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# PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

Spring 2024  
Class of 2026

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## TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Perspective
- What do you want out of college?
- Reflection
- Researching institutions
- Career fit and college fit
- Timeline to college!

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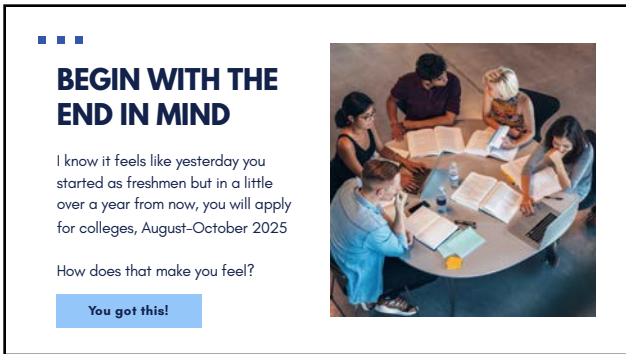
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## BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

I know it feels like yesterday you started as freshmen but in a little over a year from now, you will apply for colleges, August-October 2025

How does that make you feel?

**You got this!**



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**BUT IT'S REALLY JUST THE BEGINNING!**

...then there's orientation, meeting roommates, making new friends, learning how to study effectively, joining fun activities, interning, studying abroad, going on outdoor adventure trips with friends, volunteering, undergraduate research, if you're an engineering student, building fun things as part of a design team perhaps?...

You have so much to look forward to!

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**GOOD FIT?**

How do I know what I should do and where I should go in the future?

This will take self-reflection and self-awareness on your part



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**Before we continue....**

**It's okay not to know all of the answers**

**Consider this active food for thought.**



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During a weekend or extended break, take time to reflect, leisurely journal and thoughtfully answer these questions. What insight do you learn from your responses? Themes? Knowing these insights, what do you want to look for in a prospective institution and later, your career?

Being self-aware is an important part of college and career exploration

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### WHO ARE YOU?



Reflect and journal about the following:

- What are your personal values?
- Describe your personality
- What are your interests?
- What do you enjoy learning?
- What do you enjoy reading?
- What are your talents?
- What are you curious about?
- What knowledge do you want to learn?
- What skills do you want to develop?
- Describe your work ethic

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### WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE?

What do you want for your future self?

- Describe:
  - Your preferred working environment
  - Your work values (what matters to you?)
    - Does a *meaningful* job matter to you?
    - Does your job have to make a lot of money?
    - Is it important to you to make an impact on others? Does the kind of impact matter?
  - What impact do you want to make?
  - Think about other work values...
    - Example: Do you want the flexibility of being your own boss as an entrepreneur or do you prefer working for an organization?
- What does work life harmony look like to you?

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**PRAY ABOUT YOUR VOCATION**

The word 'vocation' comes from the Latin word that means 'calling'. For the Christian a vocation is not just something that God calls us to do, it is also the person God calls us to be. Christians share in the universal call to holiness.

Pray that the Holy Spirit may guide you to your vocation.

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**PRAY FOR GUIDANCE**

How do you want to be a faithful steward of the gifts, time and talent the Lord has blessed upon you?

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**CAREER EXPLORATION**

Learn more about prospective careers

- Informational interviews
- Take time to journal about your career aspirations: <https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/how-to-figure-out-what-career-you-want>
- Identifying work environment: <https://www.shiftbase.com/glossary/work-environment>
- ConnectEd Day in the Life videos: <https://www.youtube.com/aConnectEdNational> and [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL19C1O24NEOp\\_MJNYEo7Z4tdoGkdPR2Zb](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL19C1O24NEOp_MJNYEo7Z4tdoGkdPR2Zb)
- Career Spotlight: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDB4BCE987A\\_E7B45](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDB4BCE987A_E7B45)

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## CAREER EXPLORATION

Learn more about prospective careers

- Career quizzes
  - O Net Profiler: <https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/jp>
  - Career Clusters: <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/find-careers/career-clusters.shtml>
  - College Board Career Career Quiz: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/career-search/career-quiz>
  - Princeton Review Career Quiz: <https://www.princetonreview.com/quiz/career-quiz>

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## WHAT DO YOU WANT OUT OF YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

- Academic program
- What kind of extracurricular activities?
- Internships/work experience
- Study abroad opportunities
- Volunteering
- Clinical experience (is there a hospital or are there clinics nearby?)

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## BRIGHT FUTURES ELIGIBILITY

Type	16 High School Course Credits †	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(five must include substantial writing)</i>	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i>		2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340			
FMS	3 - Natural Science <i>(five must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours
	3 - Social Science		2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210			
	2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(equivalent in same language)</i>					

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## BRIGHT FUTURES ELIGIBILITY

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year		Volunteer Service*	Paid Work Hours*	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2023-24	2024-25				
	National Merit® Finalists and Scholars					
National Hispanic Recognition Program			75 hours			FMS
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) - Diploma			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma			75 hours			FMS
AICE - Curriculum	29/96/1340	29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Curriculum	25/84/1210	25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS
	29/96/1340	29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
	25/84/1210	25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS

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State of Florida	2023-2024										2024-2025										
	Admission	Enrollment	Retention	Graduation	Transfer	Dropout	Other	Admission	Enrollment	Retention	Graduation	Transfer	Dropout	Other	Admission	Enrollment	Retention	Graduation	Transfer	Dropout	Other
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF ST. JAMES	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF ST. JOHN	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF ST. PETERSBURG	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
UNIVERSITY OF WINTER FLORIDA	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

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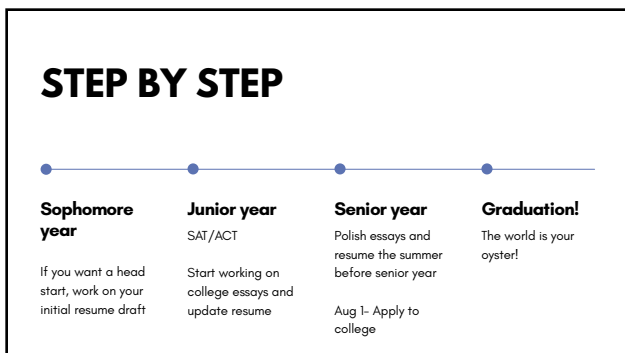
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■ ■ ■ **SOPHOMORE YEAR**

		
<b>Start learning about colleges/ universities</b>	<b>Start a resume draft</b> Update over time	<b>Start applying for scholarships</b> It's never too early to start earning money for college!

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**RESEARCHING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

- [College Board Big Future College Search](#)
- [Florida Public University System Guide](#)
- [The College Tour videos](#)
- College/university websites
- Campus tours of prospective institutions

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**ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS**

- [National College Fair at Santa Fe College](#)
- [NACAC College Fairs- In-person and Virtual](#)

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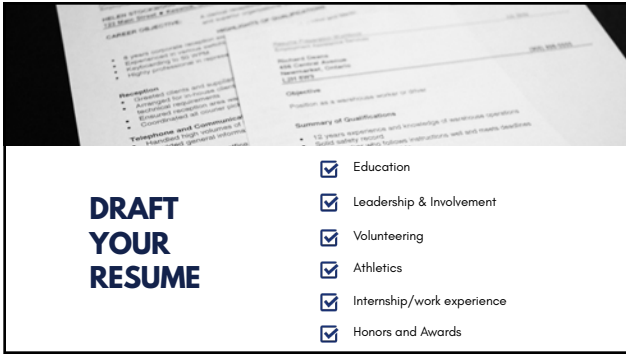
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**DRAFT YOUR RESUME**

- Education
- Leadership & Involvement
- Volunteering
- Athletics
- Internship/work experience
- Honors and Awards

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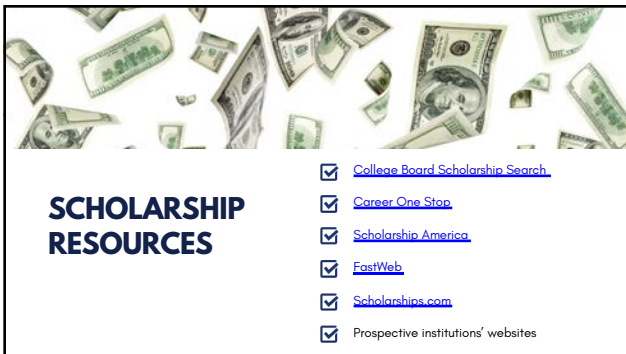
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**SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES**

- [College Board Scholarship Search](#)
- [Career One Stop](#)
- [Scholarship America](#)
- [FastWeb](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- Prospective institutions' websites

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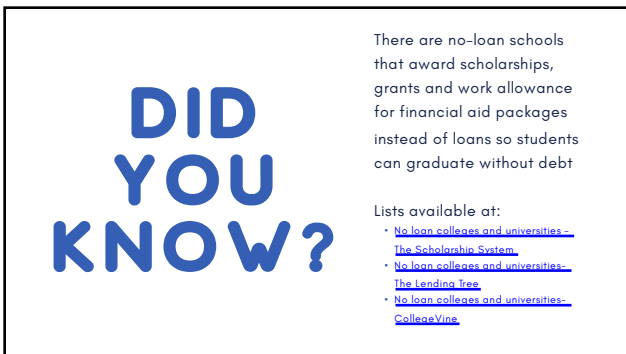
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

There are no-loan schools that award scholarships, grants and work allowance for financial aid packages instead of loans so students can graduate without debt

Lists available at:

- [No loan colleges and universities - The Scholarship System](#)
- [No loan colleges and universities - The Lending Tree](#)
- [No loan colleges and universities - CollegeVine](#)

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# DID YOU KNOW?



Specific companies offer tuition reimbursement for University of Central Florida students?

For more information, visit:

<https://www.ucf.edu/social-mobility/employment-partnership-programs/guild/>

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# DID YOU KNOW?



Publix offers tuition reimbursement for specific areas of study?

For more information, visit:

<https://www.publix.org/career-and-self-development/education-opportunities/tuition-reimbursement/undergraduate-program>

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## CONTINUOUS TO-DO



**Excel academically**  
Really grasp the concepts in your classes!



Research and apply for scholarships  
Create a scholarship application timeline/calendar for future scholarships so you have a plan and don't miss deadlines



**Pursue meaningful-to-you activities**  
Clubs, athletics, volunteering, working, etc.

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**National Merit?**

October PSAT for Juniors also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test  
min: mid-high 1400s

### SUMMER AFTER SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Study for SAT/ACT/CLT
- For other ideas, read "What Should I Do this Summer?" in the recent [Guidance Notes](#)

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### FREE SAT/ACT PREP RESOURCES

- [Official SAT Prep on Khan Academy](#)
- [Full Length SAT Practice Tests](#)
- [ACT Prep](#)
- [Tips for scoring well on the ACT](#)
- [Tips for scoring well on the SAT](#)

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Many institutions are test-optional.

You may find the full list at <https://fairtest.org/test-optional-list/>

None of the Florida public universities are test optional though.

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## JUNIOR YEAR

### CONTINUE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!!!






<b>Fall-Spring</b>	<b>October of junior year to October of senior year</b>	<b>After AP exams</b>	<b>Summer before senior year</b>
Continue exploring college options	Take ACT/SATs for college admission and scholarship consideration	Draft college admission essays	Polish college admission essays and resumes

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## STANDARDIZED TESTING

- SAT or SFCA is offered twice a year, once in the Fall and once in the Spring
- Saturday SAT is available at Eastside on specific Saturdays- must register online
- ACT is available at GHS and Eastside on specific Saturdays- must register online



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Check your institution regarding housing application process and deadlines

## SENIOR YEAR

### CONTINUE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS






<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>November 1</b>	<b>December-ish</b>
Common application opens	Early Action deadline for many institutions including Florida State University	Deadline for all other Florida public universities  Also a deadline for many out-of-state institutions	Submit Florida Financial Aid Application and Free Application for Federal Student Aid
Work on Common App and SSAR			

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## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS


**WHAT ARE ADMISSION COMMITTEES ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR?**  
(WELL, IT DEPENDS ON THE INSTITUTION)




**TEST SCORES**  
Usually first cuts unless you're applying to a test-optional school



**GPA**  
Secondary limiting factor when making initial cuts



**ACTIVITIES**  
Many schools consider meaningful-to-you activities as part of their holistic review process



**THOUGHTFUL, AUTHENTIC, WELL-WRITTEN ESSAY**  
Yes, someone actually reads and scores your essays!

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**DECEMBER-SPRING**

**Wait for your acceptances to roll in!**

Continue doing well in your Senior year classes!



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**OPPORTUNITIES**




**COLLEGE**

Usually offers more general programs and may have a liberal arts focus. Some schools may be more specialized or offer a variety of programs.



**UNIVERSITY**

Usually offers a broad range of programs and may have a more specialized focus. Some schools may be more specialized or offer a variety of programs.





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## SANTA FE COLLEGE ADVANTAGES

<p><b>Save money - tuition is less and you can live at home</b> Graduate with as little to no debt as possible!</p>	<p><b>Quality instruction</b> Many of the faculty are UF alumni and are highly rated by students</p>
<p><b>Variety of academic programs</b> Many are vocational programs that allow students to work immediately upon completion</p>	<p><b>Ability to transfer</b> Earning an Associate of Arts degree will allow you to transfer to a 4-year university</p>

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<p>For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.sfcollge.edu/programs/degree-options/">https://www.sfcollge.edu/programs/degree-options/</a></p>		

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- Automotive Service Management Technology
- Cardiovascular Sonography
- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Digital Media Technology
- Graphic Design Technology
- Nuclear Medicine Technology

Additional Associate of Science programs available at <https://www.sfcollge.edu/programs/>

- Nursing
- Paralegal Studies
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiography
- Respiratory Care
- Surgical Services
- Theatre and Entertainment Technology
- Zoo Animal Technology

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**Sf SANTA FE COLLEGE**

- Accounting
- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Health Services Administration
- Industrial Biotechnology
- Information Systems Technology
- Multimedia and Video Production Technology
- Nursing
- Organizational Management



More specific descriptions of the Bachelors degree programs are available at <https://www.sfcollege.edu/arcarama/>

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**Sf SANTA FE COLLEGE**

**OPEN HOUSE**

Santa Fe College is hosting their Annual Open House on March 23, 2024  
 March 23, 8:00 am - 11:00 am



Saturday, March 23, 2024  
 8 am - 11 am  
 Santa Fe College Northwest Campus

During Open House, you can:

- Talk with SF staff and advising specialists
- Learn more about the types of degree and certification programs offered at SF to help you determine a program of study that best meets your interests.
- Take a tour
- Attend an information session
- Representatives from several University of Florida departments and colleges will be tabling during Open House to answer any questions you may have face-to-face about the transfer process.
- Explore campus activities like the SF Honors Program, Student Government, Civic Engagement, Student Life, the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium, SF Teaching Zoo, Museum of Earth Science, student clubs and more.

For more information visit <https://www.sfbiosci.edu/news/open-house-2024/>

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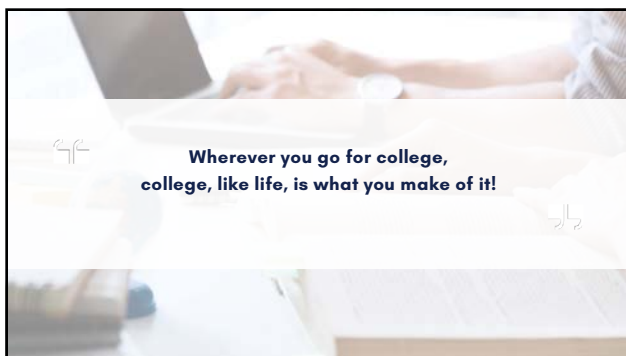
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Wherever you go for college,  
 college, like life, is what you make of it!

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**SNEAK PEEK AT COLLEGE NIGHT FOR JUNIORS**

- Narrowing down your college list
- Recommendation etiquette
- Breaking down the Common App
- What is the SSAR?
- Brainstorming essay topics

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**QUESTIONS?**

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

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