

2019

**Post-Secondary
Planning Process**



DGS

Objectives

- Students will be able to reflect on their past post-secondary preparation in order to organize thoughts and set goals for senior year
- Students will be able to spend time completing their own, personal next steps for their post-secondary application process
- Students will complete a senior survey to prepare for their post-secondary meeting with their counselor

Reflection

Think-Pair-Share

- Write down 1-3 things you did this summer to research, prepare, or apply to post-secondary options
 - Examples: started my Common App, visited a campus, wrote my personal statement, refined my college list, visited COD's website, talked with a friend about the future, thought about next steps...
- Share with a neighbor
- Share with the class

Students interested in 2- or 4-year colleges. What should I be doing?

- a. Finalize a list of colleges to which you will apply
 - i. Does your list include at least 1 safety college and/or 1 financial safety, multiple match colleges, and 1-2 reach colleges?
- b. Check each college's website for specific requirements
 - i. Self-reported grades?
 - ii. Essays required?
 - iii. Letters of recommendation? From who? Teacher(s) or counselor?
 - iv. Test optional?
 - v. SAT II or other tests, requirements?
- c. Use Naviance to manage all due dates and supplemental items
- d. Apply!

College of DuPage

1. [COD Admissions Checklist](#)
2. College of DuPage representative Stephanie Loconsole will be leading the following workshops at DGS:
 - a. Application workshop on Friday, 10/4/19
 - b. Scholarship workshop on Friday, 2/21/20
 - i. Scholarship due date 3/31/20
 - c. Next steps workshop on Friday, 5/8/20
3. [COD Engineering Pathways Program](#)
4. [3+1 Bachelor's Degree Programs](#)

Students interested in military

- [DGS Military Information Website](#)
- Talk to your branch recruiter and express interest
- Set up a date to visit a Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS)
 - Step 1: Take the ASVAB
 - Step 2: Pass the physical exam
 - Step 3: Meet with a counselor
 - Step 4: Take the Oath of Enlistment
- Enter Delayed Entry Program (DEP) to start basic training after high school graduation

Students interested in apprenticeships, gap years, work

- Apprenticeships and Work
 - Check out the DGS [Career](#) page for up-to-date information on career resources
 - Research career paths, complete applications, finish next steps
- Gap Year
 - Research [programs](#), locations, cost
 - Discuss with family, parents/guardians
 - Create a plan for post-gap year

Reflection

I think I know my path; so where do I go from here?

- What do you need to do to continue in the post-secondary application process?
- Write down your next steps, a.k.a. make a to-do list.
 - Examples: Start applications, submit applications, finish personal statement or essays, visit an apprenticeship location, talk to a recruiter, start researching colleges, request transcripts, etc.

Need help?

- Your counselor meeting will be scheduled within the next month. Be prepared with questions and potential plans.
- Attend Open House Thursday, 8/29
 - There will be a post-secondary decision-making presentation led by the Syracuse University rep
- College/Career Center will have open office hours for walk-in support or working time
 - FRIDAYS, during LUNCH, in LIBRARY CLASSROOM A100a

Notes about Financial Aid

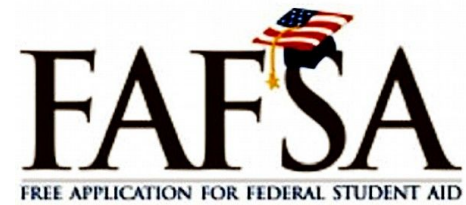
- The FAFSA is a federal application which allows you access to federal funds: loans, grants, and work study
- It opens on October 1st
- EVERYONE should complete the FAFSA regardless of family income; all students will at least qualify for loans

Upcoming Financial Aid Meetings

- **Wednesday, Sept. 4th**

FAFSA Q & A

7:00 pm **DGS** Auditorium



- **Thursday, January 16th**

Conquering College Cost

7:00 pm **DGN** Auditorium

Right College, Right Price
(The Perfect Fit)



A word about passwords

WRITE THEM DOWN!

Throughout senior year you will have to manage passwords to many, many, many accounts. Keep your usernames and passwords in one document!!!!

2019-2020 DGS COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

The following deadlines have been established to ensure that your college materials leave the College Career Center in time to meet the application deadlines set by the college or university to which you are applying. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to plan ahead and meet these deadlines!

I. **FOR APPLICATIONS REQUIRING RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Allow at least **THREE WEEKS** (15 working days) for processing.

If your application has to be received by:

Please complete Steps A, B, C and request transcript by:

October 15.....September 13

November 1.....October 4

November 15.....October 11

December 1.....November 1

December 15.....November 15

December 31/January 1.....December 2

January 14.....December 2

February 1.....January 10

February 15.....January 17

March 1.....January 31

March 15.....February 14

II. **FOR APPLICATIONS NOT REQUIRING A RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Allow at least **ONE WEEK** for your transcript request to be processed.

Video Tutorials

Please take time to watch these short videos, especially if you need help requesting transcripts or letters of recommendation. These will also be found on the website.

[How to request a transcript](#)

[How to manage college applications in Naviance](#)

[How to link Naviance to Common App](#)

[How to use search tools \(where to get started\)](#)

[How to request a counselor letter of recommendation](#)

[How to request a teacher letter of recommendation](#)

And finally...

Working time!

*Complete post-survey in your email

Things to work on:

1. Watch Naviance how-to videos
2. Letter of rec survey
3. Colleges I'm Applying to List/Research
4. A college application/your Common App
5. College of DuPage's application process
6. Other post-secondary options research