

## College Counseling Updates

# March 3, 2022

### *Seniors*

#### *Signing up for student and parent 1-1's*

If at any point during the financial aid or decision-making process, you need to set up a 1-1 meeting with me, please use this link: <https://calendly.com/avargas-college>.

#### *Understanding your Financial Award Letters*

For tips on how to break down your Financial Award Letters, this is an excellent resource: <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/financial-aid-award-letter>. For additional support with understanding these letters, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. The financial aid process is daunting, but you are not alone in this!

If it has not already been completed, be sure to **submit your FAFSA** asap. It takes 15 minutes and will be a key component in making sure you qualify for scholarships and aid!

#### *Did you receive a scholarship?*

If you were accepted for a scholarship (big or small), send me an email with the name of the scholarship and the amount! I will update it to your SCOIR profile for you.

#### *Once you choose where to enroll (Woo!!) update this in SCOIR*

Click into the college of your choice, select “Mark as Enrolling”, and get excited for the new adventure!

Congratulations!

The screenshot shows the SCOIR application status page for the University of South Carolina. The page displays the following information:

- Applied (2) Submitted applications**
- Where are you enrolling?** Drop your choice here.
- University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC**:
  - Early Action Oct 15 Accepted
  - Tasks complete 0/3 Docs sent 0/1
  - Target \*
- Villanova University, Villanova, PA**:
  - Early Decision Nov 1 Pending
  - Tasks complete 1/7 Docs sent 0/4
  - Reach \*
- Academic Overview**: Avg SAT 1275, Avg ACT 28, Acceptance Rate 69%, No. Undergrads.
- Application Status**: APPLIED (09/29/20), ACCEPTED (Fall Term), and **Mark As Enrolling** (highlighted with a yellow circle).

#### *Visit opportunity*

[Georgia Tech Catholic Center](#) is hosting a “High School outreach” dinner on **March 10<sup>th</sup>** after the 5:30 daily mass. Event is open to all high schoolers accepted to or interested in going to GT! Fill out the RSVP, if you plan to attend: [RSVP Link](#)



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### *Juniors*

#### *Junior family meetings – Keep signing up!*

If you have not signed up for a family meeting with me yet, please do so ASAP so we can make sure we are all on the same page as we kick off the college search process. Sign up link:

<https://calendly.com/avargas-college>. Students—Please do not pick a time you have class! There are before/after school times available so you may avoid this.

If you do not see one that works for you, please email me and we will get something set up!

#### *Thank you all for attending our lunch seminar on “The College Essay”!*

Please check your email for a link to the presentation we went over. Remember—this was an intro to get you acclimated, but do not worry about the essay again until summer!

The “College Essay” bootcamp will be August 3-4—Registration link coming soon.

See you on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for our next lunch seminar, “Resume Building”!

#### *Standardized Testing Dates*

- Upcoming SAT Test Dates
  - May 7 (Register by April 8)
  - June 4 (Register by May 5)
- Upcoming ACT Test Dates
  - June 11 (Register by May 6)
  - July 16 (Register by June 17)

#### *Upcoming programs and events you can attend or apply to!*

[UGA Accelerated Business Program](#)—App Due March 18<sup>th</sup>

[QuestBridge College Scholar Program](#)—App Due March 24<sup>th</sup>

[University of Dallas – “Arete: An Introduction to the Classics”](#) – App Due March 25<sup>th</sup>

[Thomas Aquinas College – “Great Books Program”](#) – Rolling Due Date

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