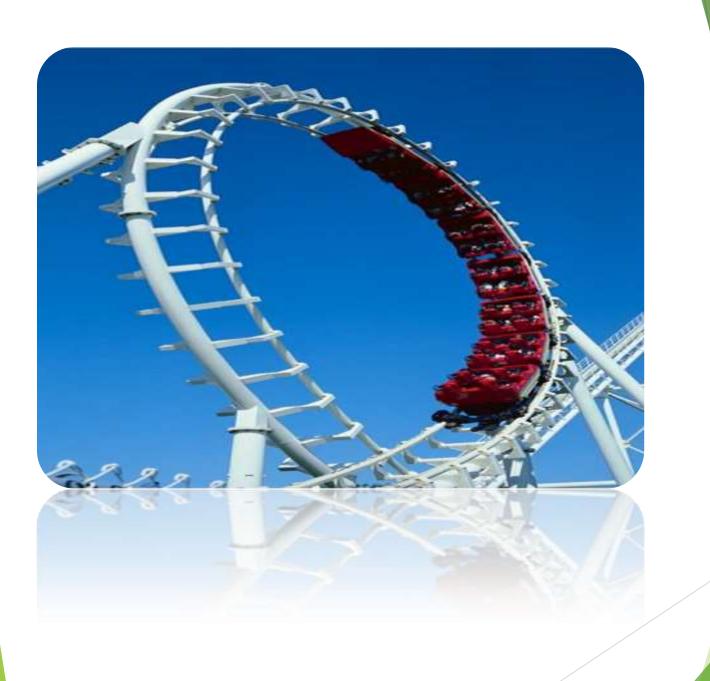
COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Welcome Juniors & Parents!

Agenda

- 1. Getting started
- 2. Where to apply
- 3. Application/Admissions process
- 4. Financial Aid
- 5. Making the "Big Decision"
- 6. Questions



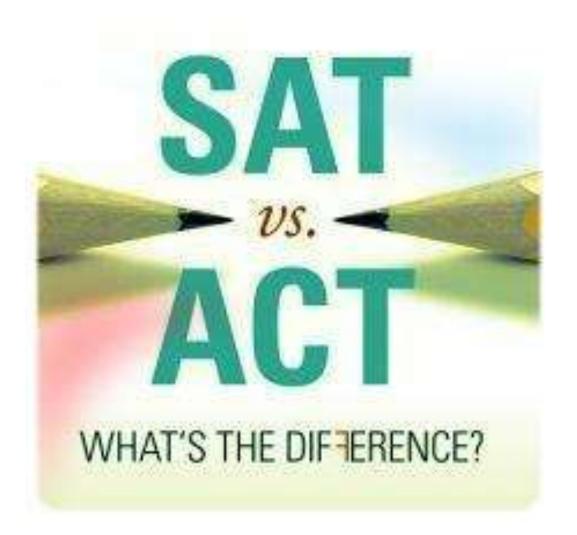
Where Do I Begin?

Do a basic college search

- Location
- Majors/Programs
- Size
- Cost

Narrowing The Field

- Admission requirements
- Meet with college reps.
- Visit college campuses
- Talk to students/faculty
- Sit in on a class
- Attend an overnight visit



SAT

Testing time ▶ 3 hours

Important

Features

Components ► Math 58 items, 80 mins.

▶ Reading 52 items, 65 mins.

Writing and Language 44 items, 35 mins.

Essay (optional; 1 prompt, 50 mins.)

Primarily assesses reasoning ability.

Scoring Scale ranging from 400 to 1600

ACT

▶ 2 hours & 55 mins.

Math 60 items, 60 mins.

Reading 40 items, 35 mins.

Science 40 items, 35 mins.

► English 75 items, 45 mins.

Writing (optional; 1 prompt, 40 mins.)

Focuses more on straight knowledge.

ACT Composite Score: 1–36 (average of four test scores)

When do I apply?

Types of Admission

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

Be very aware of deadlines!

How do I Apply?

Types of applications

- Common Application
- SUNY Application
- College Specific Application (online & paper)
- Supplemental materials

Paying For College

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- 2. TAP form (NYS aid) www.hesc.ny.gov
- 3. Institutional aid Separate application?
- 4. Outside scholarships
- 5. Compare college award letters
- 6. If necessary, apply for loans

Cost of Attendance – EFC = Financial Need

- >Students with a lower EFC qualify for more financial aid.
- >Students with a zero EFC (mostly students with family income less than \$30,000) have full financial need and qualify for even more financial aid to help pay for school.

Types of Aid

- Gift aid grants & scholarships (best types of aid)
- Work-study jobs
- Student loans
- Education Tax benefits
- Military aid

Cost of Area Colleges

St. Lawrence

Clarkson

SUNY Potsdam

SUNY Canton

Jefferson C.C.

Tuition

\$49,060

\$46,132

\$6,470

\$6,470

\$4,176

Total Cost

\$62,150

\$60,688

\$19,590

\$16,000 approx.

\$14,226

Ways to Find Scholarships

- Guidance website
- Naviance
- College Finanacial aid pages
- Sites like fastweb.com, collegeboard.com
- Employers, civic organizations

Then What?

- 1 Breathe! And..... Relax!
- 2 "Trust the process".
- 3 There's help. Use your resources campus visits, college reps., websites, teachers, guidance counselors, etc.!
- 4 Start planning.
- 5 Make HESC.ny.gov your new best friend!

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Questions?