

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

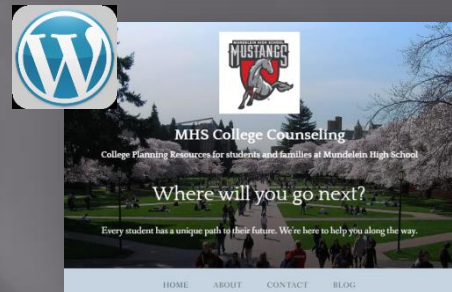


College Counseling at MHS

- ❑ Evening Presentations
- ❑ Bi-annual Newsletter
- ❑ Email Updates
- ❑ SAT Preparation
- ❑ Scholarships
- ❑ Summer Enrichment Programs
- ❑ Student and Parent Meetings by appointment
- ❑ College Representative Meetings
- ❑ College Ambassador program



Twitter: @mundycollege



Blog: mhscollegecounselor.wordpress.com



Website: d120.org

The Senior Year Timeline

- ▣ Not every step will be required for every student
 - CSS Profile
 - Submission of scores
 - Letters of recommendation
- ▣ Some students may require additional steps
 - Interviews
 - Submission of work (portfolios, auditions)

Find Information



- ▣ D120.org → Academics tab → College and Career Resource Center
 - Financial Aid Resources
 - Scholarship Resources
 - Additional Resources
 - ▣ Post High School Planning Guides
 - ▣ Presentational Materials
 - ▣ Specific information for student groups (IEP/504, Athletes)
 - ▣ Summer Programs and Standardized Testing information
 - Announcements and Upcoming Events
 - Daily Calendar

Post High School Planning Guide

Mundelein High School District 120
THE DOOR TO EVERY STUDENT'S FUTURE...

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ACADEMICS

- Academics
- AVIP
- College and Career Resource Center**
- College Guide
- Departments
- Business Incubator
- DOORS
- Literacy Center
- Math Lab
- Media Center
- MTSS: System of Support
- Online Textbooks
- Testing
- STEAM
- Summer School
- Guidance and Related Services
- Department and Staff Directory

CONNECT TO MHS

SPRIT-WEAR STORE

1:1 CHROMEBOOK INFO

BUILDING Addition

MHS VIDEOS

EVENTS

One-Act Plays

Homecoming Parade

IN THE NEWS

Mundelein Arts Festival THIS WEEKEND

Click "College and Career Resource Center" then scroll down the page to the Post-secondary Planning Guide

POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

The **MHS post-secondary planning guide** has been prepared for Mundelein High School students and their parents to provide the basic information needed to conduct a college search, including:

- the process of college selection
- application and admission

Alternatives to college are also included.

Naviance

- ❑ Access through d120.org (left hand side)
 - Student login and password is the same as PowerSchool
 - Parents can “enter as a guest”
- ❑ Requests for transcripts
- ❑ Letters of recommendation
- ❑ Sign up for visits with College Reps
- ❑ Scholarship information
- ❑ Career/ Interest Inventories



A screenshot of the Naviance website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'home', 'colleges', 'careers', 'about me', and 'my planner'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'my colleges' with links for 'colleges I'm thinking about', 'colleges I'm applying to', 'pages', 'letter of rec. form', and 'resources'; 'links' with links for 'transcript release', 'final transcript', 'ccrc website', 'college plan blog', 'mbs scholarships', 'financial aid', and 'sponsored visits'; 'what's new' with news items about Paul Mitchell The School, Navy Recruiter, and Western Illinois University; 'Welcome' with a message about Naviance's resources; and sections for 'College Representative Visits', 'Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation', 'Scholarships', and 'SAT Test Preparation'.

Transcripts and Letters

Document Requests at MHS

- Add Colleges to the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” List
- Complete your application through the college’s system
 - *Procrastinators beware!*
- Move Colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” List
- Request a Transcript
- Request a Letter of Recommendation if necessary

Follow Up!

Upcoming Events

August

Tuesday, Aug 22	Service Academy Information Session	6-8pm, MHS Auditorium
Sunday, Aug 27	Colleges That Change Lives Fair	11am, Lincolnshire Marriott 5pm, Chicago Marriott Oak Brook
Wednesday, Aug 30	Senior College Planning Night (Spanish)	7pm, MHS DMR
Thursday, Aug 31	Senior College Planning Night	7pm, MHS Auditorium

September

Wednesday, Sept 6	NCAA Night	7pm, MHS Auditorium
Thursday, Sept 21	Anticipating College For Freshmen through Juniors	7pm, MHS Auditorium
Tuesday, Sept 26	Financial Aid Night	6pm, Spanish 7:30pm, English MHS Auditorium

October

Tuesday, Oct 3	NACAC Visual and Performing Arts Fair	6:30-9pm, UIC Forum, Chicago
Saturday, Oct 14	NACAC National College Fair	11am-3pm, McCormick Place, Chicago
Sunday, Oct 15	NACAC National College Fair	3-6pm, Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee
Tuesday, Oct 17	FAFSA Completion Workshop (ISAC)	5-8pm, MHS C103 and C104
Thursday, Oct 19	Illinois Regional College Fair	6-8pm, CLC
Wednesday, Oct 25	Choices College Fair	6-8:45pm, Glenbrook North High School

Please note: Dates listed above are correct, dates listed on the printed MHS calendar and student handbook are incorrect for the 2017-18 school year.

Financial Aid

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Jhoanna Vega-Rocha

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Available at MHS in the CCRC (B103)
every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm



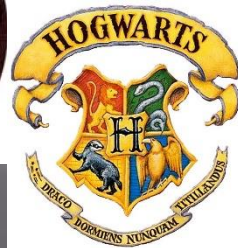
Guest Speaker

**Sarah Goldman, Associate Director of
Admission and Illinois Regional Counselor
Albion College, Michigan**



A Little Bit About Me

- ▣ Graduate of Cornell College and Loyola University Chicago
- ▣ Addicted to Dairy Dream and Bill's Pizza
- ▣ Shakespeare nerd
- ▣ Potter Head
- ▣ Lover of all things Marvel Universe
- ▣ Based in Chicago
- ▣ Here to help!

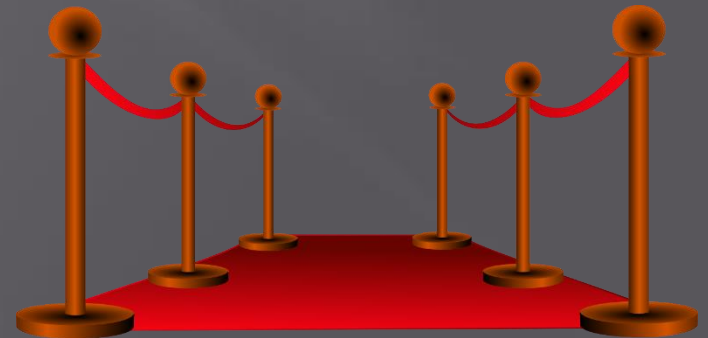


Why Do We Apply to College?

- Determine match/fit
 - Is this college/university a good academic match for me?
 - Is this college/university the right personal fit for me?
- Reflect on your accomplishments
- It separates you from everyone else who didn't apply to college

Types of Applications

- The Common Application
- Institutional Applications
- The Coalition App
- Fast Apps



When to Apply

- ▣ Early Decision (ED I, ED II)
- ▣ Early Action (EA I, EA II)
- ▣ Regular Decision
- ▣ Rolling Admission
- ▣ Restrictive Early Action

- ▣ Acceptance, Denial, Deferral

Application Elements

- ▣ Fee
- ▣ Application
- ▣ List of accomplishments/involvements
- ▣ High school/cc transcript
- ▣ Educational progression and disciplinary information
- ▣ Essay
- ▣ Short answer statements
- ▣ School report
- ▣ Recommendation(s)
- ▣ Interview
- ▣ Test scores – request them early!
- ▣ If a schools says don't send it, don't send it!

Demonstrated Interest

- ▣ It's more fun to work with a student who wants to work with you
- ▣ When you actively engage with a college
 - Fill out a form online
 - Fill out a card at a college fair (even if you already get mail from that school)
 - Attend an event
 - Email/call your admission counselor
 - Visit campus
- ▣ Not just a single act
- ▣ **Might** make a difference
- ▣ Could really make a difference if are waitlisted



College Visits

- ▣ Visit if you can
 - Meet faculty, students, and staff
 - Sit in on a class
 - Explore and chat up as many folks as you can
 - Overnight visits after admission
 - If you have the need, ask if the college will pay for or subsidize a visit
 - EAT THE FOOD!
- ▣ If visiting is not an option
 - Virtual tour
 - Engage with the school's social media
 - Reach out or ask to be connected with current students/faculty
 - College websites exist for prospective students and families

Special Visit Types

- ▣ Auditions
- ▣ Athletic Visits
- ▣ Scholarship Competitions
- ▣ Admitted Student Events



Parents and Guardians

- ❑ File the FAFSA if you are able to do so
- ❑ Submit the CSS Profile or institutional aid forms if necessary
- ❑ Attend events, visits, and interviews with your student
- ❑ Ask questions for your student to answer
- ❑ Doing your students' work for them will set them up for failure
- ❑ You know your student best, support them appropriately
- ❑ Patience, Persistence, Good humor

I've Been Admitted... Now What?

- ❑ Value proposition
- ❑ Look at the data
 - Retention rates
 - Graduation rates (4 yr, 6 yr)
 - Job/grad school placement rates
 - Campus life
 - Cost
 - Diversity
 - Ignore rankings (they're based on questionable data analysis)
- ❑ An investment in your future
 - Cost in relation to outcomes
 - Not all financial aid is the same
 - Total cost of attendance vs scholarship dollars
- ❑ Know when it's time to say goodbye
- ❑ May 1st is your deadline



Tips and Tricks

- ▣ Don't apply to a college you wouldn't attend
- ▣ Bring labels to college fairs
- ▣ Have a dedicated college email address (or not)
- ▣ Read your email
- ▣ Email schools you're not interested in or *opt out*
- ▣ Ask for a fee waiver
- ▣ Pay attention to total cost of attendance, not just scholarship dollars
- ▣ Don't wait until the last second – you'll be disappointed
- ▣ Take advantage of visit opportunities
- ▣ Don't overthink any one element of the process
- ▣ Ask for help
- ▣ HAVE FUN

Questions?

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