

Welcome to Open House



**OPENING SESSION FOR PARENTS OF
JUNIORS**

August 29, 2019

Tonight's Objectives



- Parents will know:
 - [how to access post-high school planning resources](#)
 - information about standardized tests taken junior year
 - important events related to post-high school planning
 - a variety of post-secondary options
 - students' perspectives about the post-secondary planning process

Focus Program



- 4-year developmental curriculum that counselors present to students during their English or Social Studies classes.
 - Freshman Year – Develop a four-year plan of coursework based on graduation requirements and long-term goals.
 - Sophomore Year – Take a personality inventory that matches careers with the student’s personality type.
 - Junior Year – Engage in post-secondary planning (college planning, standardized tests, timeline, important dates/events).
 - Senior Year – Act on student’s post-secondary goals (college/job applications, transcripts, letters of recommendation).

Junior Year



- Focus presentations: Wednesday, September 18
- Important research year based on post-secondary goals.
- Start the process early to reduce stress.
- Important to take the most challenging courses appropriate for the student and earn the best grades possible.
- Enjoy the process!

Testing



- [PSAT](#) – optional test; good for practice and may earn National Merit recognition (top 5%)
 - Saturday, October 19, 2019
 - Registration Sept. 19 - Oct. 3 thru Total Registration website (\$25)
 - Link will be emailed to students and parents a couple days before registration.
- [SAT \(College Board\)](#)
 - Tuesday, April 14, 2020 - all juniors in Illinois; students will register at DGS
 - Students will register directly with College Board for all other SATs
- [ACT](#)

Students register directly with ACT

 - Research colleges to find out if either test is preferred
- [SAT/ACT Conversion Chart](#)



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Upcoming Events in '19-'20



- **Sept. 4:** FAFSA Question & Answer DGS Auditorium - 7pm
- **October 15:** College Fair at College of DuPage from 6 to 9pm
- **January 16:** “Conquering College Costs” DGN auditorium 7pm
- **April 14:** Juniors will take the SAT during school
- **March 4:** College Exploration Night - DGS Auditorium - 7pm
- **March 3:** IACAC Illinois College Expo at North Central College – 6pm to 8pm
- **April 1:** Lyons Township HS College Fair at their North Campus – 6pm to 8pm
- **April 4:** Hinsdale Central College Night – 7pm to 9pm

Naviance



Naviance is a web-based portal which provides comprehensive college, career, and scholarship information. Students use Naviance throughout their high school career to explore career interests and to facilitate the entire college selection process.

Junior year is a research year. Start the process early, visit campuses, meet with reps at DGS, attend a college fair, talk at home. Senior year is the time to act on decisions made from information gathered during junior year.

College of DuPage



- **Programs of Study - AA, AS, AES, AAS, and more**
 - 2+2, 3+1 Programs
- **Certificate Programs**
 - Auto Tech, Horticulture, Diagnostic Medical Imaging, Welding, Paralegal Studies, and many more
- **Engineering Pathways Program with U. of Illinois**
 - Approximately 30 accepted each year (competitive)
 - Must earn a B or higher in all coursework at COD
- **Scholars Award Program**
 - SAT/ACT score, GPA, High School Coursework, Essay
 - Full-tuition to Specific Dollar Amount Awards

Additional Post-Secondary Options



- **Military**
 - Offices are located in the Green Knolls Shopping Center
 - Reps come to DGS to meet with students in the College & Career Center throughout the year
- **Apprenticeship Programs, Tech Schools**
 - Universal Technical Institute
 - Devry
 - Cosmetology schools
 - Pipefitter, Carpenter, Heavy Equipment Operator, Plumber
- **Gap Year**
 - Learn more about yourself and the world
 - Get more prepared for the future

Net Price Calculators



- All colleges are required to offer net price calculators.
- Student/parent enters required information and an estimated cost of attending that school will be provided.
- Go to the college of your choice and enter “net price calculator” in the search engine to locate that college’s net price calculator.
- Example: [Illinois State Net Price Calculator](#)

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SENIOR EXPERIENCES



- Tell us about your process.
 - Where did you start?
 - What did you consider?
 - What decisions have you made?
- Who has supported you in this process?
- What do you wish you knew when you started?
- What's the most important thing you've learned along the way?
- What is your best advice to current Juniors and their parents/guardians?