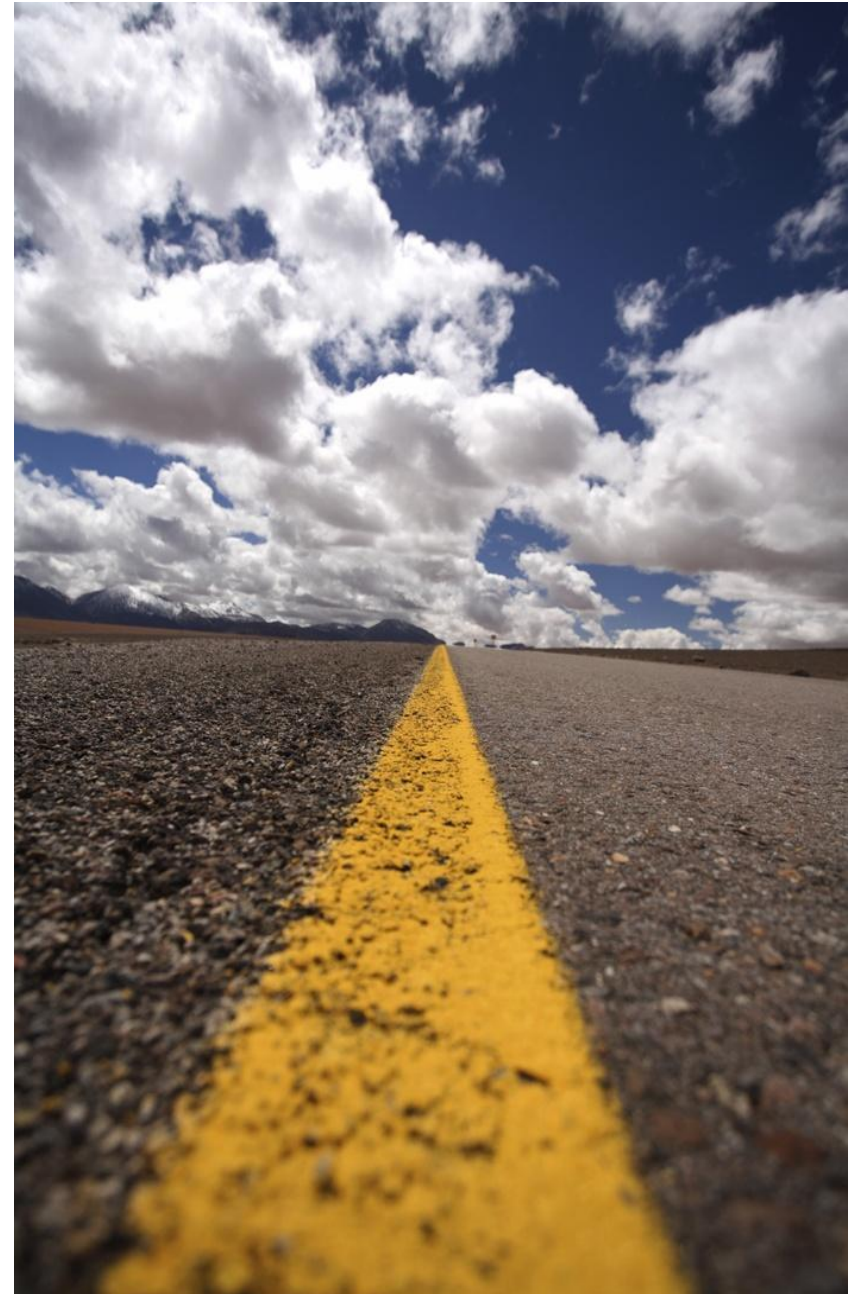
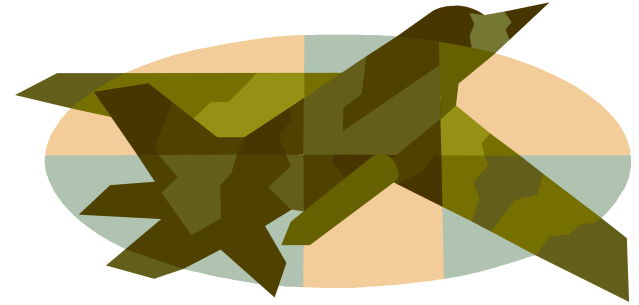


Road to Success

Junior Planning Seminar

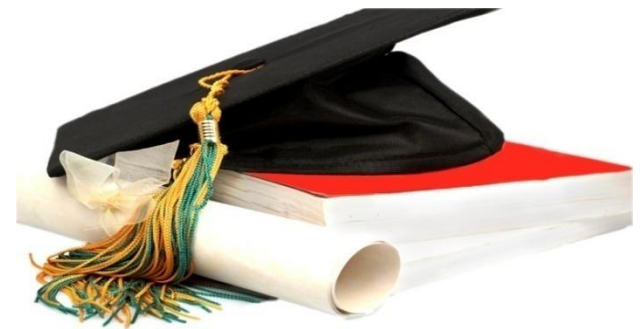
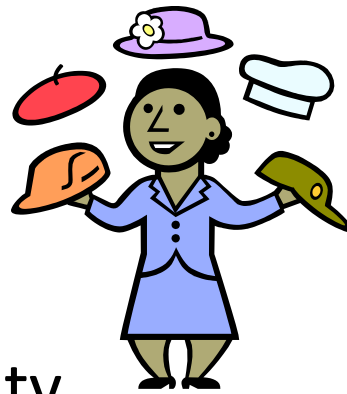


Today's objective



- To begin to develop your post secondary plans

- Workforce
- Military
- College/University





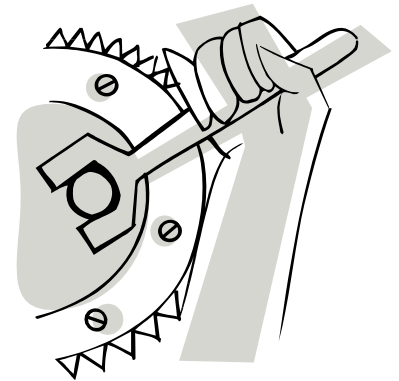
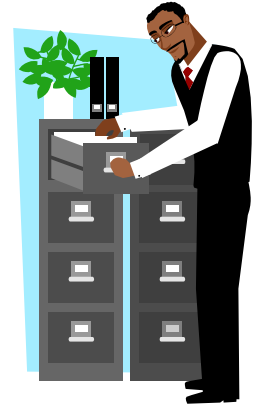
How to select your best option

- Interests inventories
- Activities
- Career Shadowing
- Current jobs
- Favorite classes/subjects
- Hobbies



Workforce/Career Shadowing Day

- Requirements
 - Junior/senior students
 - Create résumé
 - Select top choices (medical, education, forestry, fire/police)
- Due date
 - October 27th (first-come first-served)
- Date of shadowing program
 - November 15th at ACHS



Workforce

- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
- Registration dates
 - October 17th- October 31st in the Guidance Office
 - Seniors get top priority
- Interest inventory/Skills inventory
- Entrance exam for military
- Exam date
 - November 8th 7:30 am room 271

Workforce



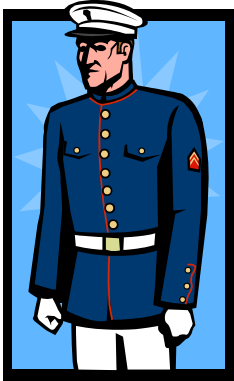
- Naviance
 - Interest/personality inventories
 - Create résumé
 - Research careers
 - Research colleges/scholarships
 - Build a portfolio
- <http://connection.naviance.com>
 - username: first letter of first name/last name
 - password: Your PASS pin

Workforce

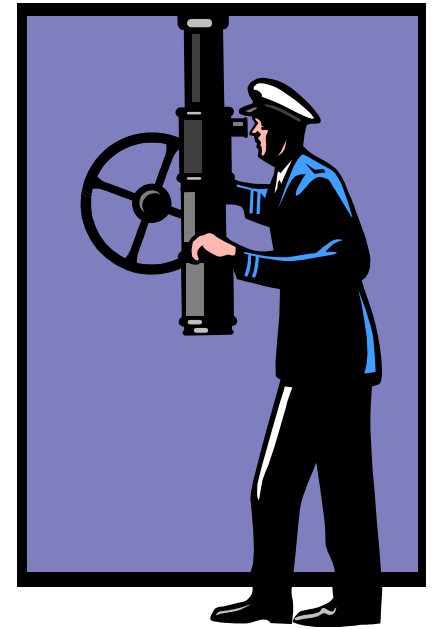


College of Lake County

- College of Lake County (www.clcillinois.edu)
- Associates in Applied Science/Career Certificates
 - Certificates 1 year commitment
 - Associates 2 year commitment (general educ. requirements along with content specific)
- Examples: Accounting, automotive collision/technology, construction mgmt technology, criminal justice, dental hygiene, digital media, early childhood education, fire science, food service mgmt, personal trainer etc.



Military



- Visit recruiters/ask questions
 - Office or on Campus
- Take ASVAB November 8th
 - Advanced registration is required
- Research careers within your branch
 - Manual in college/career center in Guidance Office
- Select Branch
 - Army
 - Navy
 - Air force
 - Marines



Armed Forces

- www.todaysmilitary.com
 - Different branches, benefits, careers
- www.military.com
 - ASVAB prep: short or long tests, tips/strategies for the ASVAB, military jobs
- www.asvabprogram.com
 - learn about self skills/interests, explore careers

College

- Reasons for going?
- Emotionally ready to go?
- Educationally ready to go? Plan scores indicated college readiness:

	<u>PLAN</u>	<u>ACT</u>
– English/English	15	18
– Math/Algebra	19	22
– Reading/Social Science	17	21
– Science/Biology	21	24

How to select your college...

**Various
characteristics**

College Characteristics

- Type of education I want to pursue
- High School (4 years)
- Certificate (1 year)
- Associates (2 yrs)
- Bachelor (4-5 yrs)
- Master (2 yrs)
- Doctorate (2-4 yrs)



College Characteristics

- What is a major?
- What do I want to study?
- Does the school I am considering offer my major?

- The first two years of college contain many general education courses, but also allow for experimenting with different elective courses to allow for exploration of possible major(s).

College Characteristics



- Class size
- Large: University of Illinois @ Champaign 31,200
- Medium: Northern Illinois University 18,000
- Small: Eastern Illinois University 10,000

Larger campus = larger class sizes = less one-on-one time with instructor

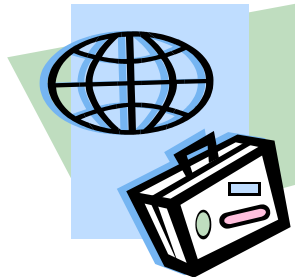
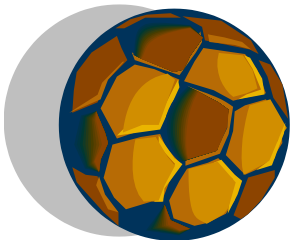
College Characteristics

- Location
- Country
 - Western Illinois
- City
 - University of Il @ Chicago
- Transportation Concerns



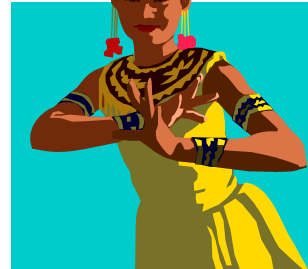
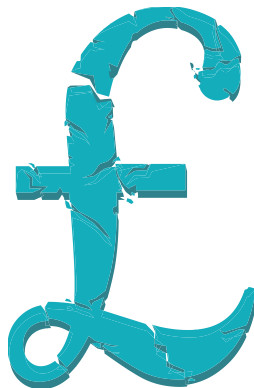
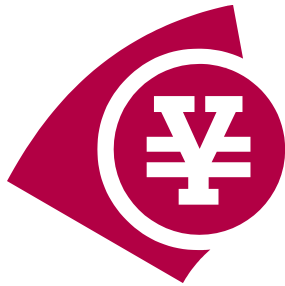
College Characteristics

- Activities offered
 - Athletics Divisions 1, 2 or 3 (\$ DI or DII schools)
 - Arts
 - Travel abroad
 - Intramurals
 - Clubs
 - Career Planning/placement



College Characteristics

- Diversity
- Different countries, cultures, socioeconomic backgrounds



College Characteristics

- Public
 - Supported by tax dollars
 - In-state residents charged different tuition rate
- Private
 - Supported by church or tuition dollars
 - Everyone pays same tuition regardless of state they reside in

College Characteristics

- Type of community
- How does community respond to college students?
- Jobs available?
- Easily accessible from campus?



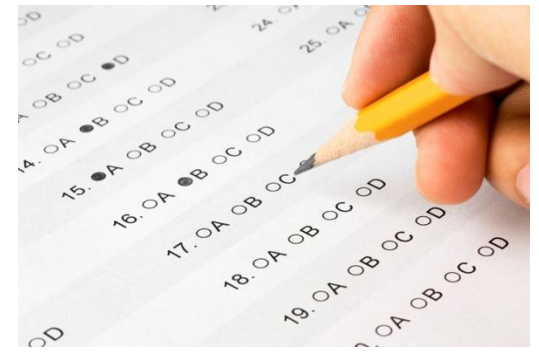
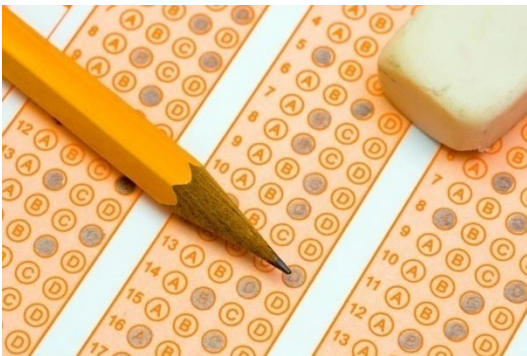
College Characteristic



- Admission Selectivity
- Highly selective: 27-32 ACT, top 10% in class
- Selective: 23-27 ACT, top 25% in class
- Traditional: 20-22 ACT, Top 50% in class
- Liberal: 19-21 ACT, Top 75 % in class
- Open: Accepts all students with high school diploma

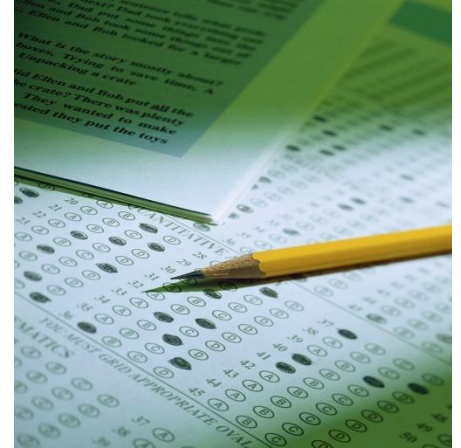
College Testing Options

- ACT
- Midwest, 4 subject areas, writing portion
- Advanced registration required
 - Create web account prior to registration
- ACT prep-course (\$\$)/online prep (free)
 - www.actonlineprep.com
- Graduation requirement PSAE in April

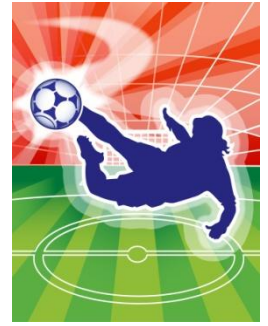


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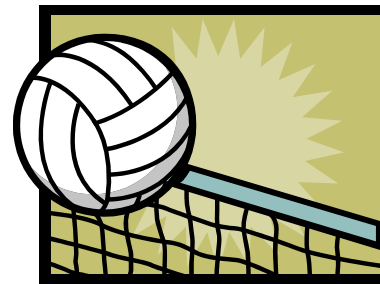
- SAT
- Coastal schools, selective schools
- 3 areas English, math, writing
- Collegeboard.com to register/practice tips



NCAA Options

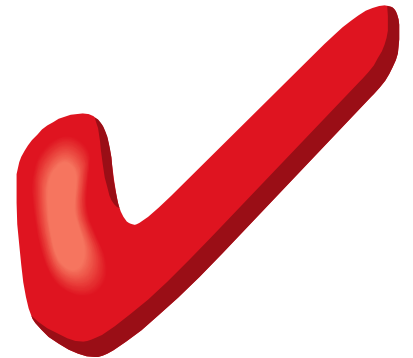


- Plan on playing Division I or II athletics?
- Register spring of junior year with www.ncaa.org (academics/athletes, NCAA eligibility)
- Must submit ACT scores/highest scores accepted
- Need 16 required cores (English, Math, Science, Social studies)
- GPA/ACT sliding scale



What do admission officers look for?

- Test scores
- Rigorous high school courses (honors, AP, foreign language, extra years in core classes)
- Rank and GPA
- Activities, clubs, work experience, community involvement
- Personal essay
- Recommendation (create résumé)



College selection process

- Review your specific characteristics to help narrow search (**Get Set**)
- Review/research your selections
 - Side by side comparison
- Visit colleges
 - Attend CLC college fair on October 20th
 - Go on visits during preview days, holidays, etc.
 - Attend college visits here at ACHS



CLC College Exposition

- October 20th
- 6-8 pm
- Physical education building
- Bring unofficial transcript, address labels, résumé
- Several colleges/universities available
- Formulate questions to ask
- Map your route
- Bring your parents

The Rule of Six

- 2 Dream Schools
- 2 Probables
- 2 Safeties
- Apply early in senior year to meet deadlines
- Need to research schools now to be ready to file next September/October!





Paying for college



- Financial Aid presentation
 - FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - December 12th, 7:00 p.m. in café
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - File January 1 of senior year
- Scholarships (guidance web page)
 - Local
 - Listing
 - Websites



Important Dates

- ACHS college planning night: October 18th
- CLC college fair: October 20th
- ASVAB: November 8th
- Career Shadowing: November 15th
- Financial Aid night: December 12th 7:00
- ACT test date: April 14th
 - Registration due March 9th
- PSAE: April 24th and April 25th
 - State mandated, ACT w/writing, and work keys portions, graduation requirement



Follow Through

- Decide which path: Workforce, military, college
- Select your specific college characteristics
- Research, visit colleges/universities
- Take required/necessary tests(ACT/SAT, ASVAB)
- Visit job sites, take interest inventories, career cruising etc.
- Ask questions of your parents, teachers, coaches, and counselors



Final Thoughts



- Make an appointment to follow up with your counselor
- Refer to your GET SET newspaper
- Attend college visitation days (campus/ACHS/CLC)