# SENIOR NIGHT PRESENTATION

Class of 2025



### **Counselor Assignments**

- Mrs. Berton
  - Students with Last Names A-Co
- Mrs. Hawkins
  - Students with Last Names Cr-Ha
- Mrs. Cervini
  - Students with Last Names He-Ma

- Mrs. Hill
  - Students with Last Names Mc-Ro
- Ms. Jackson
  - Students with Last Names Ru-Z
- Mrs. Clark
  - Secretary/Registrar

# **College Planning Timeline**

### **Fall of Senior Year**

- Update Resumes & Complete Brag Sheet Survey in SCOIR
- Take Fall SAT/ACT exams (if desired)
- DEADLINES
  - Early Applications
  - Honors College applications
  - Scholarships
- Begin application process
- Letters of recommendation requests
- FAFSA Opens on or before December 1st: use income/tax information from 2023



# Number of Applications

- College admissions have become increasingly competitive
- Apply to 3-5 schools
  - 1-2 Reach → academics are slightly lower than the admissions standards
  - 2-4 Match + academics match the admission standards
  - 1-2 Safe → academics exceed the admission standards



### Post Secondary Planning www.bigfuture.org



#### See Your Options

What do you want to do after high school? Answer questions to help you make a plan.



Career Quiz Use your passions and interests to get matched with possible career paths.

Take the Career Quiz



College Quiz Are you looking for a big school? Something close to home? Find what schools are right for you.



Scholarship Quiz 6,000 scholarship programs are giving away \$4 billion a year. Let's get you some!



### **College Foundation of North Carolina**



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### Find the Best School for You

Find the academic programs and majors that inspire you, and the campuses that you'll love.

Search Colleges and Universities

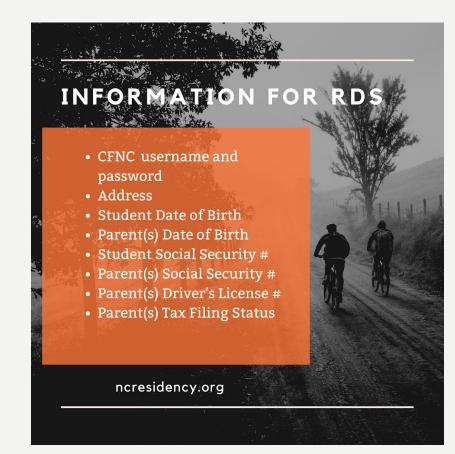
# **Parent Checklist**

Parent information is needed to complete the following tasks:

- Residency Determination Service (RDS)
  - In-state tuition or private school grants
  - <u>https://www.ncresidency.org/</u>
- FAFSA
  - Create FSA ID (student and parent both create one).
  - <u>https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch</u>
  - Will open on or before December 1, 2024

### **Residency Determination Service (RDS)**

- North Carolina Residency 12 month resident
- Online application for all students applying to a NC college that are seeking:
  - In-state tuition
  - NC state grant for financial aid
- Not a resident don't try to claim residency!
- Public & Private colleges
- Students will be given a Residency Certification Number (RCN) to enter on applications



# **College Admissions Options**

### Admission Options:

- Early Action
- Early Decision
- Regular Admission
- Rolling Admission



### Admission Decisions:

- Conditional Admittance
- Accepted
- Denial
- Deferment
- Waitlist

### **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

- Make sure you send in all the required materials for a complete application
- Includes:
  - Application
    - Letters of Rec, Essays
  - Application Fee (or Fee Waiver)
  - Official SAT/ACT scores (if required)
  - Transcript



- MUST move college(s) to "Applying To" list in Scoir
- Choose correct application deadline! (Early Action vs. Regular Decision)
- Residency Number (if applicable)

# Where do I go to apply?

- <u>CFNC</u>– College Foundation of North Carolina, <u>www.cfnc.org</u>
  - College search, applying to college
  - mostly used for community college applications
- <u>The Common Application www.commonapp.org</u>
  - App State, Barton, Catawba, Davidson, Duke, Guilford, High Point, Johnson & Wales, Meredith, NC State, Queens, Salem, UNC Asheville, Chapel Hill, UNC Wilmington, Wake Forest, Warren Wilson
- <u>Scoir</u> (primarily used for SV to send official documents)
  - New feature utilizing Coalition Application
- Individual college websites
  - Separate student portal

KEEP CALM AND APPLY TO COLLEGE

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

- Ask *at least 2 weeks* before the recommendation is due
- Provide recommender with necessary information
  - Brag Sheet Survey
    - Found under "Me" and "Surveys" in SCOIR
  - Resume
- <u>Be specific</u> or they will write generic recommendations!
- <u>Be intentional</u> about who you ask

#### Academic Averages

Aim for 1-3 "Safety," 2-4 "Match," 1-3 "Reach"



UNC Minimum Admission Requirements → 2.5 weighted GPA or 19 ACT or 1010 SAT



#### FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

UNC SYSTEM SCHOOLS - Updated for 2024-2025

COLLEGE	INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINES & APPLICATION TYPE
Appalachian State University	App State Scholarship Pago     Appalachian Excellence     Chancellor's Scholars W.H. Plenmons Leadership Scholars Program     Dr. Willie C Eleming ACCESS Scholars Impact Scholars Program     Aumni Memorial	App Fee: \$65 Average Scores: • GPA: 3.82-4.34 (W) • SAT: 1100-1270 • ACT: 22-28 Acceptance Rate: 83% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5010 • ACT Code: 3062	Deadlines: -November 1 - Early Action -February 1 - Regular Admission Application Type(s): - <u>Common App</u> FAFSA School Code: 002906
East Carolina University	Brinkley-Lane Scholars     Honors College     College of Education     Scholarships     Office of University     Scholarships	App Fee: \$75 Average Scores: • GPA: 3.7 (UW) • SAT: 1040 - 1240 • ACT: 18 - 24 Acceptance Rate: 92% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5180 • ACT Code: 3094	Deadlines: -October 15 - Honors deadline -December 15 - to apply for merit-based scholarships -April 1 - Regular Admission Application Type(s): -Common App -CFNC FAFSA School Code: 002923
Elizabeth City State University	ECSU Scholarship Page     Chancellor's Academic Scholarship     UNC Campus Based Scholarship     NC Promise	App Fee: \$30 Average Scores: • GPA: 2.5 (W)* • SAT: 880 - 1066 • ACT: 14 - 23 Acceptance Rate: 74.2% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5629 • ACT Code: 3095	Deadlines: -August 1 - Regular Decision -March 1 - Priority Application Type(s): -CFNC -Cammon App FAFSA School Code: 002926
Fayetteville State University	<ul> <li>Scholarship <u>Opportunities</u></li> <li>Hackley Global Scholars - Dr. Valeria Fleming STEM Scholarship - NC Early College Debt <u>Free Degree</u> <u>Scholarship</u></li> <li>NC Promise</li> </ul>	App Fee: \$50 Average Scores: • GPA: 3.27 (W) • SAT: 890 - 1030 • ACT: 15 - 23 Acceptance Rate: 81.2% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5212 • ACT Code: 3098	Deadlines: -July 30 - Regular Admission Application Type(s): - <u>CFNC</u> FAFSA School Code: 002928



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North Carolina A&T State University	<ul> <li>Scholarships</li> <li>Ereshman Scholarship Page</li> <li>Honors Distinguished Scholarship Programs</li> </ul>	App Fee: \$60 Average Scores: • GPA: 3.61 (W) • SAT: 960 - 1140 • ACT: 17 - 23 Acceptance Rate: 56% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5003 • ACT Code: 3060	Deadlines: -November 1 - Early Action & Scholarship Consideration -February 1 - Regular Admission Application Type(s): - <u>Common App</u> FAFSA School Code: 002905
North Carolina Central University	Soaring Eagles     Aspiring Eagles     Eagles Centered on     Success     Community College     Transfer     Scholarship     Opportunities     Cheatham-White     Scholarship Program     Chancellor's Cycle of     Success	App Fee: \$50 Average Scores:	Deadlines: -October 15 - 1st Priority -November 15 - 2nd Priority -January 15 - 3rd Priority Application Type(s): -Directly through NCCU website FAFSA School Code: 002950
North Carolina State University	General Scholarship Information     Park Scholarship     Scholars Program     Chancellor's Leadership     Goodnight Scholars Program     University Honors Program	App Fee: \$85 Average Scores: • GPA: 2.8 or higher (W)* • SAT: 930 or higher • ACT: 17 or higher Acceptance Rate: 39.5% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5496 • ACT Code: 3164	Deadlines: -November 1 - Early Action -January 15 - Regular Admission Application Type(s): - <u>Common App</u> -The Coalition Application through Scoir FAFSA School Code: 002972
UNC Asheville	- <u>General Scholarship</u> Information	App Fee: \$75 Average Scores: • GPA: 2.5 - 2.79 (W)* • SAT: 1150 - 1330 • ACT: 21 - 28 Acceptance Rate: 74% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5013 • ACT Code: 3064	Deadlines: -November 1 - Early Action -February 1 - Regular Decision Application Type(s): - <u>CFNC</u> - <u>Common App</u> FAFSA School Code: 002907

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UNC Chapel Hill	Morehead Cain     The Robertson     Academic Scholarships     Carolina Covenant     Kenan Music Scholars     Thomas Wolfe     Scholarship     Chancellor's Science     Scholars	App Fee: \$85 Average Scores: • GPA: no info • SAT: 1370 - 1500 • ACT: 29 - 33 Acceptance Rate: 19% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5816 • ACT Code: 3162	Deadlines: -October 15 - Early Action (non-binding) -January 15 - Regular Decision Application Type(s): - <u>Common App</u> FAFSA School Code: 002974
UNC Charlotte	- Levine Scholars - Scholarship Listing	App Fee: \$75 Average Scores:	Deadlines: -November 1 - Early Action & Priority -February 1 - Regular Admission -Atter February 1 - Rolling Admission Application Type(s): -Common App FAFSA School Code: 002975
UNC Greensboro	- Blue & Gold - Chancellor, Dean & <u>Spartan</u> - Say Yes to UNCG - <u>UNCG Guarantee</u>	App Fee: \$65 Average Scores: • GPA: 2.5 (W) • SAT: 1100 - 1280 • ACT: 22 - 27 Acceptance Rate: 92% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5913 • ACT Code: 3166	Deadlines: -November 1 - Early Action -January 1 - Scholarship Consideration -March 1 - Regular Admission Application Type(s): -Common App -CFNC -Directly through UNCG website FAFSA School Code: 002976
UNC Pembroke	– NC.Promise     – COMPASS Scholarship     – University Scholarship     for Native Americans     – Brave ASSIST:     Scholarship Search Tool     – Scholarship     Opportunities	App Fee: \$55 Average Scores: • GPA: 2.5 (W)* • SAT: 890 - 1140 • ACT: 16 - 21 Acceptance Rate: 89.7% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5534 • ACT Code: 3138	Deadlines: -July 15 - Regular Admission (Rolling admission) Application Type(s): -Common App -Directly through UNCP website FAFSA School Code: 002954



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UNC Wilmington	<ul> <li>Scholarship Opportunities</li> <li>Honors College</li> <li>SOAR Ambassador</li> <li>TEACH Grant</li> </ul>	App Fee: \$80 Average Scores: • GPA: 3.8 - 4.43 (W)* • SAT: 1210 - 1330 • ACT: 24 - 28 Acceptance Rate: 69% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5907 • ACT Code: 3174	Deadlines: -November 1 - Early Action (Non-Binding) -February 1 - Regular Decision Application Type(s): - <u>Common App</u> FAFSA School Code: 002984
UNC School of the Arts	<ul> <li><u>Financial Ald Main Page</u></li> <li><u>Kenan Excellence</u> <u>Scholarship</u></li> <li><u>Sarah Graham Kenan</u> <u>Scholarship</u></li> </ul>	App Fee: \$95 Average Scores: • GPA: 3.0 (W)* • SAT: Minimum score of 1060 • ACT: Minimum score of 22 Acceptance Rate: 32% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5512 • ACT Code: 3133	Deadlines: -November 1 - Regular Decision - January 17 - Regular Decision II Application Type(s): -Directly through UNCSA website FAFSA School Code: 003981
Western Carolina University	- NC Promise - <u>Scholarship</u> Opportunities	App Fee: \$65 Average Scores: • GPA: 4.2 (W)* • GPA: 3.8 (UW) • SAT: 1020 - 1240 • ACT: 19 - 26 Acceptance Rate: 85% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5897 • ACT Code: 3172	Deadlines: -November 1 - Early Action -January 1 - Priority Action -February 1 - Regular Action Application Type(s): -Common App -The Coalition Application through Scoir -Directly through WCU website FAFSA School Code: 002981
Winston-Salem State University	<ul> <li><u>Scholarship</u> <u>Opportunities</u></li> <li><u>External Scholarships</u></li> </ul>	App Fee: \$50 Average Scores: • GPA: 3.26 (W) • SAT: 920 - 1020 • ACT: 15 - 19 Acceptance Rate: 72% Score Reports Codes: • SAT Code: 5909 • ACT Code: 3178	Deadlines: -June 1 - Rolling Admission Application Type(s): -Directly through WSSU website -Common App -The Coalition Application through Scoir FAFSA School Code: 002986

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#### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

App Fee: The cost of the application. Schools will take fee waivers in lieu of payment. See a counselor for more info.

Average Scores: These are the average GPA, SAT, & ACT scores. Keep in mind, this is only an average and some scores may be higher or lower.

Acceptance Rate: This is the percentage of students accepted based on the number of students that applied that year.

Score Reports Codes: These are the codes you will use for each school you intend to send a score report to. The codes will differ for SAT & ACT and each school has a unique code for both tests.

Early Decision: If accepted the acceptance is binding — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college. The student must rescind all other college applications once they accept the offer of admission. Students can only apply ED to ONE college.

Early Action: Plans are non-binding — students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1. Students can apply to as many EA schools as you wish.

Regular Decision: When the student applies to the regular admissions cycle.

Rolling Admissions: There is no admission deadline, the student can apply at any time.

Common App: The Common Application (Common App) is a non-profit membership organization representing nearly 900 diverse institutions of higher education. Students create an account on the Common App website and use that application to apply to participating colleges.

The Coalition Application: The Coalition for College is a diverse group of more than 150 distinguished colleges and universities across the U.S. that is committed to making college a reality for all high school students through its set of free, online college planning tools that helps them learn about, prepare for, and apply to college. Students create an account on the Coalition for College website and use that application to apply to participating colleges.

University Scholarships: Scholarships that are funded by the university. There are also departmental scholarships and non-university scholarships available.

Weighted GPA (W)/Unweighted GPA (UW): Some schools report on the Grade Point Average (GPA) as weighted or unweighted. North Carolina high schools operate on a 4.0 scale for unweighted, and a 5.0 scale for weighted.



### UNC System Virtual Open House Weeks of Oct 7th & 14th, 2024

The UNC System is hosting its fifth annual Virtual Open House for prospective students, families and high school counselors to learn more about the 16 UNC system universities.

During the weeks of October 7, 2024 and October 14, 2024, a series of four virtual sessions will be hosted via Zoom webinar. Admissions Counselors from each institution will share helpful information about the admissions process and current students from each university will share about their college experiences and answer your questions live.

Each session will be recorded and posted after the event takes place.

Registration will launch the week of September 9th: <u>UNC System</u> <u>Virtual Open House</u>

# SAT & ACT

- If you need to improve test scores, sign up immediately
- If you are going to a community college  $\rightarrow$  you <u>do not need to</u> take the SAT or ACT
- Most colleges will accept either SAT or ACT scores  $\rightarrow$  no preference & weigh scores equally
- Many North Carolina schools are test optional for the upcoming school year
- Students with a weighted High School GPA greater than or equal to 2.50 and less than 2.80 are <u>required</u> to submit a standardized test score (ACT or SAT) for UNC-system schools
- Fee Waivers are available for students on free or reduced lunch! Stop by the Counseling Suite
- Free SAT practice tests available here: <u>https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation/practice-tests</u>





## **UCPS Entrance Exams 101**

- Audience: High school students and parents
- Provides information about the basic features of the ACT and SAT as well as differences between the two tests.
- September 17, 2024, 6pm, webinar
- Click here to register.

# For more UCPS sponsored College Readiness sessions visit:

### https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7744

# SAT Test Dates 2024-25

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**	
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024	Aug 13, 2024	
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024 Register	Sept 24, 2024	
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024 Register	Oct 22, 2024	
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024 Register	Nov 26, 2024	
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025 Register	Feb 25, 2025	
May 3, 2025	Apr 18, 2025 Register	April 22, 2025	
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025 Register	May 27, 2025	
https://www.collegeboard.org/			

# ACT Test Dates 2024-25

### **Upcoming Test Dates (National)**

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20

View more information on test dates.

https://www.act.org/

# **Community Colleges**

- South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC)
- Open admission
  - NO minimum GPA or foreign language requirements
  - NO SAT or ACT test requirement
- **<u>2 year college option</u>** that can lead to:
  - Associates of Art or Science (TRANSFER) → degree that is designed for transfer
    - SPCC guaranteed admissions partnerships-
      - APP state, ECU, Mars Hill, NC A&T, Wesleyan, UNC Asheville, UNC Wilmington, Wingate, Winston Salem State
- Apply through CFNC

### **Financial Aid**

• 2 Main Types of Financial Aid

- Need-Based Aid
- Merit-Based Aid
- 4 Ways Financial Aid is Given
  - Scholarships
  - Grants
  - Work-Study
  - Loans
- Must complete FAFSA to qualify for financial aid!
- Net Price Calculators



# How To Apply for Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - Opens on or before December 1st
  - Based on 2023 tax forms
  - <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>
  - Set up Student & Parent FSA ID NOW
    - <u>https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/fafsa-assistance/</u> (CFNC resources to assist with FAFSA completion)
- Complete the CSS Financial Aid Profile -
  - Opens Oct. 1
  - Only 5 NC Schools: Duke, Davidson, Wake Forest, UNC-CH, Elon
  - <u>https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/</u>

- Financial Aid 101 Night
  - October 22nd, 6:00pm
  - Virtual presentation
  - https://davidson.zoom.us/j/93286548516
  - O Meeting ID: 932 8654 8516



# **NC Promise**

- Four schools in North Carolina participate in the NC Promise program which significantly reduces tuition to \$500 per semester.
  - Elizabeth City State University
  - Fayetteville State University
  - The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
  - Western Carolina University



# Next NC Scholarship

- Financial aid program for households making \$80,000 (AGI) or less
  - FULLY covering tuition/fees at ANY NC community college
    - Minimum of at least \$3000
  - Covers half, if not all, of tuition and fees at any public university in the state (% varies based on tuition/fees at the school)
    - (minimum of \$5,000)
- Students apply by submitting the FAFSA.
  - If eligible, they'll receive the Next NC Scholarship
  - No additional forms to complete
- <u>www.nextncscholarship.org</u> (Next NC Scholarship Calculator)

# **UCPS College Fair**



- Audience: High school students and parents
- Representatives from **over 100 colleges** will answer questions and share information about their institution. Sponsored by the CACRAO.
- October 13, 2024, 2-4 p.m., in-person at CATA, 600 Brewer Dr., Monroe, NC 28112
- Optional registration with StriveScan will allow students to easily share their information with college admissions reps. Visit
   https://strivefair.com to create an account.

## **Admissions Rep Visits**

	SEPTEMBER		
	UNC Asheville	10th	
	Kent State University	12th	
	UNC Charlotte	19th	
for	r OCTOBER		
	East Carolina University	lst	
S	Appalachian State University	2nd	
	UNC-Chapel Hill		
	Lenoir-Rhyne University	8th	
	UAB	9th	
	NOVEMBER		
	Western Carolina University	5th	
	University of Alabama	7th	

Continue to Check SCOIR for additional College Visits during lunches

## REMINDERS





- Counselors will email with important reminders and college updates regularly.
  - Make sure your students check their email and pay attention to Canvas announcements.
- College Rep Visits
  - Cafeteria during all 4 lunches; NO RSVP required
- Financial Aid 101 Night
  - October 22nd, 6:00pm
  - O <u>https://davidson.zoom.us/j/93286548516</u> Meeting ID: 932 8654 8516
- College Application Week
  - October 21-27
- Report college acceptances and/or scholarship money to your counselor
- Double check admissions requirements for out of state schools

## **Questions??**

