



Derby High School
Junior Presentation
2020-2021

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A Guide to Unlock Your Career Aspirations

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AGENDA

- Post-Secondary Options
- Junior Planning Meetings, Activities & Timeline
- Standardized Tests
- College/Career Resources
- Naviance/Common Application
- NCAA Eligibility
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
- Important Upcoming Events
- Q&A



POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

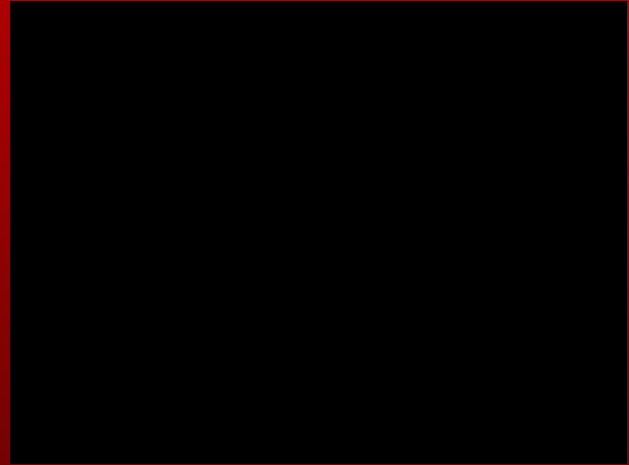
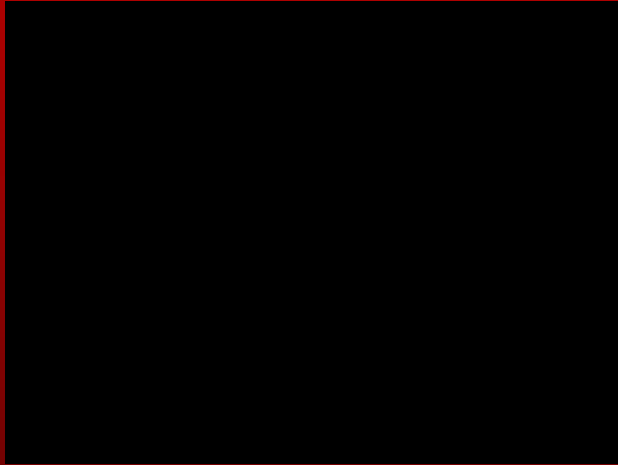


- Four year College/University
- Two year Community College
- Armed Services ([ASVAB Information](#))
- Vocational & Technical School
- Gap year ([Finding Inspiration](#))

Words Of Advice from Branden McLean, Class of '21



WORDS OF ADVICE FROM RED RAIDER GRADUATES



Kaitlyn Gerckens, Class of '20

David Chevarella, Class of '19

WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR?

- High School GPA and Class Rank
- AP and Honors Classes
- Extracurricular Activities
- Volunteer and Work Experience
- Test Scores
- Recommendation Letters
- Talents and Passions
- Personal Essay
- Self-care



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- <https://web.ccsu.edu/cro/precollegiate/eop/>



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- English I, II, III, IV - 4 credits
- Mathematics - 3 credits (4 recommended)
- Science - 3 credits (4 recommended)
- Social Studies - 3.5 credits (4 recommended)
 - Includes 1 credit in U.S. History and 0.5 credit in Civics/American Government
- Physical Education - 1 credit
- Health - 0.5 credit
- Fine Arts - 0.5 credit
- Practical Arts - 1 credit
- World Language - No requirement for graduation (3 years of the same language recommended)
- Electives - 7.5 credits

****Verify your schedule AND transcript to ensure that all requirements are met for graduation.****

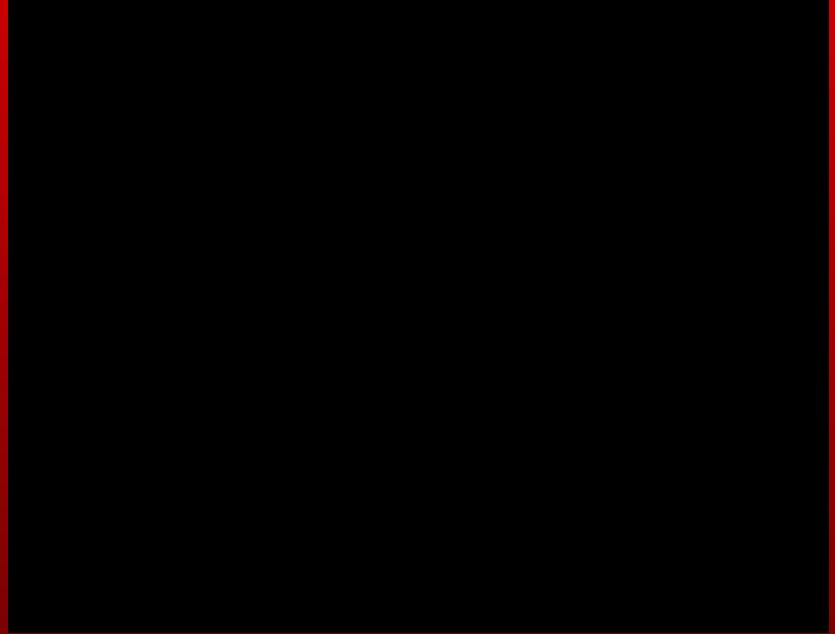
INDIVIDUAL PLANNING MEETINGS

- Strengths/Interests
- Future Options/Plans
- Transcript Review
- Action Steps for the Future
- Course selection (March 2021)
- School/Program Requirements
- FAFSA Overview
- EOP Programs
- <https://web.ccsu.edu/crp/precollegiate/eop/>

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Admissions Requirements:

- High school transcript
- Personal essay on a topic of particular meaning and interest to you. The essay should reflect who you are and speak to your values, goals, and aspirations as a student.
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or other school official
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (4 years required for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing and Physician Assistant applicants)
- 3 or more years of science (4 years required for applicants to the Schools of Nursing and Health Sciences)
- 2 years of social science and foreign language
- 3 academic electives
- Test Scores: see details below



Words of Advice from Mia Torruellas, Class of '21

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING NOW?

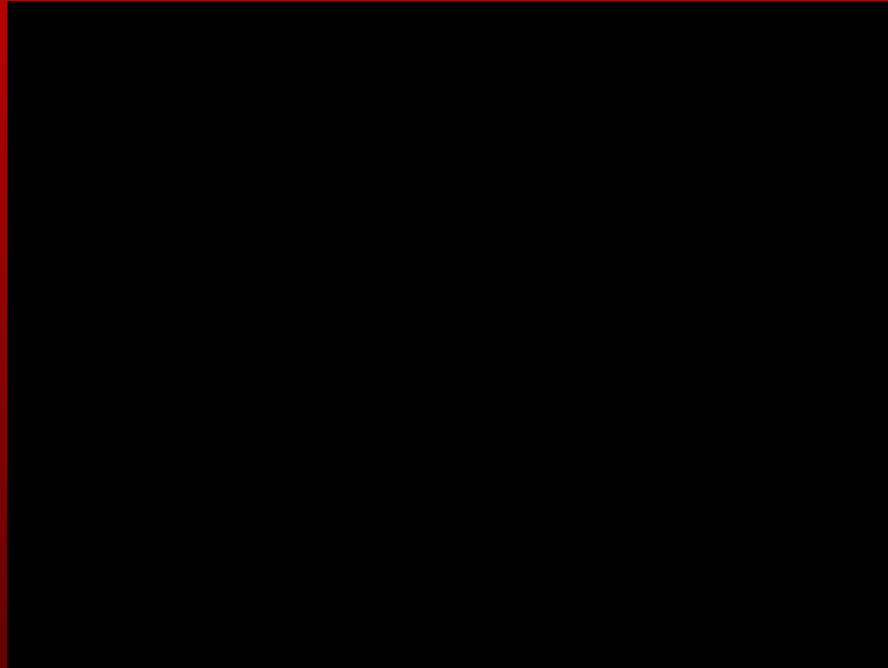
- Research colleges ([Big Future](#))
 - Visit colleges ([YouVisit](#))
 - Continue building your resume (*Resume Builder via Naviance*)
 - Community service (*Virtual opportunities*)
 - Verbally request letters of recommendation from teacher(s)
- Prepare for upcoming SATs in March
 - Personalized practice via [Khan Academy](#)
 - Begin [Senior Interview](#)
 - Create Common App Account
 - Facilitated by School Counselors in Advisory
 - Explore scholarships
 - Begin [College Essay](#)



Words of Advice from Ariana Martinez, Class of '21

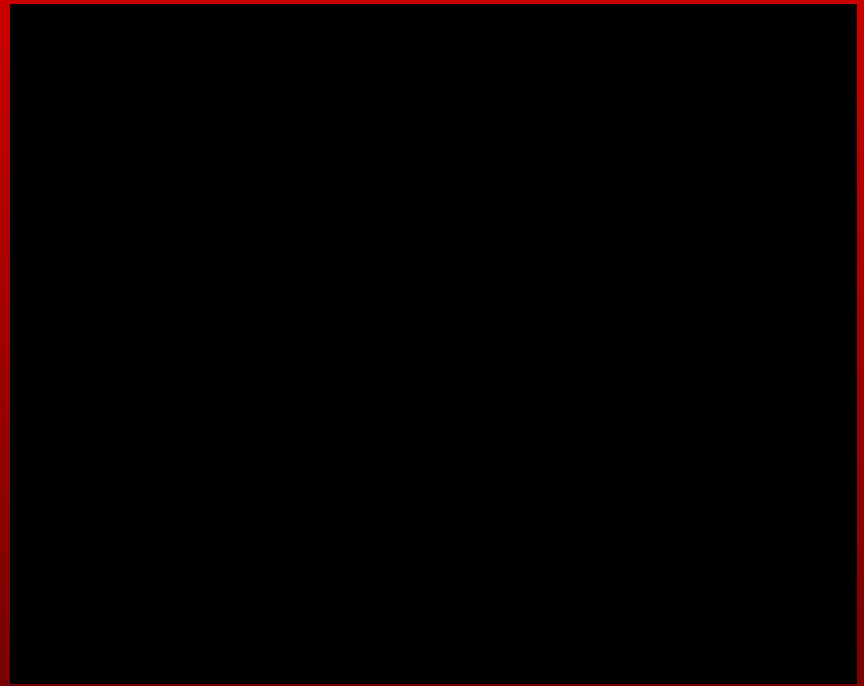
SENIOR ENGLISH TEACHERS

Mrs. Kingsbury & Mrs. Langworth



SEPTEMBER - SENIOR YEAR

- Individual Planning Meeting w/your School Counselor (parents encouraged to attend)
*****Review transcript, graduation progress, and post-secondary process*****
- Register for SATs (fee waivers available through School Counseling Office)
- Research and finalize College List
- Edit and revise your College Essay
- Continue college visits, tours and interviews
- Complete Common Application and/or school-specific applications
- Link Common Application and Naviance accounts (facilitated by School Counselors)
- Officially request teacher recommendations via Naviance ([Step-by-Step](#))
- Carefully consider your responsibilities, if applying for Early Decision or Early Action



Words of Advice from Kaylee Olenoski, Class of '21

SAT TEST DATES

TEST DATE	TEST	REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE Online
MARCH 13, 2021	SAT ONLY	FEB 12	MARCH 2
MAY 8, 2021	SAT ONLY	APRIL 8	APRIL 27
JUNE 5, 2021	SAT ONLY	MAY 6	MAY 26
MARCH 24, 2021	SAT ONLY	SAT SCHOOL DAY	
AUG 28, 2021	SAT AND SUBJECT	JULY 27	AUGUST 15
OCT 2, 2021	SAT AND SUBJECT	SEPT 7	SEPT 26
NOV 6, 2021	SAT AND SUBJECT	OCT 5	OCT 24
DEC 4, 2021	SAT AND SUBJECT	NOV 2	NOV 20
MARCH 12, 2022	SAT ONLY	FEB 8	FEB 27
MAY 7, 2022	SAT AND SUBJECT	APRIL 5	APRIL 24
JUNE 4, 2022	SAT AND SUBJECT	MAY 3	MAY 22

[SAT REGISTRATION](#)

****SAT School Day does not include the essay component.**

We recommend all students take the SATs on one of the dates above.

Students are responsible for sending score reports (electronically) to colleges directly from College Board.**

[ACT REGISTRATION](#)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

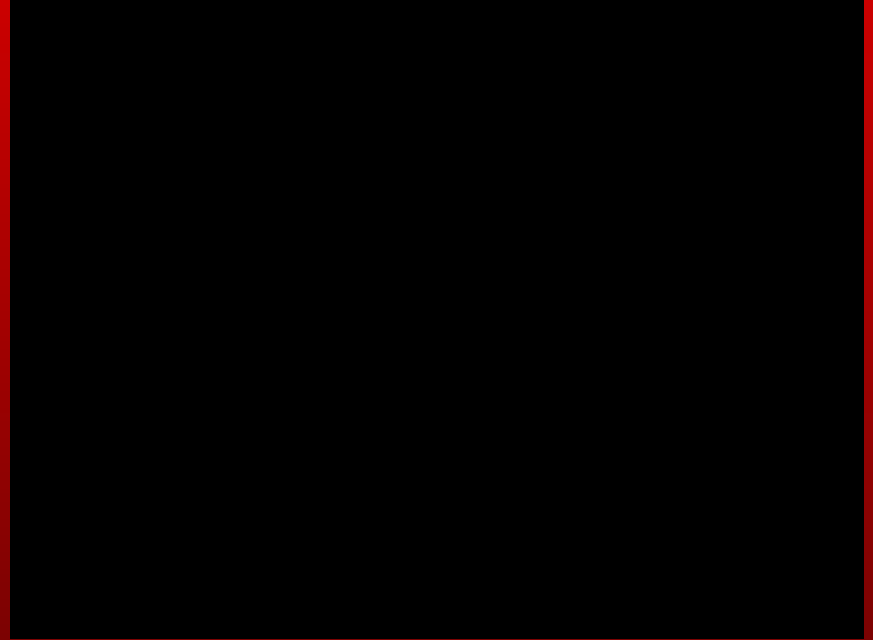
What do “credit” and “advanced placement” mean?

Most colleges offer credit or advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP scores.

- Ability to earn college credit differs by subject and college
 - [AP Credit Policy Search](#)
- Many colleges recognize that your AP scores may demonstrate that you already know the material in certain courses they offer, so they'll let you skip those courses. These could be introductory courses required in your major, or core courses that the college requires all its students to take. Skipping these courses (so you can go right into advanced courses) is called granting you **advanced placement**.
 - Some students use the advanced placement earned through AP to free up space in their schedule so they can pursue a double major or take part in an internship or other special program.

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Words of Advice from Olivia Ruggiero, Class of '21

THE COMMON APPLICATION

The **Common Application** is used for over 90% of college applications.

- One application
- One essay
- Easy submission

When applying to schools, be sure to select the following:

- 2 safety schools
- 2 target schools
- 2 reach schools

*It is imperative that you communicate with your School Counselor and inform them of when you will be submitting your applications.

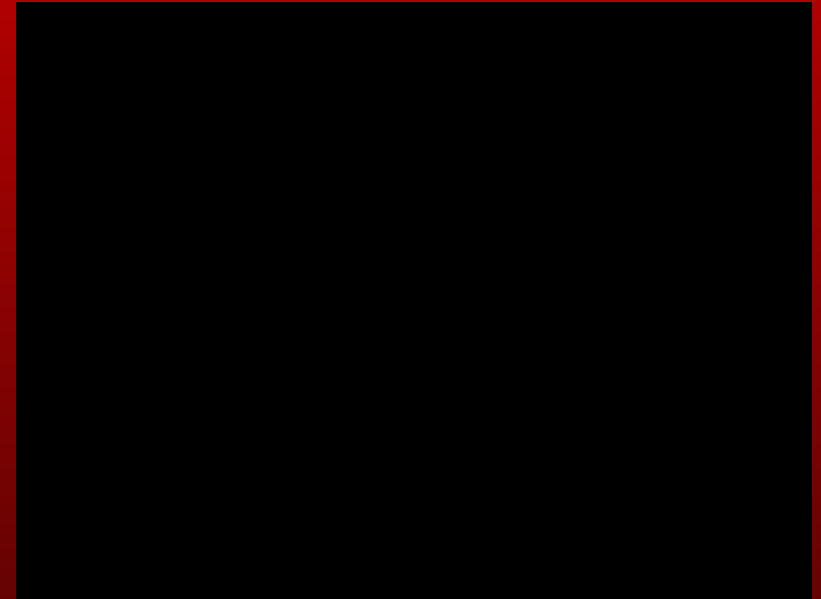
*Please note all deadlines and secondary reports or forms specific to each college.

*Words of advice from Destiny Lewis,
Class of '21*



The Naviance system and tasks allow you to...

- Complete a resume
- Conduct individualized college searches
- Research colleges
- Complete a personality assessment
- Research careers and majors
- Manage your college applications
- Communicate with your School Counselor



Words of advice from Gloria DiTommaso, Class of '21

NCAA ELIGIBILITY



Grade 11

- Register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#).
- Check with your counselor to make sure you will graduate, on time, with the required number of [NCAA core courses](#).
- Take the [SAT and/or ACT](#) and submit your scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your [official transcript](#) to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Grade 12

- Finish your last NCAA core courses.
- Take the SAT/ACT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- Complete all academic and [amateurism](#) questions in your NCAA Eligibility Center account.
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to submit your final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.



Words Of Advice from Jake Cook, Class of '21

FINANCIAL AID IN A NUTSHELL

WHAT EXACTLY IS FINANCIAL AID?

- It is any grant or scholarship, loan, or paid employment offered to help a student meet his/her college expenses.

MAIN TYPES

There are 3 main types of financial aid:

- Grants & Scholarships - Federal or institutional awards that **do not** need to be repaid
- Work Study Program - Part-time campus employment subsidized by the Federal Government
- Loans - Low-interest student or parent loans that **will need** to be repaid

When you apply for financial aid, your financial aid package will likely include student loans. There are generally two types of student loans:

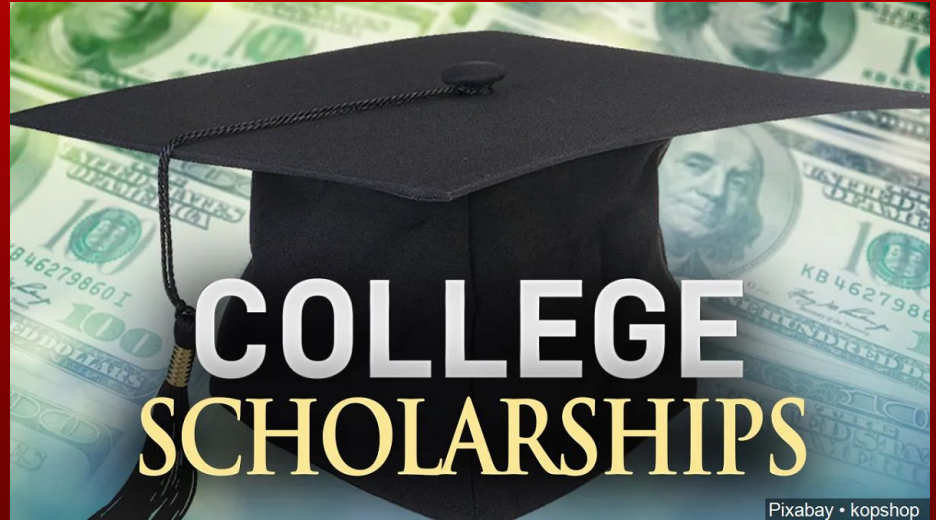
- Federal student loans-Funded by the Federal government
- Private student loans- Non Federal loans; made by a private lender such as a bank, credit union, or school

FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION: September 30, 6-7 p.m.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)- FAFSA
FAFSA opens on October 1st, 2021

SCHOLARSHIPS

- [Scholarship Information](#)
 - What kinds of scholarships are available?
 - How do I find scholarships?
 - How and when do I apply for scholarships?
- Scholarship Search Tools
 - [College Board Scholarship Search](#)
 - [Opportunity Scholarships](#)
 - [GoodCall](#)
 - [Fastweb](#)
- Derby High School Scholarship Page
 - [Scholarships](#)
- DHS General Merit Award and Scholarship Application
 - Less than 30% (23 of 77) of seniors completed application

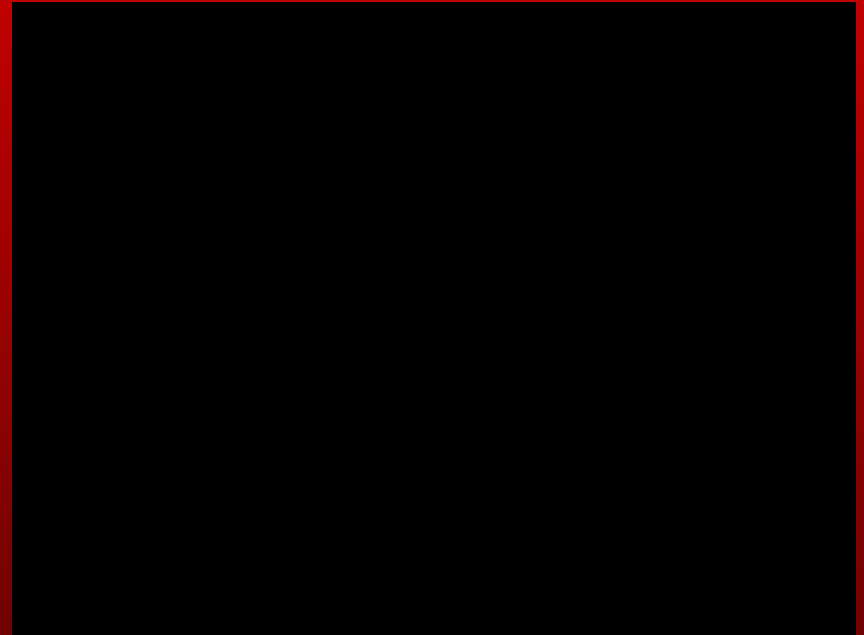


2021-2022 IMPORTANT DATES

- **SENIOR YEAR PRESENTATION:** September 23, 6-7 p.m.
- **COMMON APPLICATION/NAVIANCE DEVELOPMENTAL CLASSROOM LESSON:** September 2021 (Facilitated by School Counselors)
- **DHS COLLEGE FAIR:** October 2021
- **CAREER FAIR:** April 2021 & 2022
- **FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION:** September 30, 6-7 p.m.
- **FAFSA OPENS ON:** October 1 (Free Application for Federal Student Aid fafsa.ed.gov)

Junior Rings On Sale Through 2/19

- Ms. Moffat has a sizer in her office if you are in person and would like to get sized. All remote learners can come from 2-2:30 to get sized.
- Click on this video below to learn more about your options and how to place your order - so you can receive your ring with your class at the Junior Ring Delivery Event!
- [Ring and Ordering Information](#)



Words Of Advice from Jeff Polis, Class of '21

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Many thanks to our students, alum and community partners for their contributions to tonight's presentation!

How Can We Help?

