

Seton Guidance Corner

May 4, 2023

Senior Exit Interviews Began this Week

All seniors will be meeting with Mr. Geary for their Senior Exit Interviews. Meetings began this week and will continue over the next couple of weeks. Next week's schedule will be posted today. Remember to bring your completed questionnaire to the meeting (the one sent to you by Mrs. Guyant in Jupiter Ed).

How do Colleges View High School Transcripts?

Your high school transcript is often the first part of the application an admissions officer will review. Why? Colleges want to make sure that you will be ready to handle the rigors of college. The transcript tells a bigger story than just your overall GPA.

All high schools use different GPA calculations and course weights, so it is essentially impossible for colleges to compare the numerical GPA from one high school to another. (Many universities, in fact, will recalculate your GPA to more fairly compare and evaluate students from different high schools.) Because all high schools are different, universities look to see how you performed in each individual course. What classes did you take? Was there a progression in the rigor from year to year?

Admissions officers will emphasize your junior year and first semester senior grades. Your junior year is the last full year of coursework that you provide, assuming you apply without a gap year, and your senior year should be the most challenging set of courses on your record. Admissions counselors will also look for trends in your grades. If you struggled early in high school, but your grades and GPA have increased by senior year, an admissions officer will positively view the upward trend. That is definitely a plus for your application!

Are you worried about a lower grade on your transcript? Keep in mind that one grade on your transcript does not tell colleges everything they need to know about you, and other factors (i.e., essays, test scores, letters of recommendation and extracurricular involvement) give admissions officers a fuller picture of each applicant. (<https://acceptu.com/blog/how-will-colleges-view-my-high-school-transcript>)

Choosing the Military: The Basics

Click [here](#) for a helpful military check list and [here](#) for a video on "How to Become a Military Officer."

Earn a Degree in Construction

Construction is a growing industry with a vibrant workforce. A career in the industry offers many practical benefits, including strong earning potential, job security, and opportunities for advancement. STONEPILE is the first college dedicated to the field of construction and provides the opportunity for an Associate in Applied Science in Construction and/or a Bachelor of Applied Science in Construction Management allowing students to gain marketable construction and leadership skills. Students have the opportunity to try classes for five weeks at STONEPILE at no cost or obligation. For more information, visit <https://stonepile.us/try-for-5-weeks-at-no-cost/>.

Pamplin's Inspiring Possibilities Academy

Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business is hosting a ten-day summer academy for rising seniors from Thurs. July 6 through Sat. July 15. The program will be held at VT's campus in Blacksburg. Participants will learn about Pamplin's academic programs, contribute to an applied team project, and engage with faculty, peer mentors, and alumni. Selected applicants will have all costs of attendance covered including room and board. This program is for students who are interested in studying business and applying to Virginia Tech this fall. Application deadline is May 15. For more information and to apply visit <https://pamplin.vt.edu/deib/programs/pip.html>.

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – May 20 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – May 15

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

SAT Test Date – June 3

Registration Deadline – May 4

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

ACT Test Date – June 10

Registration Deadline – May 5

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

Scholarship Opportunities

Community Leadership Scholarship

\$1,000 Scholarship

Deadline: June 15, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18230/community-leadership-scholarship>

Navigate Your Future Scholarship

\$2,500 Scholarship

Deadline: June 30, 2023

Applicants must be pursuing an education in the aviation industry.

https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16220/navigate_your_future_scholarship

CIA Undergraduate Scholarship Program

\$25,000 Scholarship

Deadline: June 30, 2023

This program is a financial needs-based initiative in which students are exposed to intelligence challenges while performing meaningful work that relates to their college majors.

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9529/cia-undergraduate-scholarship-program>

Women in Trades Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: June 30, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18997/women-in-trades-scholarship>

Automotive Hall of Fame Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: June 30, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9506/automotive-hall-of-fame-scholarships>

**Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*