

# Junior Focus Presentation

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Session II: Post-Secondary Planning



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***SOUTH***

# Learning Targets:



1. Students will identify post-high school options
2. Students will know how to identify upcoming dates and tasks related to post-secondary plans
3. Students will know how to research financial aid and scholarship opportunities
4. Students will know how to access their Naviance account

**Target 1: Students will identify  
post-high school options**

# Post Secondary Options

4 year College/University

COD: College of DuPage

Employment/Entrepreneurship

Military

Specialized Training (Apprenticeship)

Technical/Vocational Skills



# Junior Year

**Gather information to make good decisions. Examples include:**

- **Attend college fairs and meet with college reps at DGS**
- **Visit college campuses**
- **Talk with your parents/guardians about your interests and goals**
- **Explore COD's website to learn more about what is offered**
- **Research apprenticeship programs**
- **Learn more about the military branches**

# Senior Year

**Make decisions based on what you learned junior year:**

- **Counselors will meet with you in the fall of senior year to provide more details about ordering transcripts, FAFSA, etc.**
- **Submit applications and meet deadlines**
- **Act on the responses you receive**

# Four-Year College or University

## What is the right fit for you?

- Large public
- Mid-size public and private
- Small private
- Liberal Arts
- Highly Selective

## How do you learn best?

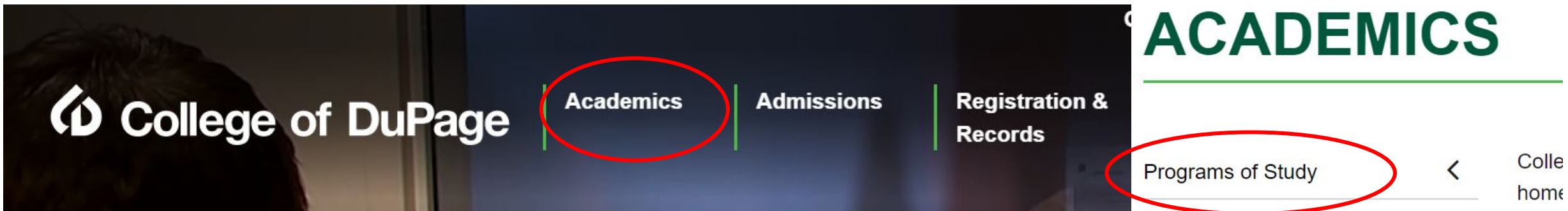
- Admissibility
- Strength of major
- Cost
- Distance from home
- Size
- Other factors important to you

# College of DuPage (COD)

- COD offers many opportunities
  - degree programs, transfer programs (2+2 and 3+1 programs), certificate programs
- Find all the information at [www.cod.edu](http://www.cod.edu)
- Highly regarded by four-year colleges, universities
- Cost effective for students
- Located 15 minutes from DGS



# COD: Programs of Study



- On the COD Home Page, click on **Academics**
- On the next page, click on **Programs of Study**

## ACADEMICS

- Programs of Study <
- Course Catalog
- Search for Classes
- Academic Calendar <
- Academic Resources <
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- Continuing Education <
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- Library
- Transfer Information Edu

# **COD: 2+2 and 3+1 Programs**

**COD has formal agreements with some four-year colleges and universities to offer selected B.A. or B.S. degrees at a reduced cost. Students attend COD before transferring to a partner four-year college/university to complete the degree.**

# **Certificate Programs**

**Certificate programs are designed for students not pursuing an associate's degree but are interested in taking technical or professional courses needed to enter a field/career.**

# **Apprenticeship Programs**

An apprenticeship program trains workers to become skilled in a particular trade. It combines hands-on work with classroom learning. Apprenticeships are considered full-time employment with pay and benefits.

Apprenticeship programs vary in length but are generally between one and five years depending on the program.

# Examples of Apprenticeship Programs

Heating, Ventilation, and Cooling (HVAC)

Electrician

Pipefitter

Welder

Roofer

Carpenter

Heavy Equipment Operator

Plumber

**Target 2: Students will know how to identify upcoming dates and tasks related to post-secondary plans**

# **COLLEGE EXPLORATION NIGHT**

**Wednesday, March 4th, 6:45 pm, DGS Auditorium**

- **Highly Selective College**
- **Large Public University**
- **Small Liberal Arts Private College**
- **Mid-Size University**
- **Military**

# ADDITIONAL RESEARCH

- Naviance (instructions at the end of the presentation)
- Attend college fairs
- Speak to military recruiters
- Attend college rep presentations in our College Career Center
- Visit college campuses
- Sign-up for apprenticeship field trips
  - Visits to Roofers and Pipefitters apprenticeship sites as well as Triton College's Automotive Program.
- Sign-up for career speakers in College Career Center
  - Pediatricians, Nurses, Business professionals and Architect coming this semester



# **SAT TESTING**

## **April 14th, 2020:**

- **Juniors will take the SAT at DGS (free test)**
  - accepted by colleges, NCAA and NAIA Eligibility Centers
- **Want to take it more than once? Register at [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)**

## **Upcoming national test dates:**

- **May 2:** deadline to register is April 3
- **June 6:** deadline to register is May 8
- **Fee Waivers available for those who qualify**

# **ACT TESTING**

## **Important info:**

- **Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)**
- **Select a test site when you register**

## **Upcoming national test dates:**

- **April 4:** deadline to register is Feb 29
- **June 13:** deadline to register is May 8
- **July 18:** deadline to register is June 19
- **Fee Waivers available for those who qualify**

# ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

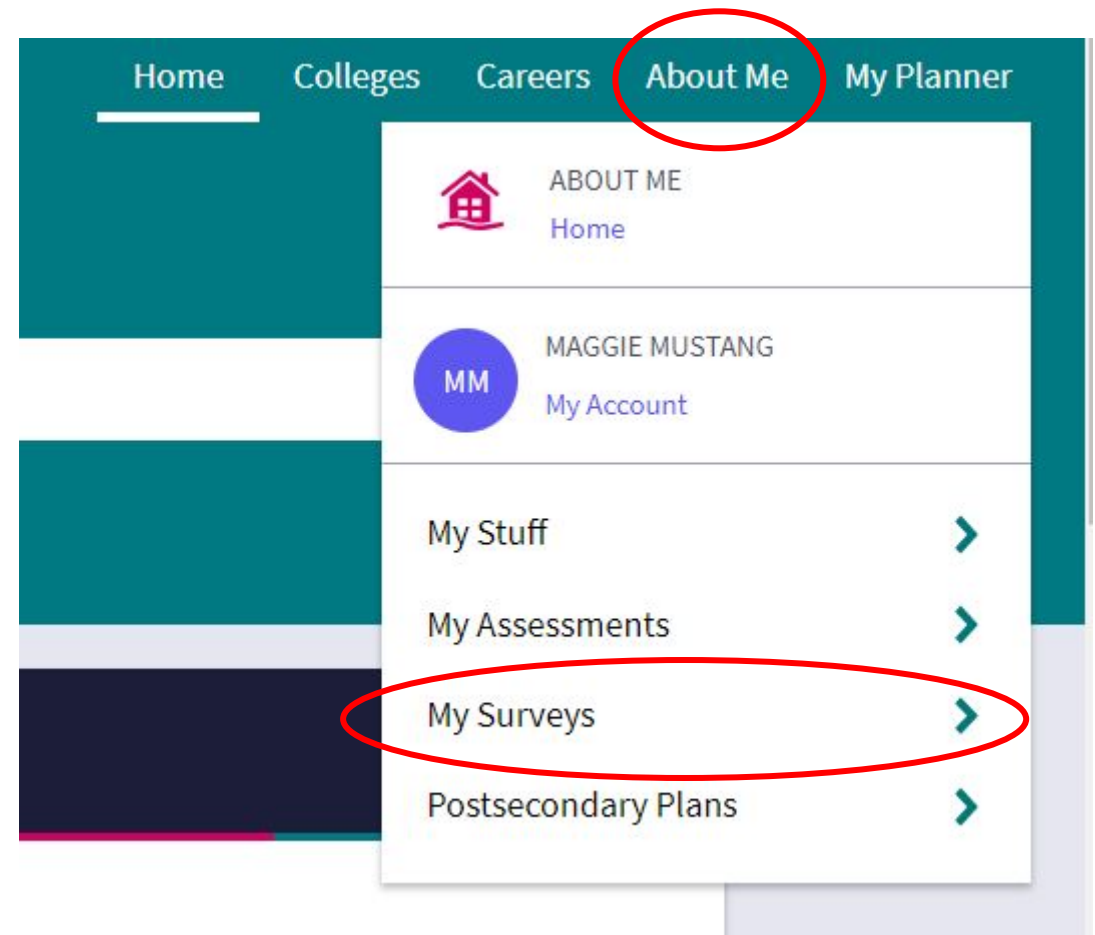
- **NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)**
  - Potential NCAA Division I or Division II college student-athletes are recommended to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center during sophomore Year
- **NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics)**
  - NAIA Eligibility Center - juniors should register if playing a college sport at an NAIA institution is a possibility

# Counselor or Teacher Recommendation Letter

- Determine which colleges require letters of recommendation
- Not all colleges/universities require letters of recommendation so research each application carefully
- Students will receive more detailed directions during Senior Focus in the fall

# REQUIRED QUESTIONS FOR COLLEGE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Students must complete this survey in Naviance to get a rec letter from their **counselor** for any college or scholarship that requires one.
- Click on About Me, My Surveys, Surveys Not Started
- This is a good step to complete before returning to school in the fall!



**Target 3: Students will know how to research financial aid and scholarship opportunities**

# **COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA)**

COA is an **EXTREMELY** important factor to consider when choosing a college!

COA includes:

- Tuition, room and board, books, fees, transportation, etc.
- Look on each college's website to view their estimated COA

[Net Price Calculator](#) - Each College/University offers one

# Comparing Costs

## Full-time student living on campus (two semesters)

College of DuPage	\$5,300
Illinois State University (in-state)	\$29,750
University of Iowa (out-of-state)	\$46,200
Augustana College (private)	\$54,800

These are “sticker prices” but only a few students pay the full amount



# Paying for College

- Grants and Scholarships
- Student Income and Savings
- Parent Income and Savings
- Student Loans
- Parent Loans

Every college/university offers a Net Price Calculator to estimate your cost of attendance.

# **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)**

- **Go to the FAFSA website for a free estimate of what your Expected Family Contribution will be and how much Federal Aid you might receive**
- **Students and parents are required to complete the FAFSA starting October 1st of senior year**
- **DGS will have FAFSA resources available in the Fall**

**Target 4: Students will know  
how to access their Naviance  
account**

# Logging into Naviance

1. Go to South's home page
2. Click on Students
3. Click on Access Naviance
4. Username is student e-mail address (example: [jsmi1234@csd99.org](mailto:jsmi1234@csd99.org))
5. Password is determined by the student

If you have not logged into Naviance recently, you need to click on “Forgot your password?” on the login screen, enter your email, and then check your email for a temporary password. YOU CANNOT COPY AND PASTE THAT PASSWORD INTO THE NAVIANCE LOGIN SCREEN. You need to type it into the password box.

# **Naviance - Calendar Dates**

**March 4** - College Exploration Night, 6:45pm, DGS Auditorium

**March 14** - SAT Test (National Date) - DGS is a test site

**April 1** - District 204 Lyons Township High School College Fair  
- North Campus (LaGrange), 6:00 - 8:00pm

**April 4** - ACT Test (National Date)

**April 14** - SAT Test (State of Illinois only) - all DGS juniors  
- this is an official test/score

# Naviance

Click on Colleges

Click on any of these to get much more information related to that topic.....

Home **Colleges** Careers

COLLEGES  
Home

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I'm thinking about

COLLEGES  
I'm applying to

Find Your Fit >

Research Colleges >

Apply to College >

Scholarships and Money >

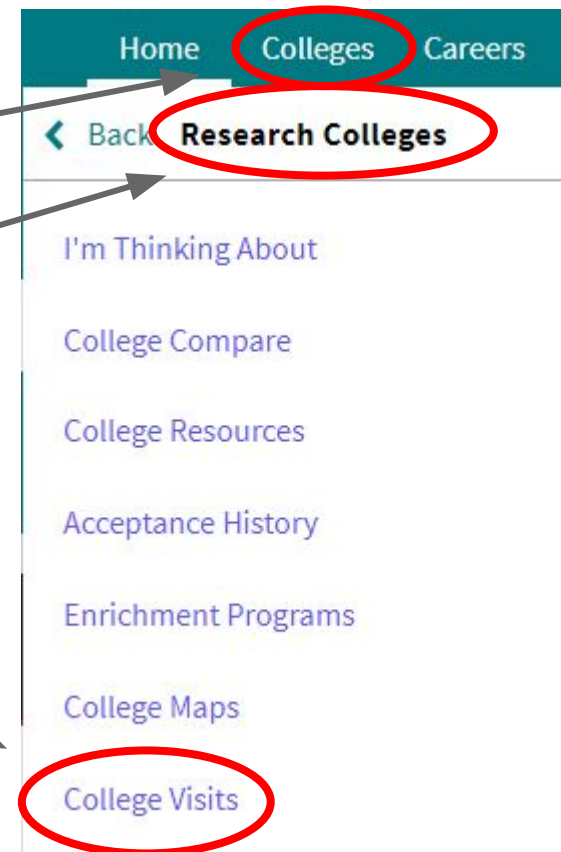
# Naviance - College Representative Visits

To find the College Visit list,

**Click** on Colleges

**Click** on Research Colleges

**Click** on College Visits



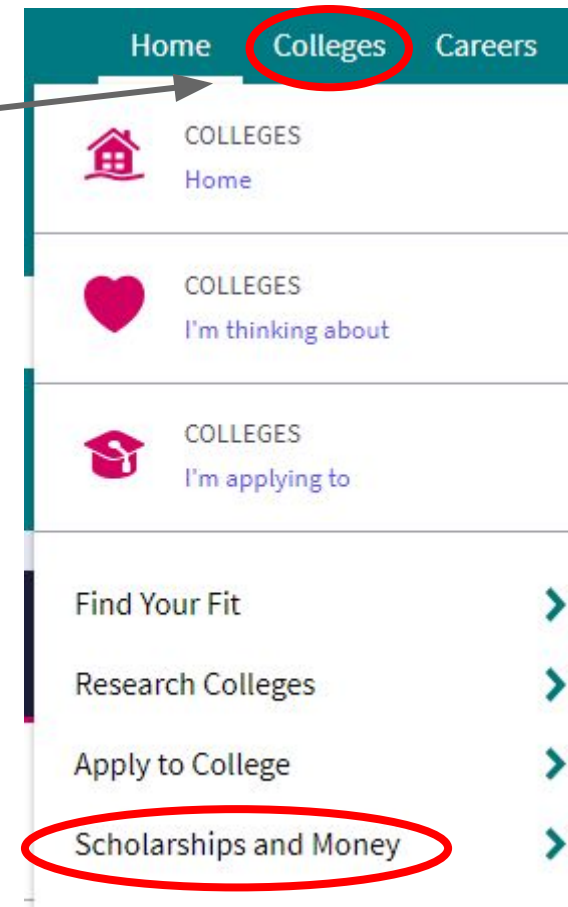
# Naviance - Scholarships

Scholarships are posted in Naviance as DGS receives them throughout the school year. Check the list regularly.

To find information about Scholarships:

Click on Colleges

Click on Scholarships and Money





**Any Questions??**

**Please complete the Post Survey  
that was emailed to you this  
morning from  
Ms. Klug!**

**Thank you!**