

College Counseling Updates

October 22, 2021

College Rep Visits

Juniors and Seniors - Please continue registering for all college visits via [SCOIR](#). Navigate to the calendar tab and select “Count me in” if you would like to attend! Below are the scheduled visits for next week:

Tuesday - 10/26

- 9:50-10:40
 - [Savannah College of Art and Design \(SCAD\)](#) – Savannah, GA
 - [Hillsdale College](#) – Hillsdale, MI
 - [Seton Hall University](#) – South Orange, NJ **This is a really great Catholic college!*
- 12:00-12:45
 - [Sewanee: The University of the South](#) – Sewanee, TN

Thursday – 10/28

- 9:50-10:40
 - [Pepperdine University](#) – Malibu, CA
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Seniors

Signing up for student and parent 1-1's

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

Parents, you may use the link to sign up to meet as well! I am more than happy to do virtual or in-person.

FERPA Signature in SCOIR

- Please make sure you have “waived your rights” in the FERPA agreement on SCOIR. The FERPA agreement is what protects your teachers and allows them to upload recommendation letters for you.

“FERPA and Recommenders” section in CommonApp

- Please read through my email from Sept. 29th about how to fill out the “[FERPA and Recommenders](#)” section on your Common App!



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Update your “Applying” and “Applied” columns in SCOIR

- Any college you plan to submit an app for should be in the “**Applying**” column on SCOIR. Once you have completely sent in your application, please move the college to “**Applied**” right away, so I may know to send your documents. Images below:

The screenshot shows the SCOIR application dashboard with three columns:

- Following (3) Schools your student likes:**
 - Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
 - Furman University, Greenville, SC
 - Georgia Institute of Technology (Main Campus), Atlanta, GA
- Applying (1) Applications in progress:**
 - Centre College, Danville, KY
 - Early Action **Dec 1**
 - Tasks complete **0/9**
 - Docs sent **0/4**
- Applied (2) Submitted applications:**
 - Where are you enrolling? Drop your choice here.
 - University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
 - Early Action **Oct 15**
 - Tasks complete **0/3**
 - Target
 - Status: **Pending**
 - Docs sent **0/1**
 - Villanova University, Villanova, PA
 - Early Decision **Nov 1**
 - Tasks complete **1/7**
 - Reach
 - Status: **Pending**
 - Docs sent **0/4**

Upcoming EARLY ACTION Due Dates (November 1st)

- The following schools have an “Early Action” due date of **November 1st**! If you want to get your application out of the way early, don’t miss it! Always be sure you are prepared and confident in your GPA and testing scores before committing to the early deadline though.
 - Berry College
 - Emory University
 - Kennesaw State
 - Mercer University
 - And several others! Check SCOIR for details and due dates!

FAFSA - “Free Application for Federal Student Aid”

- Get a head start and fill out your [FAFSA](#)! Every family should do this, regardless of income, since it is also your application to be **eligible the HOPE and Zell scholarships** here in Georgia! It will take an estimated 15 minutes. Please reach out with any questions!



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Juniors

Thank you all for attending Junior Night!

Please check your email for a link to the presentation we went over. I will begin reaching out to juniors for 1-1 meetings in November. Family meetings will be early next semester.

Standardized Testing Dates

- Mock SAT: Saturday, November 13th, 2021
 - Mock ACT: Saturday, November 20th, 2021
 - Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm (Live Online)
 - Register here: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/31068/>
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Sophomores

You are also invited and **encouraged** to take the mock SAT and ACT which will be held at HSP in November! Please RSVP for the mock tests using the links below! Please check most recent email from me with additional details.

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