



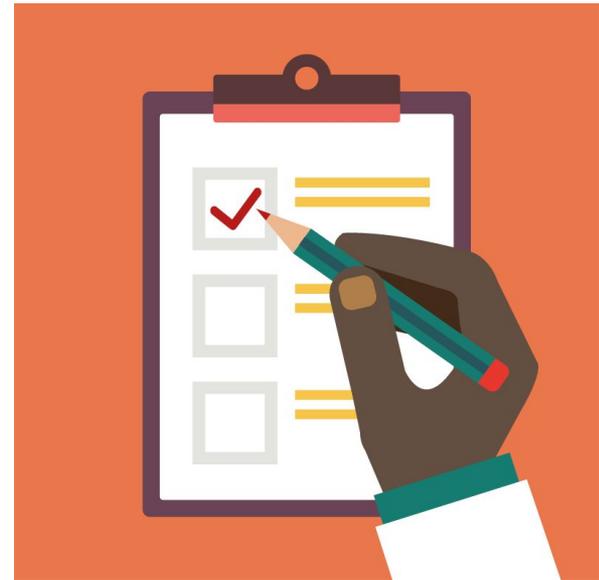
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Magruder College Information Night

**Welcome! We will start at 7:00 pm. Please mute and turn
your camera off.**

Agenda

- **Major Components of College Application**
- **Action Items and Timeline**
- **A Word About MC**
- **Useful Tools**
- **Q & A**

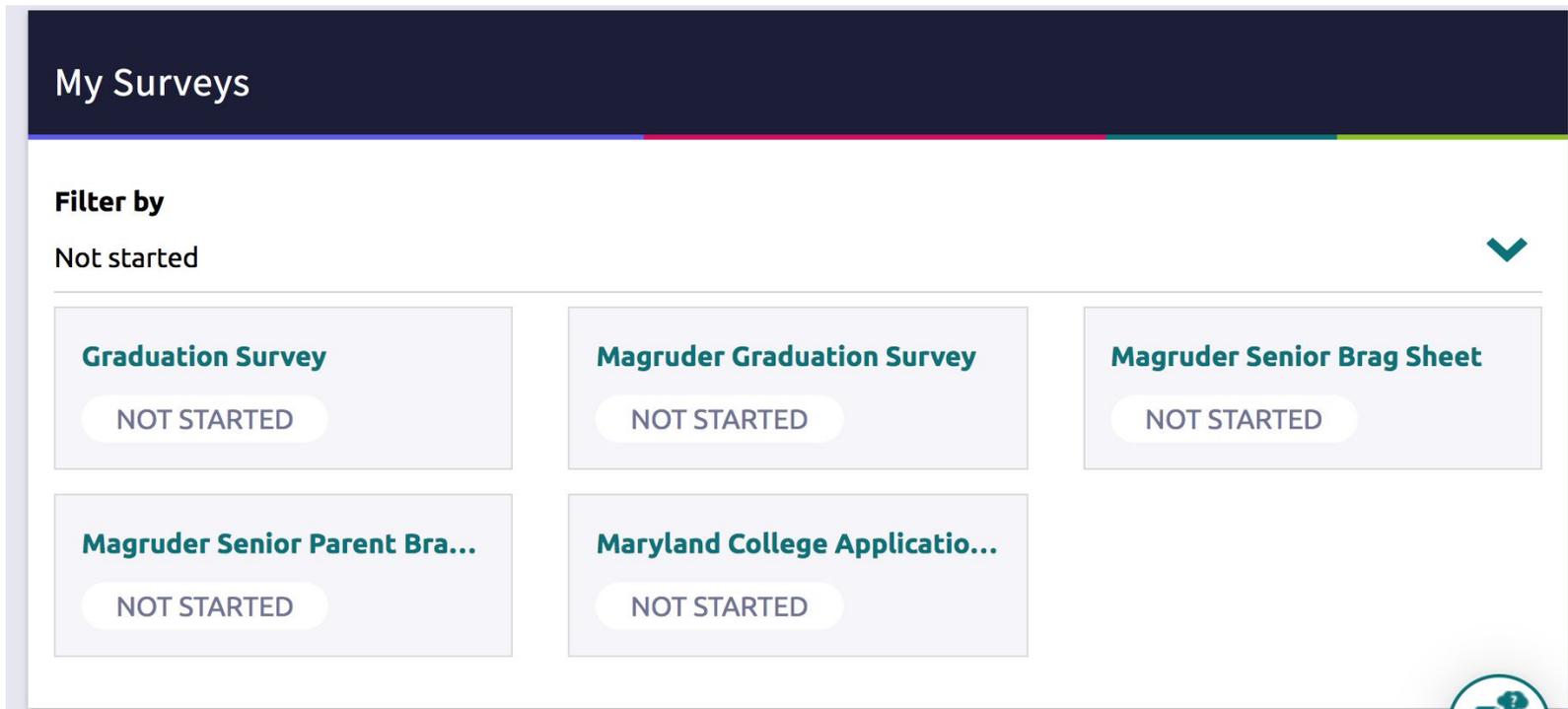


Major Components of College Application

- An application **Submitted by you**
- An essay **Submitted with application**
- Letters of recommendations **Sent by teachers/counselors separately through Naviance or by mail**
- Official transcript **Sent by Registrar separately through Naviance or by mail**
- Test scores **Sent by you through College Board.com and ACT.org**
- Supplementary Materials (resume, and others)

Action Item 1: Complete “Brag Sheet”

Due Date: Before school is out. - Naviance, - - About Me, - - -Survey Not Started.



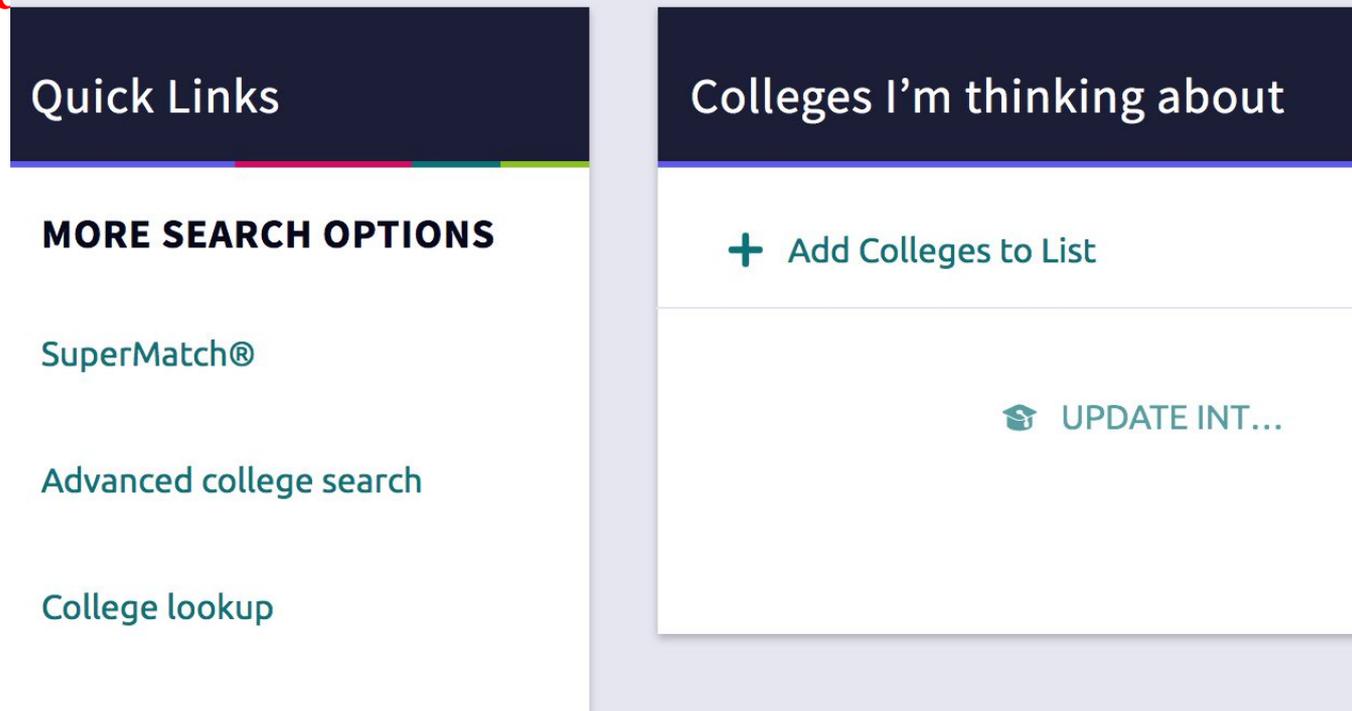
The screenshot shows a user interface for 'My Surveys'. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text 'My Surveys'. Below the header, there is a 'Filter by' section with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Not started'. A green checkmark is visible to the right of the filter. Below the filter, there are five survey cards arranged in two rows. Each card has a title in teal text and a 'NOT STARTED' button in a white rounded rectangle. The surveys are: 'Graduation Survey', 'Magruder Graduation Survey', 'Magruder Senior Brag Sheet' (top row); and 'Magruder Senior Parent Bra...', 'Maryland College Applicatio...' (bottom row). A small circular icon with a question mark is visible in the bottom right corner of the dashboard area.

Survey Title	Status
Graduation Survey	NOT STARTED
Magruder Graduation Survey	NOT STARTED
Magruder Senior Brag Sheet	NOT STARTED
Magruder Senior Parent Bra...	NOT STARTED
Maryland College Applicatio...	NOT STARTED

Action Item 2: Create Your College List

- Do a Super Match in Naviance
- Do virtual tours on YouVisits.com

Reach out to your counselor or Ms. Yang to set up a meeting to talk about your choice!



The screenshot displays a user interface for college planning, divided into two main sections. The left section, titled "Quick Links", features a dark blue header and a white background with the heading "MORE SEARCH OPTIONS". Below this heading are three links: "SuperMatch®", "Advanced college search", and "College lookup". The right section, titled "Colleges I'm thinking about", also has a dark blue header and a white background. It contains a teal plus sign followed by the text "Add Colleges to List". Below this, there is a horizontal line and a teal graduation cap icon followed by the text "UPDATE INT...".

Action Item 3: Set Up Application App

1. School specific application

- a. Many schools still have applications through **their own website**

2. Common application

- a. Create one profile and fill out one application to send to multiple schools
- b. Pay each application fee
- c. Each school has a few extra school specific questions

3. Coalition App

- a. Similar to Common app, but less schools accept the Coalition (UMDCP)

4. The Common Black College Application

- a. 55 HBCUs accept the CBCA (Morgan State, Norfolk State, Virginia State)



THE COALITION



Application Workshops:

Coalition Application by Ryan Clear, UMD College Park

June 10, 10 am - 11:30 am

Common Application by Tiffany Carter, Purdue Univ.

June 11, 10 am - 11:30 am

[Register Here](#)

Action Item 4: Essay

- **Find the essay prompts on the application**

- *Common app has already posted the prompts for the the upcoming application season*
- *Many applications, including common app, have a “create your own prompt option.”*

Action item: Find essays you have written that you enjoyed writing to see if you could use it for an application. Look at essay prompts for schools on your list.



Essay Workshop

How to make your essay stand out?

Melissa Stoker, Towson University

July 7, 10:00 am - 11:30 pm

[Register Here](#)



Action Item 5: Sign FERPA and match Naviance with Common App (after July 17)



Add all your schools into Naviance

YouTube: How to fill out FERPA in Common App

<https://youtu.be/37YfDOhG7XU>

YouTube: How to Match Naviance and Common App, and How to Request Transcript and Letters of Recommendation in Naviance

<https://youtu.be/UWtjkn0egeE>

Action Item 6: Request Letter of Recommendations

Action item: Think a teacher from this year that you could ask for a recommendation. Create a short list of academic accomplishments to give this teacher when the time comes. (honor roll, A in their class, honor society, 4.0 quarter or semester etc)

Example from Columbia University →

School Report Required

Counselor Recommendation Required

Mid Year Report Required

Final Report Required

Teacher Evaluation(s): 2 Required, 0 Optional

Other Evaluation(s): 0 Required, 1 Optional

Action Item 7: Request Official Transcript

- Request your initial official transcript in Naviance 20 days before the application deadline!
- Many schools require your mid-year transcript
- Every school will require your final transcript

Action Item 8: Send Test Score Reports

- **SAT score reports are sent through Collegeboard.org**
 - You can use “Score choice” for schools that Super score
 - You can send four FREE reports up to nine days after the test
 - \$12 for every score report after the nine days
- **ACT score reports are sent through ACT.org**
 - You can send four FREE score reports when you register
 - \$13 for every score report after you register for the test
- **Test optional means that you can decide whether or not you want to send your scores.**
 - Attend college visits in your Career Center to hear what school say about how they view SAT and ACT scores

Standardized Test Policy:

Sometimes Required

SAT w/o Essay or ACT w/o Essay

[Test Policy Information](#)

←-- Salisbury
North Carolina State --->

Standardized Test Policy:

Always Required

SAT w/o Essay or ACT w/o Essay

[Test Policy Information](#)

Testing



For the Class of 2021, several institutions are adopting a Test-Optional Policy. Please see a current list as of May 2020 at this link: [FairTest](#)

It is recommended that every Junior take **at least one** ACT or SAT. **What is the difference between the SAT and the ACT? Here are the Differences:**

Test	Time	Subjects & Content covered	Math Content Covered	Calculator Usage	Testing range
SAT	3 hrs. With essay; 3h 55min	Reading Writing & Language Math Essay (optional)	Math section covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry Trigonometry Data Analysis	Some of the Math sections do not allow calculator usage	400-1600
ACT	2 h 55 minutes With Essay-3h 40 minutes	English Math Reading Science Essay (optional)	Math section covers: Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry Trigonometry Probability & Statistics	All Math sections allow calculator usage	1-36

Testing FAQ



How many times should I take the SAT or ACT?

It is recommended that you take an exam no more than three times.

Should I take both exams?

This is entirely up to you. If you would like to get an idea of which exam suits you better, it might be worthwhile for you to check out the Princeton Review or Tutoring companies, for free paper/pencil practice exams.

What if I cannot pay for an ACT or SAT?

SAT- The College Board who owns the **SAT, PSAT and AP exams** should have this information already in your account so, you shouldn't have to take additional steps. If they don't or, if you are suffering temporary hardship, your CCIC can provide you with a fee waiver. For additional information/instructions, see this link

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees/fee-waivers>

ACT- Your CCIC or Counselor should be able to provide you with a fee waiver to cover the cost.

<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/FeeWaiver.pdf>

Anticipated SAT Testing Dates 2020

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

SAT Anticipated testing Date	Subject Testing Available
August 29, 2020	Yes
September 26, 2020	NO
October 3, 2020	Yes
November 7, 2020	Yes
December 5, 2020	Yes

Anticipated ACT dates

<https://www.act.org>

Anticipated Test Date	Registration Due	Late Registration with late Fee	Online results
June 13, 2020 The ACT has until May 21st to cancel the June exam. With Maryland schools closed there won't be any facilities in which to test. Though it is not official, please anticipate the June exam either being canceled or being administered online. Students registered should have received an email from ACT, Inc.	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020	June 23/ July 7
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020	July 28/Aug 11
Sept 12, 2020	Aug 7, 2020	Aug 21, 2020	Sept 22/ Oct 6
Oct 24, 2020	Sept 20, 2020	Oct 4, 2020	Nov 3/ Nov 17
Dec 12, 2020	Nov 6, 2020	Nov 20, 2020	Dec 22/Jan 5

A Word About Montgomery College

- [Application](#)
- Test Scores (Accuplacer, SAT or ACT) or
- Transcript (Initial, Final) to be evaluated

If MC is the only college that you are applying to, you don't need to do FERPA in Common App, please fill out this [release form](#) and send it to registrar to give consent for us to send your transcript.

Financial Workshops:

ROTC Scholarship Workshop

June 3, 7pm [Register Here](#)



Financial Aid/Money for College

By Robert Maddox, St. Mary's College

June 24, 10:00 am - 11:30 am [Register Here](#)

Useful tool: Magruder Checklist

Before Application:

- ❑ **Brag Sheet & Junior Interview** Complete your brag sheet on Naviance so your counselor and teachers can write you personalized letters of recommendation. Save often when filling it out.
After you've completed your brag sheet, contact your counselor to schedule your junior interview.
- ❑ **Sign the FERPA**
Fill out Authorization for Release Form for all students. Students apply to 4 year colleges to sign the FERPA by creating a Common Application account and then matching it to your Naviance account.

For Every Application:

- ❑ **Request Transcripts** Request transcripts via Naviance 20 days before deadline
- ❑ **Request Teacher Recommendations** Request teacher recommendations via Naviance once you've spoken with the teacher who has agreed to write you a letter of recommendation then. Tell them when your deadlines are and which school(s) to send your letter of recommendation to.
- ❑ **Send Test Scores**
Send ACT, SAT, and/or SAT subject exam scores to colleges through their respective websites: ACT.org or CollegeBoard.org. To save yourself a step, sign up for scores to be sent to colleges when you register to take these tests.
- ❑ **Send Supplemental Materials** Check with your college if supplemental materials are accepted. If so, you can snail-mail or scan & email materials to send. Such as additional letters of recommendation from coaches or community members.
- ❑ **Submit Application** Complete and submit college applications by the deadline. Give yourself some wiggle room so you're not trying to submit it at 11:59PM the night before it's due, that's the best time for computers to crash and networks to fail!

After College Application:

- ❑ **Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships**
- ❑ **Complete the FAFSA online.**
Research and apply for scholarships online or in the Career Center. You may need to request transcripts and letters of recommendation for these, if so, follow the directions above.

Useful tool: Organization Spreadsheet

School Name

Application Type

Deadline

Application Platform

Transcript

Letters of Rec.

Test Scores

FAFSA

Resource Links:

Narrowing down your college list: Naviance SuperMatch

The Difference between Common Application and Coalition Application

<https://www.ivycoach.com/the-ivy-coach-blog/the-application/differences-common-application-coalition-application/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOBJUTJd3U0>

Matching Common Application and Naviance

<https://youtu.be/UWtjkn0egeE>

Resource Links Cont'd

How to Get A Wow Essay!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOBJUTJd3U0>

Coalition Application Essay Prompts 1-5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zICiQLk0KQc>

Black Common College Application

<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/portal/register>

<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/portal/ps/scholarships>

Resource Links Cont'd

College Application Deadlines (Not Approved by MCPS)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KpKxhJA0A8>

Early Decision vs Early Admission

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppfUO9NwDas>

Questions?

