



Senior Meeting Fall 2018

Post Secondary Plan Survey

Go to your school email and open the **email from Ms. Kraetz titled Senior Meeting Survey**

Complete the short survey NOW

The Transcript

All Seniors need to check:

1. All graduation requirements (classes and Civics Test) are completed
2. Must have at least 23 total credits at the time of Graduation

Finding a Match

- Several College Search Engines available
- Things to consider
 - Size, Location, Cost, Academic Programs, Social Opportunities, Internship Opportunities
- Admissions Reps
 - Website/Email/Bulletin Boards
- College Visits
- Do not apply to places because your friends are

College Fairs

UW-Madison Information Session

Sunday, September 23, 2018

2:00pm - 4:00pm

1451 Renaissance Place

1451 North Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Register online: visitbucky.wisc.edu/futurebadgers

Wisconsin Education Fair

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

9:00am - 11:00am

Mount Mary University, Bloechl Center

2927 North 92nd St, Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee Rufus King College Fair

Thursday Sept. 20, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 pm

801 W Olive St

Milwaukee, WI 53209

HBCU College Fair @ Vincent High School

October 6, 2018

10:00 - 3:00 pm

7501 N. Granville Road

Milwaukee, WI 53224

Milwaukee National College Fair

Sunday, September 30, 2018

3:00pm - 6:00pm

Wisconsin Center

400 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Career Council and National Hispanic College Fairs

October 1, 2018

9:30am-12:30pm

Cardinal Stritch University

601 N Yates Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53217

ACT

- ★ All seniors took the state ACT in March
 - Scores are reportable to colleges
- ★ Have an account with ACT to send out the scores (official) from ACT –
www.act.org
- ★ Still time to take the October 27th test date (The late registration deadline is September 28th–Late Registration until October 14th with additional fee).
- ★ One free quality resource for SAT practice (great practice for ACT too): <https://www.khanacademy.org>

Time Line for Most College Admissions and Financial Aid

1. Application by October/November
Check for specific deadlines
 - UW–Madison– Early Action deadline is Nov. 1
 - UM–Twin Cities– Priority Nov. 1
 - Marquette University– December 1
2. FAFSA can start October 1
 - Financial Aid Info. Night Sept. 24th at West (East H.S. also on September 24th).
3. Community Scholarships are introduced in January
4. May 1st National Commitment date

College Applications

★ Accessing an Application -

- College Websites
- **Common Application** This is not always the most time efficient way to apply. If your application deadline is Nov.1, please submit your common app by Oct. 17th so that your counselor has time to complete their portion by Nov 1. Counselor will begin their portion after you submit.
- **UW System: apply.wisconsin.edu.**

Application Deadlines

★ General admission vs. Direct Admission

- For example: UW Madison asks students to indicate their intended major. For the schools of Business, Engineering, Dance and Music students are directly admitted. Visit the Direct Entry Program information on the UW Madison site for details

★ Types of Deadlines

- Early Decision/Early Action: Binding vs. Non-binding
- Rolling Admission: Colleges will roll in students until they have reached capacity

Sending Your Transcript

Create an account on **parchment.com**

- Each transcript will cost \$3.75
- You can view your transcript for free
- After you place your order to send (or view) your transcript, a current transcript will be loaded.

Common App: Counselor will upload a transcript.
No need for student to send

SendEdu: Some applications will use this.
Counselor will upload transcript

Letters of Recommendation

- Check to see if they are needed. Most colleges/universities **DO NOT** require letters for *admissions*.
- The Common App is different. You will invite teachers and your counselor via email to submit letters of recommendation.
- You may need letters of rec for Scholarships, also.
- Fill out the [Senior Profile Form](#) to assist your recommenders. They are available in the Counseling office.
- Please give the teachers courtesy of **at least 2 weeks** to complete a letter. If you ask, make sure you really are going to use the letter.

Essay/Personal Statement

- UW System Prompts:

<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/admission-guidelines/freshman/application-statements/>

Example: *Please tell us about the particular life experiences, talents, commitments and/or interests you will bring specifically to our campus that will enrich our community*

- Proofread
 - Teachers, Counselors, Parents, Career Center

UW Milwaukee Early Admission Day @ Wauwatosa West HS

UW Milwaukee Early Admission Day
Thurs. Oct. 18, 2018 @ Tosa West

- UWM admissions reps will interview seniors (15 min slots). An admissions decision will be made on the spot.
- More information available in the Counseling Office. Must sign up in advance and complete online application by Friday Oct. 5th.

After Receiving Your Decision

- Pay your deposits to hold your spot.
- If you are waitlisted, you may be asked to supply additional information. See your counselor.

College Placement Tests

- Once you have selected what college you will attend, you may have to take a placement test for classes at college.
 - UW colleges will have testing time in Spring. You do not have to take this on the specific campus you are attending. English, Math and optional World Language for retro credit placement.
 - May take these at the summer orientation sessions. Try to attend orientation early if possible.

Reciprocity

- Minnesota public universities have reciprocity agreements with the UW System.
- In order to be eligible for Reciprocity, you will need to fill out the Reciprocity Form.
- Wisconsin also participates in the Midwest Student Exchange Program which has agreements with specific colleges for tuition discounts.

Financial Aid

- 3 forms of money
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Loans
- Cannot apply until after October 1
- www.fafsa.ed.gov (parents and students need usernames and passwords)

Scholarships

- **College Specific Scholarships**
 - Some schools may use admissions application for both
 - There may be additional scholarships that require separate applications
- **National Scholarships**
 - Online (link on Counseling Website, too)
- **Local Scholarships**
 - Application forms available in January
- **Family connected Scholarships**
 - Employment, Religious, Ethnic, Military, Civic organizations
- **Counseling Department website, newsletter and student email updates.**

Counseling Staff

School Counselors

- Ms. Sara Weiler (A – F) 773-3028
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- Ms. Wendy Ashley 773-3029

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- Mrs. JoAnne Kraetz 773-3030

Senior Profile

You have received an email from Ms. Kraetz titled "Senior Profile"

This is the form you complete and give to the teachers or counselor that you ask to write a recommendation letter.

Please open this email now, save a copy and begin completing it.