

Marvin Ridge High School Junior Planning Night

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

6:30 pm

Marvin Ridge High School

A MESSAGE FROM
FORMER MRHS STUDENTS

CLASS OF 2019

What information did you wish you knew prior to college/military/workforce?

- How to make a resume, how to do taxes, how to research careers, how to find programs of interest
- I wish I knew how independent everything is. Professors don't remind you about assignments or tests after the first time they announced and that is something that was hard to transition from. When in high school everyone was constantly being reminded of stuff.
- That college open houses provide more information than regular campus tours

Continue...

- There are SO many resources available to you. Use them.
- I wish I knew how complicated managing money is when you live for the first time on your own. Taking out student loans is confusing, having a credit card is complicated, and I wish I saved a lot more money prior to getting to college!
- How important going to class is. How to study when you're teaching yourself the material, not just reviewing for a test
- What credits I needed for my major

What is something you would have done different, while in HS, to better prepare for your first year of college?

I felt like being involved in as many clubs and activities as I did prepared me really well.

I would have prepared more emotionally for the transition, being away from family and friends is an adjustment.

I would've focused more and put more effort into my assignments because they get a whole lot more complicated with quicker due dates in college.

Wrote common App essays over summer instead of when senior year started.

Study harder for the SAT.

More work with time management as well as preparing mentally to move away. Maybe have more senior events that would help reconcile change.

Do more things on my own.

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Gotten involved in computer science/robotics in high school because as an engineering major I feel kind of behind when I know Marvin Ridge had so many resources I could have taken advantage of.

Learned more about the colleges i applied to...i wish i had really gone in depth. looked at class sizes at universities, learn about all of the departments of my particular interest and what their courses looked like before applying, met with someone from the university one on one to describe these interests, etc.

Take more APs (Psychics, Psych, Calc BC)

Taken more challenging classes. I greatly underestimated what college would be like.

To know more about scholarships and how I could apply

If I could go back through high school I would definitely try to take the AP exams more seriously. I am currently taking gen ed's that I could have exempted with better AP scores.

Learned how to study better! College takes a lot of actual studying for many days in advance to the test, not just the night before.

Provide an encouraging statement for our current juniors.

Waiting on college decisions is one of the most stressful things you may deal with in high school, but in the end you always end up at the right school and college is beyond worth it.

College, while hard, literally is amazing. It flies by but you'll have so much fun even as you're finding out what you want to do.

There are so many resources to help you in your college career!!

Finish high school strong and everything else will fall into place.

I underestimated how much colleges look at you holistically and are also genuinely interested in the aspects of your life not school related. Spend time doing things that you enjoy and can emphasize a unique aspect about yourself, and have that to hold on to during the college application/interview process.

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Junior year is difficult. so is senior year, it is filled with lots of changes and involves a lot of maturing that may catch you off guard. But you are absolutely 100% capable of pushing through. It is okay to not be perfect. It is okay to not turn things in on time sometimes. You do not have to have everything figured out. You are strong and capable and intelligent and worthy of having a future that is filled with whatever you want it to be... because in the end, that is what matters. is your happiness, safety, and health. IT IS NOT A COMPETITION. you are on your own path, and that is completely ACCEPTABLE. love yourself, take care of yourself, and believe in yourself. I know that might sound corny, but it's true. you need to at least be on your own team.

Its not as scary as you think. The freedom that comes with going to college can be hard to handle sometimes, but it is an incredible feeling.

Make your college decision after you actually know your options. And until then, just take it one day at a time.

Junior year is extremely important as you probably have heard a million times before. As a freshman in college, I am very happy with the load I forced myself to take and push through. Senior year is a blast so if you can push through Junior year, it will make senior year even better.

If everything is stressful right now, I PROMISE that it will ALL play out and you will 100% end up where you need to be, no matter if you go to your dream school or not.

Graduation Requirements



- English- Four Credits
- Math- Four Credits
- Science- Three Credits
 - 3 Lab Sciences SC)
 - Lab Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Marine Science, Forensics
- Social Studies- Four Credits
- Health & PE
- Two Electives- Either CTE, Arts or World Language
- Four Electives- Strongly recommended from either CTE, Arts, or any other subject area
- A fine arts credit is not needed for graduation; some universities do require one fine arts credit (Clemson, USC, U of California schools, etc.)

Standardized Testing



- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
 - SAT Subject Tests
- American College Test (ACT)
- Register for Tests Online [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org); [ACT.org](https://act.org)
- **ACT administered at MRHS on February 25, 2020***
- **SAT administered at MRHS on March 25 2020***

***Registration not required for school administered SAT/ACT**

SAT Information

Register: www.sat.collegeboard.org

Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late-fee required
March 14	SAT Only	February 14	March 3
May 2	SAT & Subject Tests	April 3	April 21
June 6	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8	May 27

<u>SAT (No Writing)</u>	\$47.50
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<u>SAT Plus Writing</u>	\$64.50
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ACT Information

Register: www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Reg. Deadline-fee required
February 8	January 10	January 17
April 4	February 28	March 13
June 13	May 8	May 22
July 18	June 19	June 26

<u>ACT (No Writing)</u>	\$50.50
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<u>ACT Plus Writing</u>	\$67.00
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To-Do list for Juniors



- Stay on track with your classes and your grades.
- Organize your college information and begin narrowing down your choices. Make a list of schools you would like to visit in the upcoming spring and summer months.
- Prepare and plan for the SAT and ACT.
- Research courses to register for your senior year. Make graduation requirements and recommended courses for the colleges you are interested in a priority.

To-Do List for Juniors



- ☐ Stay involved with (and keep track of) extracurricular activities and volunteer opportunities. Begin planning for summer employment and/or internships, volunteer experiences and other enrichment opportunities.
- ☐ Visit colleges during the spring or summer. Take a tour and speak with admissions and financial aid staff. Tours can be scheduled on most schools' websites.
- ☐ Begin working on college essays. Remember to proofread.
- ☐ Begin thinking about teachers you will ask to write your recommendations.

Colleges look for a well-rounded student

- **Good grades...GPA**
- **Class rigor**
- **Solid SAT/ACT scores**
- **Passionate commitment to community--Get involved!**
- **Demonstrated Leadership**
- **Extracurricular Activities**



College Choices

Target/Match School	Dream/Reach School	Safety School
A school that you really, really, <i>really</i> want to attend, and where your stats (GPA, test scores, etc.) <u>match</u> their admissions standards.	Your dream school that may be a <u>reach</u> to get into...but you never know!	A school where you are very confident that you are going to be accepted. Your stats <u>exceed</u> all the requirements and you would be happy attending there if need be.



Comparing Colleges

- Consider the characteristics of each college as well as their admissions requirements.
- Visit colleges.
- Compare multiple colleges by using a checklist, making a pro's/con's list, or even by using a website such as [College Raptor](#)

Use this sheet to help in comparing various colleges you are investigating. You may want to make additional copies if you are researching more than three colleges

College Name			
Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition, room & board• App. Fee• Estimated total budget			
Financial Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline• Required forms• % receiving aid• scholarships			
Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• resident hall requirement• availability• types and sizes• food plan			
Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• academic• recreational• other			
Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• clubs, organizations• athletics, intramurals• other			

College Admissions Options

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for
College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

The Common Application/Coalition



- ☐ Developed to cut down on multiple applications and essays for students.
- ☐ Required essay section.
- ☐ Students must enter their counselor's name and email address for the required counselor recommendation and transcript area.
- ☐ Do your own research about deadlines and types of applications for each college.
- ☐ Complete your applications early, especially if you need recommendations!

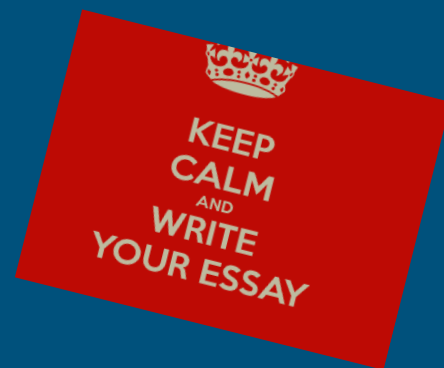
College Applications



- Complete a practice college application! Simply go to the Apply tab at CFNC.org and look for “Complete a Practice Application.”
(https://www1.cfnc.org/Apply/To_College/_default.aspx)
- You will be able to see what it’s like to complete an online application for college.
- Note that some colleges have only three or four pages of information in their online application while others have more than 10 pages.

Writing College Essays

- Colleges often rank essays 5th in importance when making admissions decisions.
- View the essay as an opportunity...
- Make yourself real to admissions officers!
- *Proofread!!!!!!* Essays can make or break an applicant's chances!
- "Optional Essays" really aren't optional!



Letters of Recommendation

- Many colleges require but not all!
- Letters may come from teachers, coaches, counselors or community leaders.
- How to request a Recommendation Letter, ask and then say Thank You
- School Counselor Forms/Secondary Reports and Recommendations



Student Resumes

- ❑ Show off all your hard work at school and in extra-curricular activities
- ❑ Gives you a leg up on college and scholarship applications
- ❑ Naviance Resume Builder
- ❑ [Student Resume Example](#)



NCAA Eligibility

- The NCAA Eligibility Center can be accessed [here](#).
- Division I and Division II requirements, steps on monitoring your eligibility, and much more information can be found on this site.



Community Colleges

- **There are 59 Community Colleges in North Carolina.**
- **Community Colleges are an economical option and offer a wide variety of course selections.**
- **Many courses taken at Community Colleges will transfer to Universities.**
- **North Carolina residents pay \$72 per credit hour for community college courses.**



Career and College Promise

- Earn college credit tuition-free through SPCC (dual enrollment)
- Articulation Agreement for College Transfer
- Requirements: 3.00 GPA, “college-readiness” scores
- [Program Guide, application instructions p.24](#)
- Talk with counselor in spring for senior year.



Internships

Career & Technical Education

Qualifications

- Senior year
- Successfully completed two CTE courses within a pathway
- Minimum of 92% attendance rate
- Reliable transportation
- Positive feedback on references

Scheduling

- Community sponsor and student determine schedule based on the business' hours of operation and convenience
- Minimum of 135 hours

Placements, Assignments, and Grades

- Placements are based on student's interest
- Most assignments are completed online and include journals, terminology, time sheets, and a capstone project
- Grades are based on required assignments, attendance at scheduled meetings, and sponsor evaluations
- Internship grades are shown on report cards and transcripts and used to calculate GPA

****Go to www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/2717 for more information on Internships!**



Career & Technical Education

Cooperative Education

- Cooperative Education, or Co-op connects the Marketing Education classes to a student's work experience.
- To enroll in Co-op, a student must be concurrently enrolled in a Marketing class
- The job must be directly related to the CTE course
- Students must work a minimum of 135 hours
- Co-op grades are shown on report cards and transcripts and are used to calculate GPA

Military Options

- Recruiters from the different branches of the military visit MRHS periodically throughout the year.
- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is required for enlistment into the military.
- *ASVAB offered at MRHS on December 18th.
Sign up in the counseling office



Military Options Presenter

Kim Coleman

Casey Coleman

United States Military Educational Opportunities

***US Military Service Academies**

Top Tier College, Math & Science Core Curriculum, ~6 to 10 yr Service Commitment

***Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC)**

Attend Civilian College, Pays for Education, Accountability, ~ 4 to 6 yr Service Commitment

***Active Duty**

Enlisting, Technical Career in Military, GI Bill, ~4 yr Service Commitment upon Joining

***Guard and Reserves**

Enlisting, Technical Career, Part Time Basis, Time for College/Work, GI Bill & Scholarships,
~4 to 6 yr Service Commitment



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A *Nice to Have* is anything that's important to you, but isn't an absolute must have.

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Scholarships on Naviance

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student dashboard. At the top, the navigation bar includes links for Home, Courses, Colleges, Careers, About Me, and My Planner. Below the navigation bar, a welcome message "Welcome, Lauren!" is displayed next to a "Search for Colleges" button and a search input field labeled "Type a college name". A large orange callout box with the text "Additional Scholarship Information" is positioned in the center, with an orange arrow pointing to the "Scholarships and Money" link in the dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: COLLEGES Home, COLLEGES I'm thinking about, COLLEGES I'm applying to, Find Your Fit, Research Colleges, Apply to College, and Scholarships and Money. The "My Favorites" section on the right lists several items, including "COLLEGES I'm applying to" and "COURSES I'm thinking about".

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Type a college name

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Save the Date

COLLEGE
411
FAIR

Monday, March 23, 2020

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Marvin Ridge High School

Hosted by
Academic Booster Club

Last year 50 colleges attended...this year we've invited over 25 new schools including UCLA, University of Arizona, NYU, Cornell, Colorado State, and many more!

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Website Resources

- [MRHS Counselor Page](#)
- [CFNC](#)
- [College Board](#)
- [Big Future by The College Board](#)
- [ACT](#)
- [Collegeportraits.org](#)
- [Fastweb](#)
- [College Navigator](#)
- [FAFSA](#)



Contact Information

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- Last names N-Se and IB Juniors: Jeff Shocki
- Last names Sg-Z: Beverly Adams

* We encourage families to visit our website