

Class of 2021

Senior Parent Meeting #2

Tuesday, September 22

Overview

- Individual Meetings with Students
- College Admissions Rep Virtual Visits
- Application Notification Process
- Who Sends What
- Financial Aid Application Information
- What we've been hearing from colleges
- Looking Ahead

Individual Meetings with Students

- Scheduling over Teams or Socially Distanced On Campus
- We are covering:
 - Testing Plan
 - Common Application
 - Personal Statement (Common App essay)
 - List: balanced; and, potential application plan

College Admissions Rep Virtual Visits

- Over 130 rep visits scheduled so far and more to come
 - 65 visits have already taken place in the past 2 weeks
- Admissions rep in virtual visit = LA application reader
- Students = thumbs up for attendance so far
- If a student misses the visit they should reach out to the admissions rep

Application Notification Process

- Your student has decided on a final application list, now what...
- **2 step process** to inform the College Office:
 1. Move all colleges to 'Applying' category in Scoir
 2. Fill out Final College List pdf (located in their Schoology account) and email to Mr. Sheehan

Students must notify the College Office at least **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to all application deadlines by filling out a Final Application List and updating their 'Applying' list in Scoir.

Who Sends What?

COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

- Transcript(s)
- Two teacher recommendations (the student is responsible for asking the teachers to write these; requests were made in the spring of the junior year)
- College Counselor statement
- Lawrence Academy profile (a brief description of Lawrence Academy's curriculum)

STUDENT

- The Application (includes the personal statement)
- Supplemental Essays (a college's own essay question, a graded paper, etc.)
- Early Decision agreement form (if applicable; counselor, parent and student must sign it)
- Application fee
- SAT and/or ACT scores directly from the testing agency (if required or you choose to send scores)
- TOEFL/Duolingo scores if taken

Financial Aid Application Process

- **FAFSA opens on October 1**
 - If you are applying for FA, FAFSA is required by all colleges
 - FAFSA determines federal aid & federal student loans
- **CSS Profile** is required by certain schools
 - Determines additional institutional aid
- Pay attention to deadlines for FA forms – should be submitted by application deadline
 - FA decisions cannot be made without proper forms

What we've been hearing from colleges

- College Deferral #'s: slight uptick in some schools, but will not impact Class of 2021
- Test optional schools are **truly** test optional
- Demonstrated Interest: schools where D.I. matters will lean heavily on virtual events
- Early Decision: things to consider...

Looking Ahead

- Continue individual meetings with seniors
- Mid-October internal “deadline” for Common App & Personal Statement
- Two weeks notice needed by College Office to send materials
 - Schools in ‘Applying’ in Scoir
 - Final College List > Mr. Sheehan
- December 10 – deadline for submission of Final College List