Hello Juniors!



McLean HS Class of 2025!!!



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Agenda

- Life After McLean
- What Can You Be Doing Now?
- Next Steps and Resources

Life After McLean

2 yr college, 4 yr college, working, military, service, apprenticeship, gap year... You get to decide!

YOU HAVE OPTIONS!

- McLean students choose their best-fit path
- McLean students know that there are many ways to be happy and have fulfilling lives
- McLean students support each other by focusing on a "stress-less" approach

What Can You Be Doing Now?

- Read your email! SS Newsletter every Friday
- Clean up your social media presence
- Reflect on your high school journey

Family Talks



Talk with your family.



Make your wish list.



Explore your options.



Put it all together.

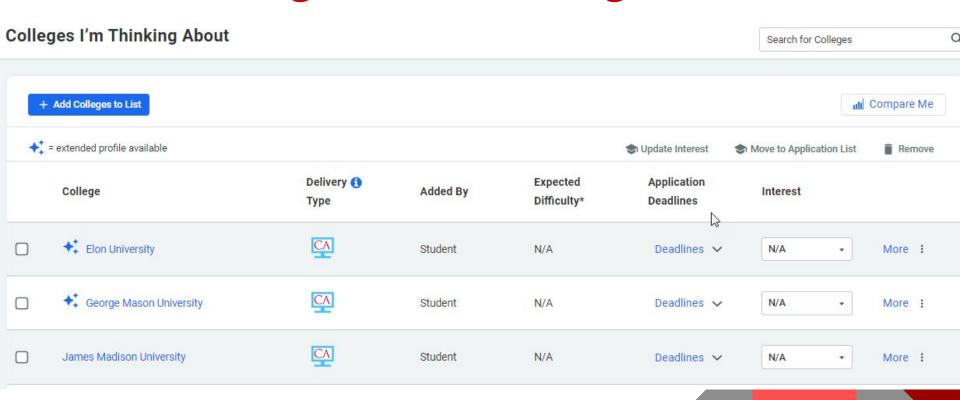
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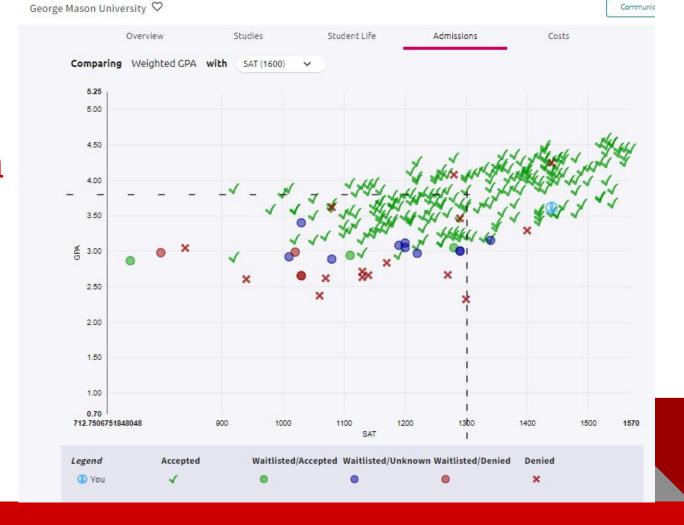
Watch this video

Summer Ideas

- Research and visit colleges Quick Guide
- Add colleges to "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list in <u>Naviance</u>
- Check out how to use Naviance Student to research colleges that are a good fit:
 - <u>Using Scattergrams</u>
- Create a system like a spreadsheet for keeping college information organized with deadlines
- Look into service learning opportunities
 - Aim for 40-50 hours of community service by graduation (This is not required to graduate from McLean, but some honor societies or diploma seals may require service hours)
 - Volunteerfairfax.org

"Colleges I'm Thinking About"





Review your <u>Junior</u> <u>Checklist</u>

You'll see that there's not a lot that you have to do RIGHT NOW!

That is because you have plenty of time and you should be focusing on closing out junior year.

The summer between 11th and 12th grade is a great time to focus on parts of the applications. This process will be driven by YOU but you have a ton of support!

College Application Workshop

When: July 30th & August 1st

How: Register through myschoolbucks

Fee: \$75 If you need financial assistance, please see your counselor

What: Students will have a chance to get started on parts of the college application and gain valuable feedback on their college essay from college admissions officers.

> <u>Deadline to Register</u> June 14th

Teacher Recommendation

- If you plan to apply to a 4 year college, you should have asked **one** teacher for their recommendation letter.
- Your main letter of recommendation should be written by a teacher of a core class: English, Social Studies, Math, Science, or a World Language.
- Ask in person.
- Be thankful for the letter. Teachers do not get paid for writing recommendation letters, and it takes a lot of time!
- Once you commit to a school next spring, let the teacher who wrote your letter of recommendation know where you are going. They want to hear back from you!

Teacher Comment Form

First Generation Students

Definition: a student whose parents did not complete a four-year college degree in the U.S.

Why?: Scholarships! Many scholarship opportunities for 2 and 4 year colleges.

Colleges like to recruit first generation students to provide tailored educational and career opportunities

College Partnership Program: next meeting HERE. You can attend without being a member! If you're interested, stop by the Career Center in Student Services for a pass!

Additional Resources

How to Use SuperMatch on Naviance Student

Creating a Great College List

<u>Colleges with Test Optional Policies</u>

Questions?