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College Kickoff

- Welcome! Please have your cameras on if possible!
- In the chat, please put questions you are hoping to have answered regarding the college search process.



Objectives

- ◎ Balance & Wellness
- ◎ Lower stress
- ◎ We are partners in this process
- ◎ What does fit mean?
- ◎ Introduction to Naviance
- ◎ Update you on the college admissions landscape
- ◎ Learn about how to estimate your student's college costs



Naviance

- ◎ Excellent tool available to you anytime.
- ◎ After your Junior Meeting, your student will have colleges to research in their 'Colleges I'm thinking about' list
- ◎ College Search
- ◎ College tab/Scattergrams/Choose a college
- ◎ Things for you to complete: Pre Junior Meeting Survey/ Parent Guardian Brag Sheet
- ◎ Remember to save regularly!

Timeline

Kickoff meeting
(today!)

1

2nd Semester Junior Year CRS:
College research,
career project,
Strong Inventory,

3

August/September
Senior
Bootcamp
Senior Meetings

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Junior Meeting
Building List
Discussing Fit
Net Price
Calcs!

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Summer:
Research and
VISITS!

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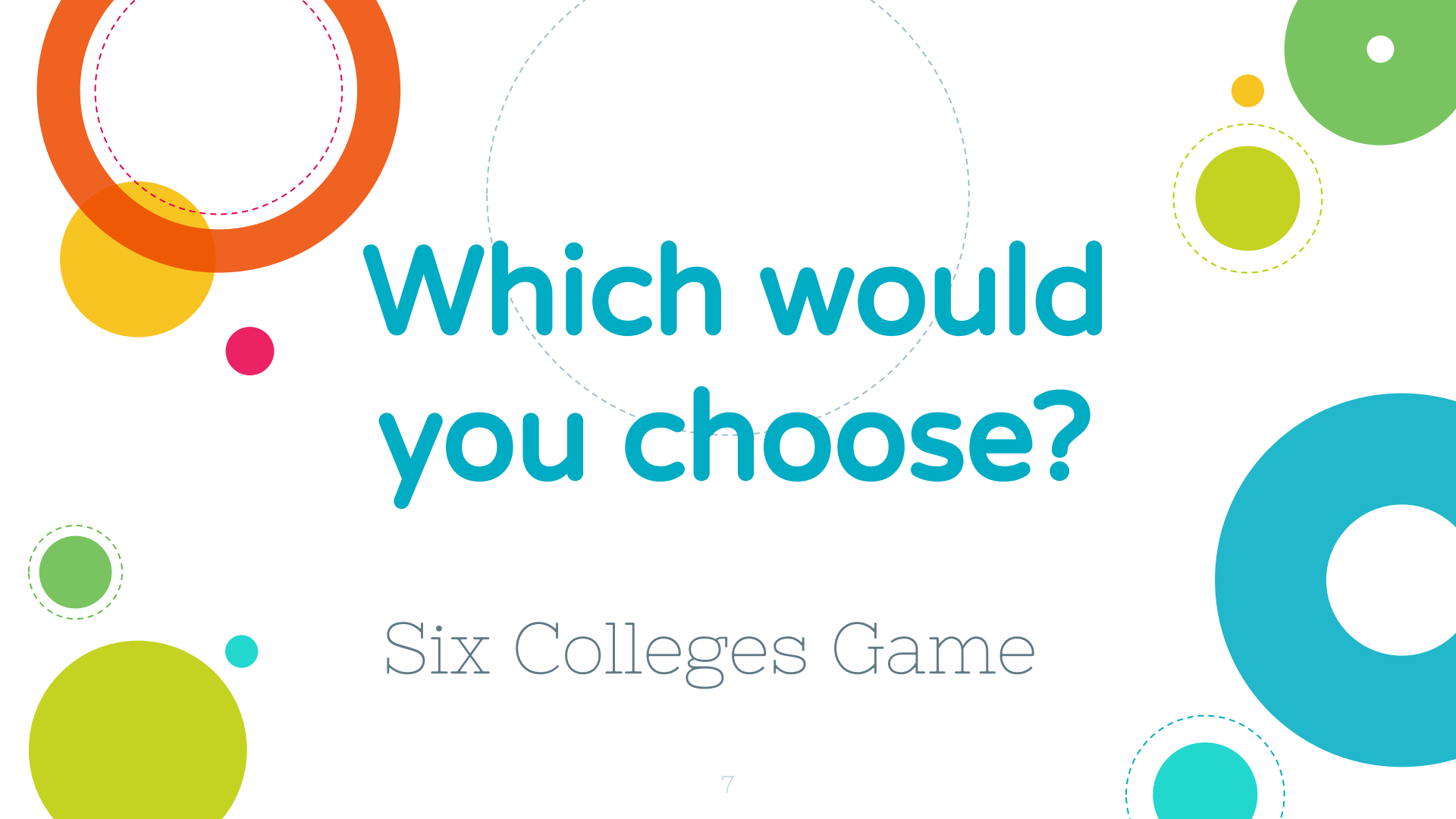
November/December
DONE WITH
APPS!

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What experiences are most important to your child?

- Size of school: (extra large – small)
- Desire for an accessible professor - Desire to be anonymous
- Very intellectual –Balance between intellectual and social - very social
- Discussion oriented classes - Lecture style
- Liberal Arts and Sciences – Comprehensive or Focused, i.e. Mines
- Prestige/'Name Brand' College – Personal fit of college
- Location of school: close to home – far from home and/or an area in the U.S. or campus setting (urban, college town)
- Majors/areas of study
- Internships, research, learning style differences, study abroad, personalized advising, conservative/liberal climate, religious focus, activities, athletics, fraternities/sororities etc.

The background features several decorative elements: a large orange ring in the top left, a yellow circle below it, a pink dot to the right, a green circle with a dashed border in the bottom left, a large green circle in the top right, a yellow circle with a dashed border below it, a large teal ring in the bottom right, and a teal circle with a dashed border in the bottom right. A large, faint dashed circle is centered behind the main text.

Which would you choose?

Six Colleges Game



What's in a name??

#1 . . . Elon University, Elon, North Carolina

#2 . . . Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

#3 . . . University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan)

#4 . . . Clark University, Worcester, MA
(outside Boston)

#5 . . . Western Colorado University,
Gunnison, CO

#6 . . . University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT



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The Seventy-Seveny Rule
(3500 Colleges and Universities in the US)

70% of colleges accept
MORE than 70% of
their applicants

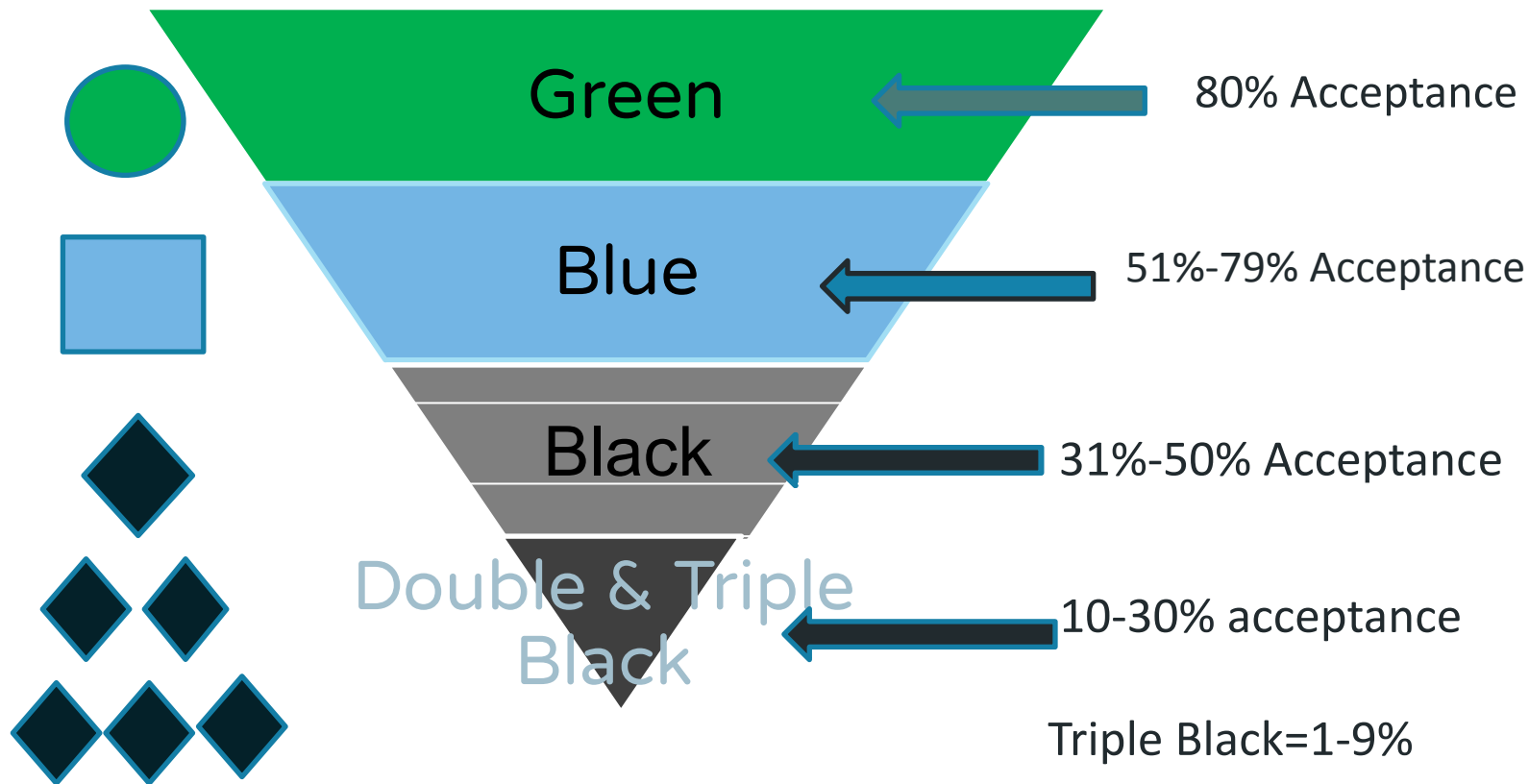


A school's admission rate (selectivity) or ranking does not equate to quality!!!

Institutions know that the harder something is to get (or get into), the more it is prized and seen as exclusive, so they work hard (employing marketing firms, etc.) to get many students to apply to increase their perceived selectivity!

- Test Optional admissions has increased applications across the board at colleges
- Which of course, means admission rates have decreased and selectivity will *appear* to have increased

College Selectivity



A good college list...

- Includes
 - 2-3 green schools
 - 2-3 blue schools
 - 2-3 black/double black schools, if appropriate
- For every reach school on list, need balance of a likely admit (green/blue) school
- We highly suggest no more than 10 schools total!
- Meets student's priorities/fit
- **Is appropriate for family's financial situation**



Colorado SAT/Test Prep

- October PSAT reports were delivered electronically to juniors
 - Will be reviewed next week in CRS class
- All students have access to Khan Academy
 - College Board Accounts are connected
 - Regular practice is advised
- Revolution Prep hosts the SAT/ACT practice tests
- **The State SAT on 4/13 is required for every junior**
- Keep testing and test prep in perspective with the shift to many colleges remaining test optional for this junior class



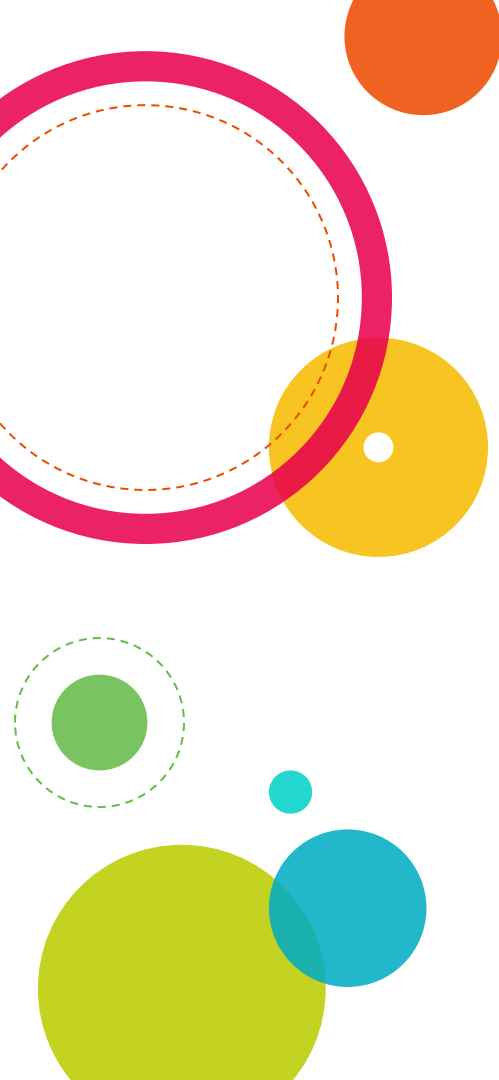
Next steps for prep

- What skills do they need to work on and improve? How will they do this? (Study plan and schedule!!!)
- Use the answer sheet provided with PSAT score report to go over items they got wrong. Detailed answer explanations are online.
- Continue to use Khan Academy and other resources
- SAT or ACT Group/class through BVSD or other provider
- Private tutoring
 - Find options on the [Counseling page of website](#)
- Testing Requirements have changed - check [FairTest.org](#) and college websites!



Grad Requirements

- Students must complete 225 high school credits
- Colorado SAT is Required
- 100 hours of community service
 - Peak Scholar requires up to 150 hours
- **Demonstrate competence in English & Math via:**
 - Testing Based Assessment (SAT/ACT, etc.)
 - Performance Based Assessment (Capstone)
 - Other testing options



Financial Aid Terms

There are 4 ways to pay for college- that's it! (out of pocket, need based aid, merit based aid, student loans)

- FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- EFC - Expected Family Contribution
- NPC - Net Price Calculator
- Demonstrated Need
- CSS Profile--required by 200+ schools in addition to FAFSA
- Types of Aid: Merit, Need-based, Self-help

Yearly Costs of Attendance
Living on Campus
(2021-2022 data)

Includes Room, Board, Tuition & Fees; does not include book, personal expenses or transportation (additional \$2000-\$4000)
CO Schools include COF

• Front Range CC (2-year)	• \$6,662 (live at home)
• Metro State U	• \$12,448 (live at home)
• U of Northern CO	• \$22,818
• Northern Arizona U (4-year)	• \$22,559 (w/ \$6000 Gold schlshp--3.5unw gpa)
• UCCS	• \$20,943
• Colorado State	• \$27,269
• CU Boulder (A & S) 4-year	• \$29,372 (add \$5500 for business, \$3500 engr.)
• University of Wyoming	• \$32,362 (without WUE or scholarship)
• Colorado School of Mines	• \$34,825
• MT State	• \$37,800 (without WUE or scholarship)

Net Price Calculator

- A Net Price Calculator estimates how much a family might expect to pay at each college. The calculator is required by law to be on every college's website.
- Collegedata.com can use your EFC and run net price calculations from just one website (for most schools).
- MyIntuition.org (quick college cost estimator for 75 schools)
- Resource Slide at end of presentation with links

Federal Student Aid Estimator

Estimated EFC

- EFC = Expected Family Contribution; an estimate of what a family is likely able to contribute yearly to college
- Note: Your EFC is not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college, nor is it the amount of federal student aid you will receive. It is an index number used by a student's school to calculate the amount of federal student aid a student is eligible to receive.
- All families should complete this 10 minute quick assessment and bring a printout to your Junior Meeting, along with results from 1-2 NPCs!

Why fill out the FAFSA if we don't expect to qualify for grants?

1. Some colleges require students to fill out the FAFSA to be eligible for merit-based aid.
2. Some parents want their children to have an investment in their education by taking out loans even if the P/G are capable of paying the full cost of attendance on their own.
3. Families might be wrong about whether they qualify.

[Rice U: Fin Aid for Middle Class](#)

[The Colby Commitment](#)

[Colorado College Pledge](#)

4. Financial circumstances can change, so you might end up needing aid even though you don't expect to right now.

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COLLEGE, AND CAREERS



Additional Resources

1. ***Winning the College Admission Game*** by Peter Van Buskirk
2. ***Colleges That Change Lives*** by Loren Pope
3. ***Looking Beyond the Ivy League*** by Loren Pope
4. ***What You Don't Know Can Keep You Out of College*** by Don Dunbar
5. ***How to Make Colleges Want You*** by Mike Moyer
6. **[The First Step to Choosing the Right College? Ignore the Rankings says Stanford Researcher](#)**
7. ***College Admission: From Application to Acceptance, Step by Step,***
by Christine VanDeVelde
8. ***How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success*** by Julie Lythcott-Haims
9. ***Teach Your Children Well; The Price of Privilege*** by Madeline Levine

NPC and EFC Links

- [FAFSA4caster](#)
- [CollegeData Net Price Calculator](#)
- [MyIntuition College Cost Estimator](#)
- [College Navigator](#) (Dept. of Ed.)
- [Tuition & Fees Over Time](#) (Chronicle of Higher Ed)
- [Video: Using online college data tools to pay for college](#)



Closure

- What remaining questions do you have?
- Put any questions we didn't answer for you in the chat.

“While we all hope that our children will do well in school, we hope with even greater fervor that they will do well in life”.

Madeline Levine, PhD