

St. Ursula Academy – Senior Group Guidance – August 31, 2009

- I Opening remarks & Serenity Prayer.
- II Write down 2 questions you have about the college application process.
- III Introduce Guidance Counselors.
- III Review SUA College Guidance Philosophy.
- IV General Reminders:
 - 1. Every senior needs to see their counselor for a “status check.”
We hope to see all the seniors by Sept. 15th.
 - 2. By this time, you should have a final “list” of colleges you plan to apply to.
 - 3. You can certainly apply to a college you haven’t visited, but we’re still encouraging you to use your time wisely and schedule remaining visits this semester.
 - 4. Teacher letters of recommendation are due by 10/15. If you have an earlier deadline, you need to work that out w/ the teacher.
 - 5. You should be working on your essays.
 - 6. Paperwork to their counselor by Nov. 1st!!
 - 7. All application materials must be submitted two weeks before any stated deadlines.
 - 8. If you want us to send a hard copy of your resume with your application, you’re responsible for e-mailing that to your counselor.
 - 9. There’s almost always a Secondary School Report form. Look for that! It’s your responsibility to print it off and deliver it to your counselor.

V NAVIANCE

- 1. Check college visit schedule.
- 2. College rep visits are a great opportunity for face time.
 - Check Mrs. Petry’s newsletters for scholarships and other opportunities.

VI TESTING

- 1. Clearly indicate on the online application if you are retesting. You can also attach a note w/ your application.
- 2. If you’re applying to a highly selective school, you must find out if they require SAT II Subject Tests. (if so, how many?)

VII SCHOLARSHIPS

Sources:

Your parent’s employer

Fastweb

Naviance scholarship database

Local rotary clubs, etc.

The college is your first and best source of aid.

VIII TAKE OWNERSHIP of the process.

- This is your life!
- Most seniors will submit between 6-8 applications. REACH!
You’ll never have another opportunity like this.
- Write a “thank-you” note to all teachers who write on your behalf.