



Picture: Conard High School, Summer of 2000

# Conard High School Junior Planning Night

**Welcome Friends and Family  
of the  
Class of 2018**



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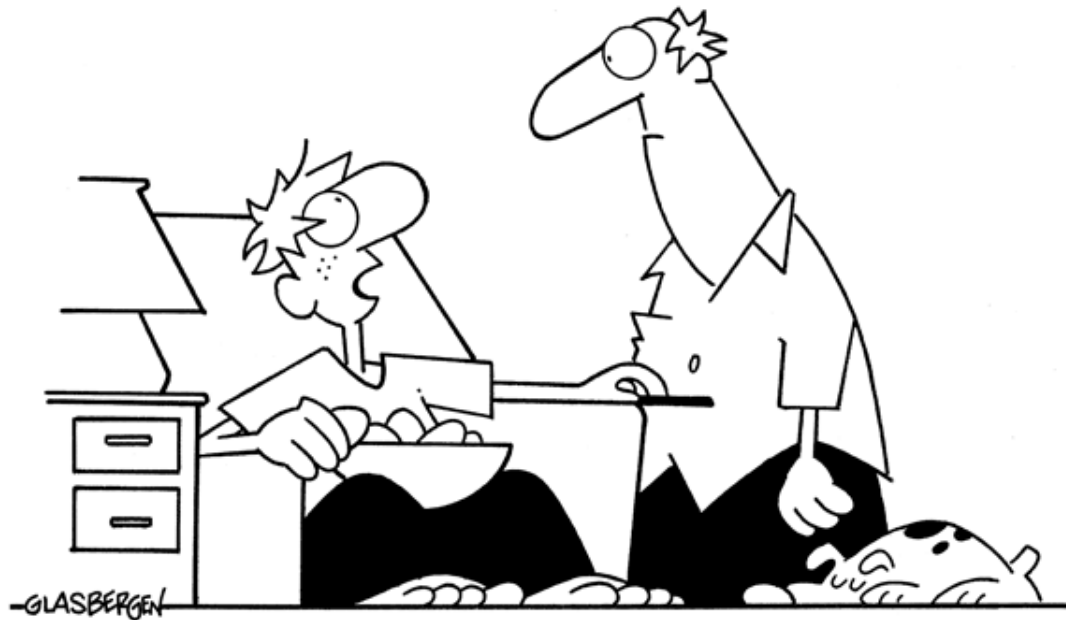
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# Tonight's Agenda

- Options after High School
- Self Evaluation
- Career Awareness and Exploration
- Choosing a College
- Obtaining Information
- Criteria for Admission
- Admissions Types/Trends
- Naviance
- Questions and Answer

# Post High School Options

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**“These days children move back home after college.  
If I’m already home, why do I need college?”**

# Post High School Options

- 4 Year College
- 2 Year College
  - Cost Effective
  - Guaranteed Transfers to State Universities
- Technical and Vocational Schools
- GAP Year
  - Travel, Community Work, Peace Corp.
  - **Gap Year Fair –January 12 at 6:00 p.m. CHS**
- Military
- Post Graduate (PG)Year
- Work

# Self Evaluation

## Self Awareness- Who Am I??

- What makes me happy?
  - Family? -Friends? -Athletics? -Clubs?
- How do I learn best?
  - Hands on? -Small Groups? -Doesn't matter?
- What are my goals?
  - Short-term (graduate)? -Long-term (career)?
- What is important to me?
  - Family? -Career? -Friendship? -Location?
- How would others describe me?
  - Personality? -Relationships?

# Junior Year

- PSAT in October
- Research colleges on Naviance, [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com), [princetonreview.com](http://princetonreview.com)
- Keep your resume on Naviance updated with extra-curricular activities (clubs, sports, employment, volunteer activities, honors, awards, etc.)

# Build Your Resume

- Get Involved in Extra-Curricular Activities
- Summer Programs and Opportunities
- Community Service
- Work Experience
- **Quality vs. Quantity**
  - \* Build Resume in Naviance
  - \*See school counseling website for resources



# Junior Year

- Keep your grades up, improvement counts!
- Maintain a good rapport with your junior year teachers, most likely these will be the teachers who will write letters of recommendation for you.
- Sign up for the SAT question of the day at [CollegeBoard.com](http://CollegeBoard.com) and practice!

# Career Awareness and Exploration

- What is your favorite subject/class?
- What are your abilities and interests?
  - **Naviance – web-based program**  
(connect through Conard webpage)
    - Career Interest Profiler
    - Research Career Options ( salary, environment, hours, education required, etc.)
- Talk to people in different fields of interest
  - Community School – **earn credit**
  - Part-time jobs

# College Characteristics

- **Academics/Selectivity** – G.P.A, SAT's, ACT's
- **Size** – 1,000 vs. 30,000+ students
- **Atmosphere** – urban, suburban, small town, rural
- **Cost** - \$4,000 vs. \$60,000+ (public vs private)
  - **Housing** – living on campus v. commuting
  - **Location** - 1 hour drive vs. cross-country, flight, climate
- **Special Programs** – Majors, LD services, athletics, ROTC, Greek system, study abroad

# Obtaining Information

## Resources

- **Conard Website:**
  - Under School Counseling see online student resources
    - <http://conard.whps.org/>
- **College Guides - Barron's, Fiske Guide, etc.**
- **College Visits – School Breaks/Weekends**
- **College Representatives at CHS – Career Center (Starting in September) see website for schedule**
- **College Fairs:**
  - **Hartford National College Fair April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Conard October 2017**

# Criteria for Admissions

- High School Transcript (Most important)
  - Rigor of your program of studies and grades
- SAT Reasoning & Subject tests, and/or ACT
- Letters of Recommendation
- Resume
- Essay
- Demonstrated Interest – Important to visit/register for tours – many school track this information
- Interview
- Legacy/Special Talent

# Standardized Testing

- **SAT Reasoning Test** –January, March, May, June, October
  - **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> CT state assessment date – ALL JUNIORS**
  - Register!! Our School Code is : **070-887**
  - Preparation – College Board / Khan Academy
- **SAT Subject Tests** -May and/or June
  - Typically taken in areas of strength or by AP courses taken
  - 2-3 required for more competitive schools
- **ACT** – February, April, June, and September
  - Register!! Our School Code is : 210460
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams**-May 1, 2017 – May 12, 2017
  - The college board now lists what the AP credit policies are for individual colleges. The website is :  
**<http://apps.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>**
- **SAT Optional Schools**
  - [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)

# **Sending Official Scores**

- **Students are responsible for sending official score reports to admissions**
- All SAT scores appear on a score report

## **Score Choice**

- Student has ability to “hide” individual subject scores or an entire SAT reasoning test.
- Score Choice is optional! All scores will be sent if Score Choice is not used.

# State Testing

- **SAT State Testing** has replaced the Smarter Balanced Assessment for meeting graduation performance standards
- April 5, 2017 (a school day) all grade 11 students will be taking the SAT
- Graduation Requirement



# Test Prep/Khan Academy

- PSAT – scores are available online through student's College Board account
- The College Board and the nonprofit Khan Academy<sup>®</sup> have teamed up to provide free, personalized SAT study resources for all students - <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- All students have created Khan Academy accounts through their English Class

# Test Dates

## SAT

- March 11, 2017
- April 5, 2017 (CT state test day – all grade 11)
- May 6, 2017
- June 3, 2017
- August 26, 2017\*
- October 7, 2017\*

## ACT

- February 11, 2017
- April 8, 2017
- June 10, 2017
- September 9, 2017
- October 28, 2017

\* Anticipated

# Financing College

- Financial Aid Night – Fall of Senior Year
- Start searching for Scholarships on-line
- Fastweb.com and Naviance
- Individual Colleges Financial Aid page
- There are two types of financial aid: Need based and Non-need based
- Student Loans- Be aware and be careful

# NEED BASED AID

- Starts with completing **the FAFSA form** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- The government decides how much you can afford to pay toward college tuition (EFC) and sends it to the colleges to which you've applied.
- The financial aid package will be broken down into three categories: Grants/scholarships, work study and loans.
- Some private schools will supplement the federal aid amount if you complete a **CSSProfile form**.
- Some local, state, national and private scholarships are also based on need as well as other criteria.

# NON-NEED BASED AID

- Colleges may offer Scholarship monies to students they want to recruit to their campus (athletes/artists/musicians) or who meet certain academic standards (merit based).
- Some scholarships are automatically offered upon acceptance and others need to be applied for. Note: The more competitive the college, the less likely it is that you will be offered merit money.
- Many local, state, national and private scholarships offer monies based on a wide variety of criteria. These need to be applied for. (Scholarships listed on Naviance website)  
Note: Not all scholarships are monetary.

# Student Loans

- Be aware of the Financial Aid Package – Read/Evaluate
- Loans accumulate each year
  - Average Student Debt for a 2014 Graduate is \$33,000 (Debt.org)
- Add loan total over four years to estimate the potential debt.
- Estimate your eligibility for federal student aid
  - FAFSA4Caster Tool for Federal Student Aid  
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm>

# Reminder for Athletes

- Division I & II schools - require NCAA Clearance through the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Fill out online: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- See your coach or counselor to discuss this if you plan to play Division I or II athletics

# Naviance Log On Screen

## Welcome to Family Connection

Nice to see you again! Please log in.

E-mail

password

remember me

**Log In**

[forgot your password?](#)

[need additional help?](#)

are you new here?

[i'm a guest >](#)



**Conard High School**  
110 Beechwood Road



# Your Personal Home Page

family connection

home

courses

colleges

careers


about me


 my planner

## resources

• [PrepMe](#) 

## what's new

 You received an e-mail: [Visit from U.S. Military Academy at Westpoint \(DO NOT REPLY- MASS EMAIL\)](#) from Penni Grigoraitis.

 You have [6 new messages](#)

 [document library](#)

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## Welcome!

### Common Application Answers:

Conard School Code 070-887

Conard does NOT rank. Your GPA is WEIGHTED on a 4.0 scale.

Conard High School address: 110 Beechwood Rd., West Hartford 06107. Fax #: 860-561-6699

Class of 2013 class size: 415.



**Conard High School**  
110 Beechwood Road  
West Hartford CT 06107-3613  
p: (860) 521-1350

# Scattergram

search for colleges:

[MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>](#)

Sacred Heart University :: Fairfield, CT :: U.S.

[back to college profile](#)

Test type:

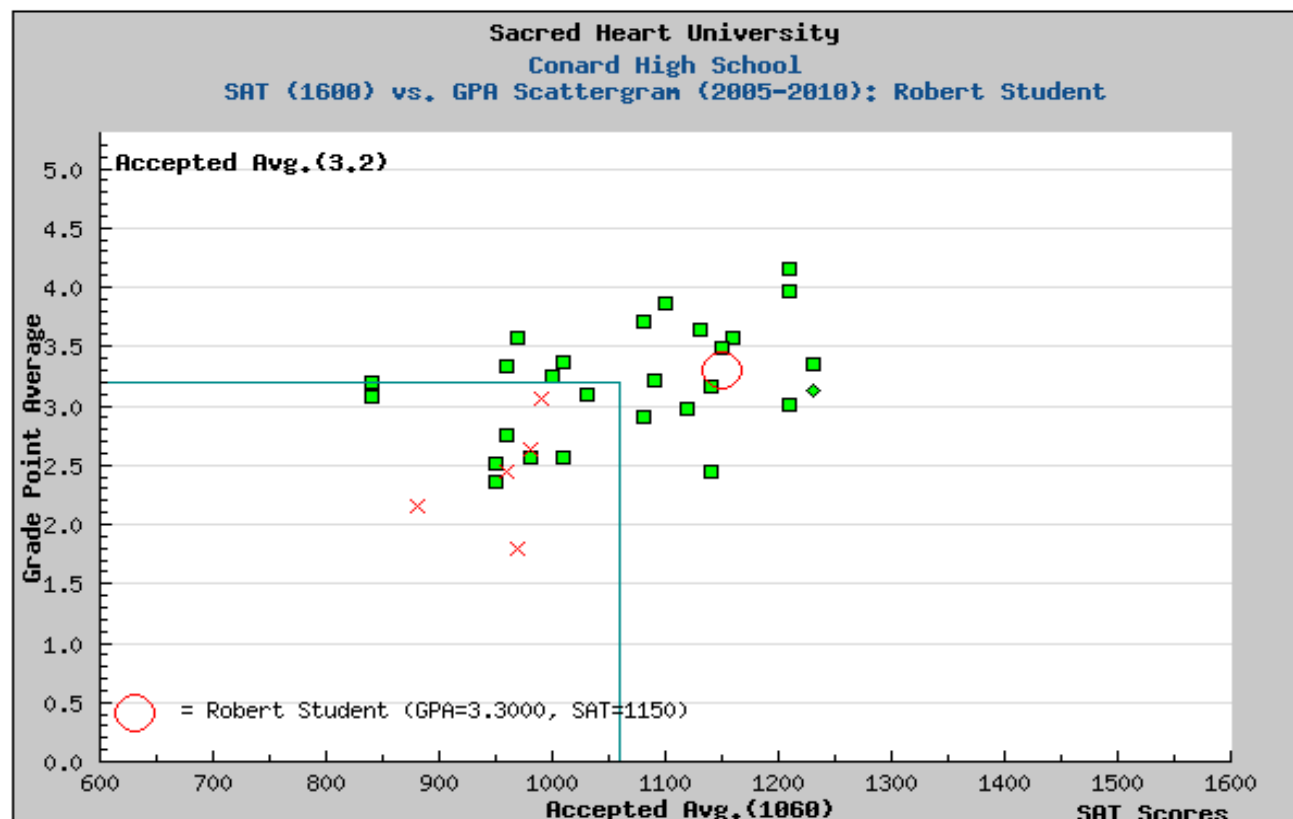
my colleges

- > [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- > [colleges I'm applying to](#)
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- > [scattergrams](#)
- > [acceptance history](#)

[scholarships &](#)



## MY SEARCH OPTIONS

Start Over Save My Searches

## FIND &amp; PIN A SCHOOL BY NAME

## FIND YOUR BEST FIT

- ▶ Location
- ▶ Majors
- ▶ My Scores
- ▶ Tuition and Fees
- ▶ Ethnicity
- ▶ School Type
- ▶ School Size
- ▶ Campus Setting
- ▶ Public or Private
- ▶ Gender Mix
- ▶ Historically Black
- ▶ Getting In
- ▶ Graduation Rate
- ▶ Organizations
- ▶ Special Services
- ▶ Disability Services
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Greek Life
- ▶ Religious Affiliation
- ▶ Liberal-Leaning Schools
- ▶ GLBT-Friendly
- ▶ Great College Towns

# College Search

## How Do I Get Started?



1

### Click

Click a criteria item to the left and enter your data to get started.

2

### Rank

Rank how important each of your criteria items is to your decision.

3

### Shazamm!

Check out the results and find schools that are right for you!

Check out this video for a quick demo!



PATENT PENDING

### About this Search Tool

Welcome to a new way to search for colleges. Our search utilizes a "fuzzy" approach to ranking your preferences. That way, not only do you get a list of schools that match your needs perfectly, but you'll also see the ones that come close.



# My Colleges

family connection

- home
- courses
- colleges
- careers
- about me

search for colleges:

Go

## colleges I'm thinking about

[+ add to this list](#) | [compare me](#)

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

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College	Delivery type	Added By	My Interest	Application Deadlines†				Actions		
				Early Decision	Early Action	Priority	Regular Decision	CONTACT	GRAPH	WWW
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Adelphi Univ</a>		student	N/A	-	12/1	-	-			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Boston Coll</a>		student	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/1			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Boston Univ</a>		student	High	11/1	-	-	1/4			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Fisher Coll</a>		student	N/A	-	-	-	-			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Holy Cross, Coll of</a>		student	Medium	12/15	-	-	1/15			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Lasell Coll</a>		student	N/A	-	-	4/1	-			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Providence Coll</a>		counselor	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/15			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Quinnipiac Univ</a>		student	Medium	-	-	-	2/1			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Sacred Heart Univ</a>		counselor	N/A	12/1	-	-	1/15			
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Southern Connecticut State Univ</a>		student	Low	-	-	-	4/1			

# The Final List

- **Reach (1-2) -**
- **Realistic/Target (2-4)**
- **Likely/Safety (2-4)**
- **Suggested Applications ( 6 - 10 )**

# Admissions: Types and Trends

- Early Admissions ( Deadlines begin November 1)
  - Early Decision (Binding)
  - Early Action (Non Binding)
  - Early action “single choice” (Non Binding)
- Regular and Rolling Admissions

# Upcoming Activities

**Junior Meetings** - will start January 5 and be ongoing for the next few months.

- Resume - Students should begin/update their resume in Naviance
- Preliminary List of Colleges - (these schools should be entered in Naviance under “College’s I’m Thinking About”)
- Plan Spring College Tours – weekends, plan around vacation travel, etc. -- Register in advance for tours – remember demonstrated interest may be a part of the admissions decision

# Junior Planning Workshops

- Juniors will participate in a 10 week series of workshops to assist them in the post high school planning process.
- These workshops will occur during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter on Short Wednesdays during students SRP period.
- These workshops will appear on students schedule, therefore attendance will be taken and will be **mandatory**.
- Topics Include:
  - Common Application
  - Mock Admissions
  - Standardized Testing
  - Resume/Brag Sheets
  - Interview Skills/Essay Tips
  - College Search



# Parting Thoughts

- Students must own this process
  - **Please remind them to check their school email for their upcoming Junior Planning Appointment and other updates**
- Parents can be there as a support, but the work involved must be done by students
- Now is the time for honest conversation about parameters – distance from home, cost, etc.

# Web Resources

- Conard School Home Webpage-School Counseling
  - <http://conard.whps.org/>
- Naviance
  - [www.connection.naviance.com/conard](http://www.connection.naviance.com/conard)
- Testing and Test Preparation
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- Pay for College
  - <http://www.collegeboard.com/pay>
  - <http://www.fastaid.com>
  - <http://www.fastweb.com>
  - <http://www.petersons.com/finaid/>

# Question and Answer

- Please complete the feedback survey
- More information and this presentation are available on the CHS website - <http://conard.whps.org/>
- **Twitter follow Conard's Counseling Department @Conard\_SchCoun**
- Thank you,

Your Conard School Counselors