BUILDING YOUR COLLEGE LIST

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START EXPLORING CAREER OPTIONS

• Ask adults in your life about their jobs
  • Do they like their job? Why or why not?

• Attend summer programs/internships

• Discover your passions
  • Use programs like YOUscience and Naviance, to aid in this process

• Research
  • Be willing to go beyond what you’ve “heard” about a job/career
STEPS TO BEGIN THE COLLEGE SEARCH

1. Have a honest conversation with your family, be open and discuss the best options for you – financially, socially, and academically

2. Make a “wish list” including what you want out of your college experience

3. Speak with your School Counselor

4. Explore your options:
   • Attend college fairs
   • Go on campus tours
   • Speak with Admissions Representatives
   • Online resources, explore social media platforms
IT’S ALL ABOUT YOU

QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ASK YOURSELF:

• What is most important to me? (It’s all about you . . . not your friends)
• What do I want from my college experience?
• What are my non-negotiables in a college?
• Under what circumstances do I learn best?
• Can I picture myself on this campus?
• How do I recharge? Will this environment allow me to do so?
# THINGS TO CONSIDER

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GET TO KNOW THE SCHOOLS

**Attend College Fairs**
- Review the list of schools
- Ask thoughtful questions
- Take notes
- Collect contact information from the college representatives

**Admissions Reps at Your High School**
- Do your research – ask appropriate, authentic questions
- Leave your contact information with the representative and ask for his/hers

**Visit Campus**
- Information session, tours, open houses, virtual tours
- Attend an athletic event, play, or concert
- Do your research – ask thoughtful, pointed questions
- Dress appropriately
EXPLORE COLLEGES’ SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

• Follow admissions, clubs, organizations, or athletic pages to learn more about the school and demonstrate your interest

• Get an idea of what a campus is like, how active a student body is, and what people do in their spare time
FINANCIAL AID IN THE COLLEGE SEARCH

Things to Consider:

- **Types of aid** offered at each school

**Chancellor Honors Scholarship (up to $25,000)**
Saint Anselm College Office of Admission offers Chancellor Scholarships to highly qualified students in each freshmen class. These awards are offered in amounts of up to $25,000 per year. As a Chancellor Scholar you are invited to join the Honor Program. You may keep your scholarship as long as you maintain a 2.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) at Saint Anselm. The scholarship amount listed here is based on a student’s residency status of on-campus. The amount will be reduced if a student’s residency status changes to off-campus or commuter.

**Other Merit Scholarships (up to $21,000)**
Saint Anselm College Office of Admission offers various merit scholarships to talented students. All scholarships are awarded for a maximum of eight semesters.

- Presidential Scholarship (up to $21,000) - Students must maintain a 3.2 CGPA to retain the scholarship
- Dean's Scholarship (up to $17,000) - Students must maintain a 3.2 CGPA to retain the scholarship
- Abbey Scholarship (up to $16,000) - Students must maintain a 2.0 CGPA to retain the scholarship

Things to Consider:

- Have the “money talk” early
- **Net price**, not sticker price

**Net Price Calculators**

- Calculators will differ from college to college
- Results are an estimate of potential financial aid – you still must file the FAFSA and any other required financial aid forms
- Find the NPC by using the search box on a college website or google.com

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• If you cannot name 2-3 specific reasons for applying to a certain school, don’t apply

• Balance your list

• Know what type of institutional aid is offered
STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD

OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD YOUR “SOFT SKILLS”

• Email or speak to college admissions reps on your own
• Sign up for your own tours
• Use Social Media
• Create new appropriate email account
• Trust your gut feelings
• Stay in communication with parents, school counseling office, college admissions, and financial aid offices
• Be organized!
• Don't be influenced by friends, neighbors, and family members - this is your journey
# TAKEAWAYS - TIPS FOR YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH

| Utilize Resources | • Reach out to current college friends, school counselors, alumni  
|                  | • Stay organized |
| Do Your Research | • Naviance, The College Board, SCOIR, school counselor, Niche, RaiseMe, College Insight |
| Connect with College Admissions Counselors | • Let them get to know you and what your interests are  
|                                              | • Ask questions about the school to discover your “fit” |
| Go See Campus for Yourself | • Tour  
|                                 | • Attend an open house, athletic event, etc.  
|                                 | • Virtual events |
| Explore Colleges’ Social Media Platforms | • Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, etc  
|                                         | • Research social media of clubs, sports, activities you might be interested in on campus and follow them! |
QUESTIONS!
THANK YOU!

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