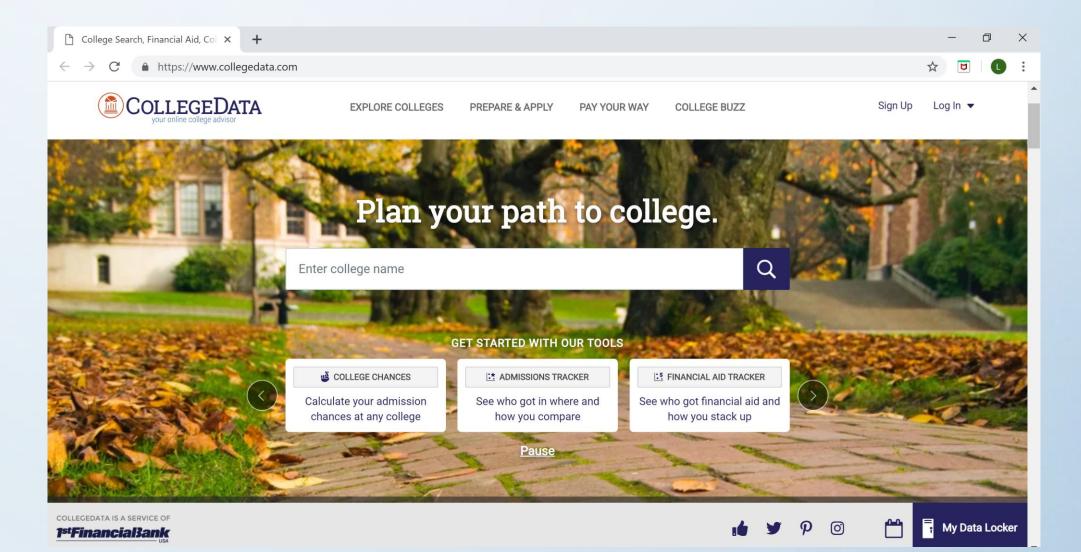
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NEW DATA AVAILABLE!

The Education Trust updated this database in May 2018. College Results Online now includes graduation rate and other critical student data for the 2015-16 academic year. This year we have also added new data with graduation rates for low-income students (Pell Grant recipients) and students who are not low-income (did not receive a Pell Grant).



Another great resource: College Data - www.collegedata.com



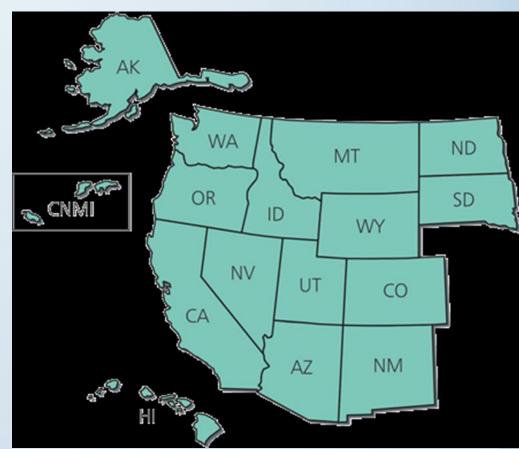
Pay attention to these during your search:

- Cost of attendance and the amount of aid offered
- Four-year/six-year graduation rates
- Freshman Retention rate
- Increases in tuition (look at last few years)
- Admissions timelines offered (EA, ED, Rolling)



Public & Out of State – Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

- It is a scholarship program at many public schools in the western United States – not all schools and not all majors are eligible.
- Allows for reduced tuition
- Can be a great deal, so research
- www.wiche.edu/wue



Demonstrate your interest! Don't be a stealth or ghost applicant!

- Demonstrate your interest to schools!
- Visit the campus (sign up for a tour and info session)
- Follow your schools of interest on social media
- Sign up on the schools' websites to receive information
- Attend LJHS college visits (up to 5) introduce yourself and come prepared with good questions
- Reach out to the area/regional representative with questions, request an interview or to just introduce yourself!



Most Important Take-aways:

- Don't fall in love with just one school!
- You should be excited to attend any of the schools on your list.
- Apply to at least one of your "safety" schools early via rolling admission or EA (you'll have one "yes!" in your pocket early)!
- The UC admission are brutal no matter how strong a student you are, it can be a roll of the dice!
- Ucs are never "safety schools" unless you'd like to attend UC Merced (and there's nothing wrong with Merced)!
- There are always affordable options. You do not need to spend a ton of \$\$ to attain an undergraduate degree! You SHOULD not if grad school is part of the plan!

Things to do now:

> Have candid conversations with your parents about expectations and finances.

➢ If you know you will be applying to private schools, ask teachers (2) for letters of recommendation before the end of the school year.

➤As you research colleges, demonstrate interest by signing up on a college's email list and visiting if possible – don't be a stealth applicant!

Create an appropriate email to use just for college communication – check it daily.

Take challenging classes and work hard – being a good student is your strongest asset. This includes senior year.

Stay organized (file folders, bulletin boards, spreadsheet, dedicated work space).

>Work on time management skills.

A word about applications:

- CSU applications (look beyond Cal Poly check out CSU Channel Islands) – straightforward application. Open Oct. 1 – Nov. 30
- UC applications a little more complex have a writing component. Can start your application 8/1. Submit by November 30.
- Common Application over 800 schools; main essay plus supplements; mostly private schools with some out-of-state publics. You can start now.
- Coalition Application a bit less intuitive...still a work in progress. If you
 have the choice, use the Common App.
- School specific applications University of Arizona, University of Texas, Georgetown, etc. Research which application your schools use.

How many schools should be on your list??

- Make sure you have a range, and that you are in the top 25% for at least a few (best way to receive merit aid).
- 8-12 schools is a reasonable number.
- That can be slightly more if several are UC or CSU schools, but more than 12 total is difficult to complete essays.
- Realize that there is a component of randomness to the process. You will hear of highly qualified students not admitted to selective schools.
- Pew Research of 1,634 colleges in US Number of colleges which admits fewer than 30% of applicants is 6.3%. The majority of colleges admit the majority of applicants!

Requirement Grid: great info! On the LJHS Counseling webpage

THE COMMON APPLICATION

2015-16 College Deadlines, Fees and Requirements

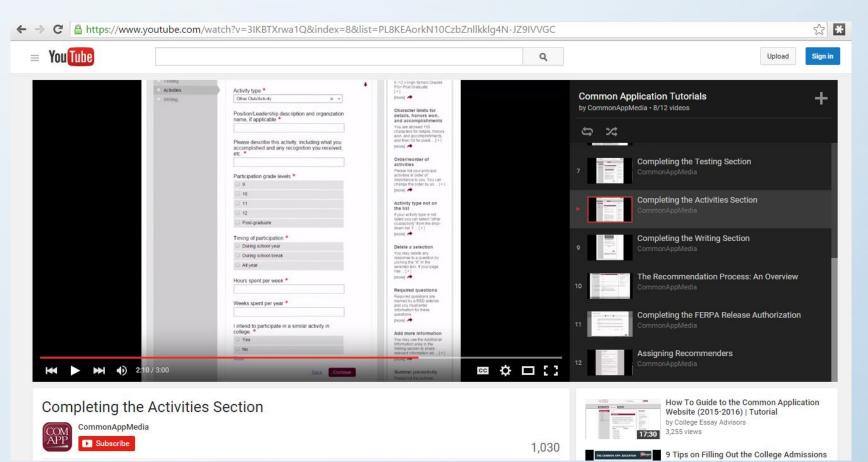
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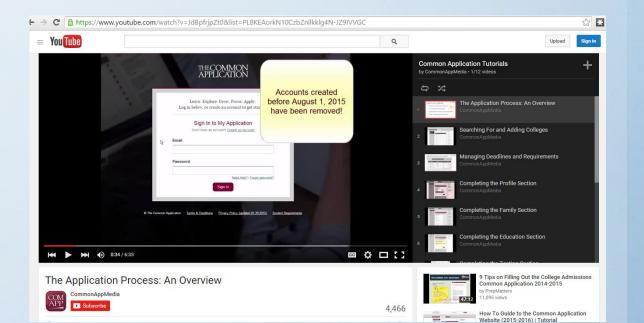
Common App YouTube tutorials:

• Quickly progress to more complex parts of the application – you can choose which tutorials to watch:



Common Application YouTube Tutorials – all 12 of them!

- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8KEAorkN10CzbZnllkklg4 N-JZ9IVVGC
- They start with basics such as creating your account and progress through each part of the application



Khan Academy also provides Common App Tutorials:

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Sign up now to see your counselors and talk about your college interests!

- A-E: Ms. Tate
- F-L: Ms. Rains
- M-Se: Ms.Holly
- Sh-Z: Ms. Salehi



And best of luck to the class of 2020!

Thank you for attending! Any questions?