



**RICHARD MONTGOMERY** HIGH SCHOOL

# The College Application Process

Summer 2022

# Agenda

## **Post Secondary Planning**

- Support System and Resources
- Naviance Student
- Preparing Application Materials

# Support System and Resources

- Counselors
- College and Career Coordinator,  
Ms. Beryllynn Jeanpierre
- Registrar, Mrs. Erin Stamets
- Teachers

## The Counselors are Responsible for.....

Writing recommendations for all students applying to 4- year colleges or a scholarship program at Montgomery College

- **Brag sheet and interview**

**\*Parent Input** - Parents can use this [document](#) to share information with their child's counselor that they would like considered in the writing of the counselor's letter. This is optional.

# The Counseling Office is Responsible for.....

**Sending Official Student/school materials including:** *(sent electronically whenever possible.)*

- Student Transcript
- Secondary School Report Form
- School Profile

## The Counseling Office and Career Center Can Also Provide Information on.....

- College admissions – helping to choose colleges that are good matches for students
- College visits – meeting with college admissions officers when they visit RM
- Scholarships – providing information on scholarship programs that may be appropriate for students to apply for

## Teachers are Responsible for....

- Sending recommendations for students for whom they have agreed to write
- Sending the Common App teacher recommendation form with their recommendation

## In the Fall, Students are Responsible for.....

- Requesting transcripts both through Naviance and a google form\*
- Requesting teacher recommendations both in person/via email and through Naviance\*
  - **Give your teachers AT LEAST one month's notice** prior to your deadline
  - **NOTE: Most schools will require one or two teacher recommendations**
- Sending in applications BY THE DEADLINE
- Sending in SAT or ACT scores (unless applying test optional)
- Sending in financial aid application materials

**\*Counselors will visit Senior English classes in early September to demonstrate how to request electronic transcripts and teacher recommendations.**





Naviance | *Student*

# Naviance

Naviance is a free, comprehensive online program that assists students and parents with:

- College and Career Planning
- College Application Process
- Scholarship Searches

## Naviance Features

- College Search and Comparison
- **Scattergrams**
- Career Exploration
- Free online SAT, ACT, AP Tests Preparation
- Scholarship List
- **College Visits to RMHS**
- **Electronic Transcript Request Tracking**
- Resume Builder and Journal
- **Student Brag Sheets**

Search For Colleges

Type a college name

SEARCH

The home screen of Naviance has important information! You can see announcements and updates in the top left box. You can visit the “Colleges I’m thinking about” and “Colleges I’m applying to” from the My Favorites box. Under ‘What’s New’ see the College Visit schedule in the fall.

### Testing schedule

Many Juniors stop by and ask when should I take my first official SAT or ACT. I like to recommend students take the March SAT or the February ACT after they have taken the PSAT in the fall. This allows students plenty of time to see how they scored, determine if they need to take a prep class, then take another official exam by the end of the year. It also allows students time to take any required SAT Subject tests. Getting your testing done by the end of your Junior year will enable

[Read more](#)

### Important To-Dos and Tasks

TASK Scholarship search

### My Favorites

COLLEGES  
I'm thinking about

COLLEGES  
I'm applying to

COURSES  
I'm thinking about

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS  
I'm thinking about

### What's New

Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later.

Add a college to your “College’s I’m thinking about list” by clicking the heart icon.

Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

University of Maryland-Baltimore County  
Baltimore, MD, United States  
umbc.edu

Virtual Tour Communicate Apply Online Learn More

Overview Studies Student Life Admissions Costs Spotlights



Clicking on the ‘College’s’ tab at the top allows you to search for specific colleges to see information like price, graduation rate, acceptance rate, college overlaps, application deadlines, etc.

AVERAGE NET PRICE

**\$14,979**

Family Income

\$0 - \$30k

[More about Cost & Aid](#)

GRADUATION RATE

**44%**

4 Year  
[More about learning environment](#)

ACCEPTANCE RATE

**69%**

[Check out Scattergrams to see how this relates to you](#)

COLLEGE OVERLAPS

**10**

[See other colleges that applicants to this school also applied to](#)


NEXT DEADLINE

November

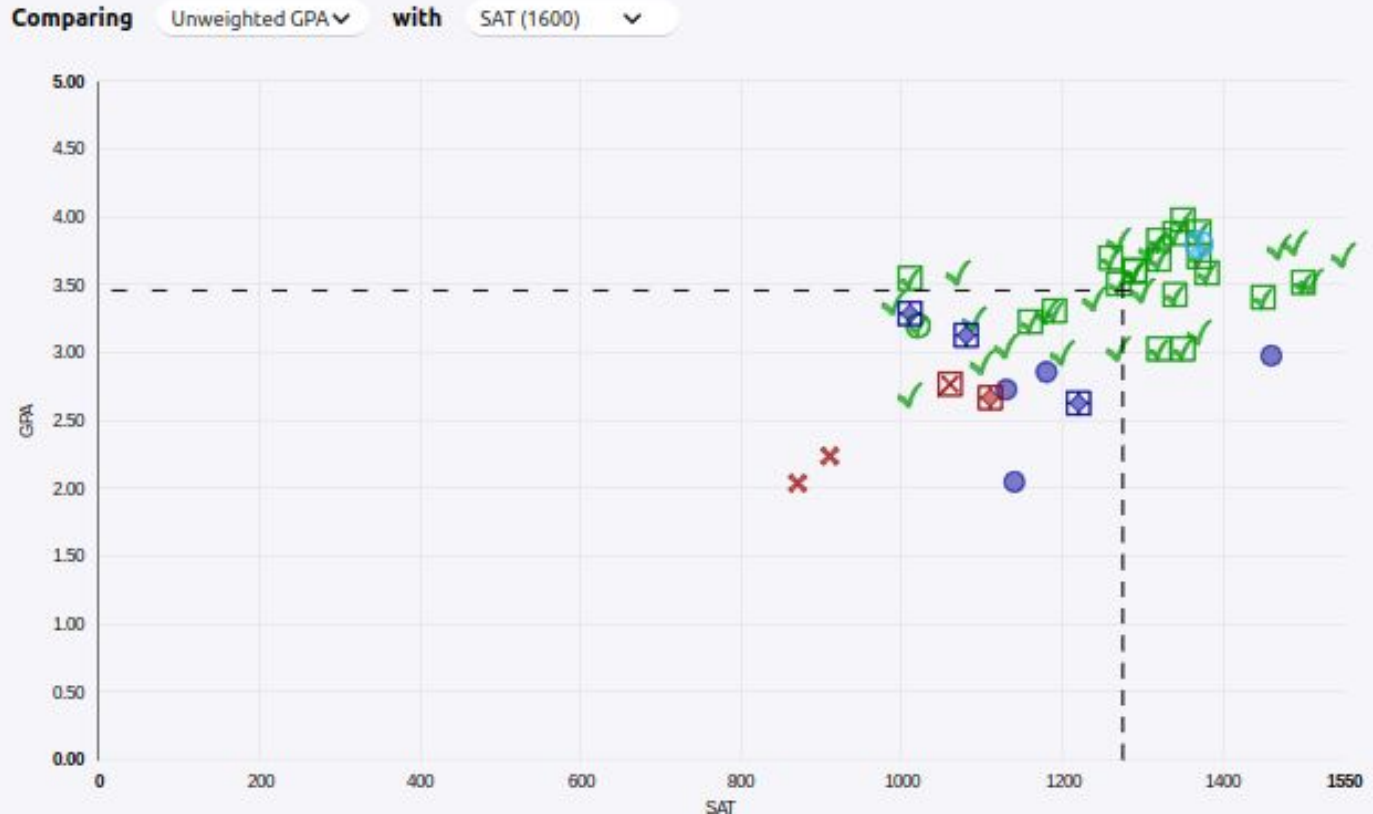
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Fall 2022 Term  
**Early Action Deadline**

[See all deadlines](#)

Under the “Admissions” tab on a College’s information page you can see the Scattergram. Scattergrams give data points for each student from RMHS who has applied in the past few years. The data points represent the student’s standardized test scores and GPA. The points also indicate whether the student was admitted, waitlisted, or denied at a particular school. Via a box drawn on the graph, the scattergram also indicates the average GPA and average SAT/ACT that was accepted at that college. The  icon represents where you fall on the graph based on your GPA and SAT or ACT scores.

## Scattergrams | Applications for Richard Montgomery High School



# Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List

Compare Me

UPDATE INTEREST

MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

REMOVE

+ = extended profile available

College	Delivery type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest	
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgetown University		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A	MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Maryland-College Park		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A	MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> * Northeastern University		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A	MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> * Salisbury University		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A	MORE
<input type="checkbox"/> * Towson University		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines	N/A	MORE



The 'Colleges I'm thinking about' page allows you to keep track of all schools that you are interested in. This page has important information such as application delivery type, application deadlines, and a link to the college information page.

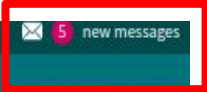


College	Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type
* American University	RD	Regular Decision January 15	N/A	requested	Pending	CA
* Emory University	ED	Early Decision November 1	N/A	requested	Pending	?
* Frostburg State University	RD	Regular Decision February 15	N/A	requested	Pending	CA
* University of Maryland-Baltimore County	EA	Early Action November 1	N/A	requested	Pending	?

In the fall, students will add colleges to the 'Colleges I'm applying to' page to request their transcripts. This page indicates your selected decision type and deadline, and allows you to see the status of your transcript requests. If successfully requested, 'requested' will appear under Transcripts. Under Office Materials, the status will change from Pending to Sent once the transcript has been submitted. If you see "no request" under Transcripts this means you did not actually request your transcript and need to do so.



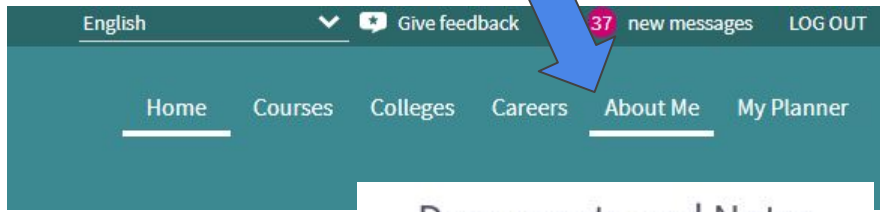
Check your Naviance messages frequently! Ms. Jeanpierre will send out upcoming events and announcements.



## Messages

5 Messages (5 New)

	From	Subject	Received On
NEW	Mary Hull	<a href="#">Webinar on the ACT and SAT and College Admissions during COVID</a>	Jul 6, 2020 4:06 PM
NEW	Mary Hull	<a href="#">MoCo Student needs you!</a>	Jul 6, 2020 2:50 PM
NEW	Mary Hull	<a href="#">Common Application Workshop Presentation</a>	Jul 6, 2020 12:42 PM
NEW	Mary Hull	<a href="#">Asian American Progressive Student Union</a>	Jul 6, 2020 12:00 PM
NEW	Mary Hull	<a href="#">2020 Graduation Survey</a>	Apr 30, 2020 4:20 PM



## Documents and Notes

Resume

Goals

Portfolio

Journal

Test Scores

Documents Shared with Me

## Surveys

Surveys from Your School

Game Plan Survey



## My Surveys

Filter by

In progress

Student Brag Sheet

IN PROGRESS



If you have not completed your Bragsheet yet, do so ASAP! This will help your counselor with your college recommendation letter (which almost all colleges require). Find the bragsheet by clicking on the 'About Me' tab at the top right and then 'Survey's from your school.' Open the bragsheet and type in your responses. Save often!

## How do I Access Naviance?

- <https://student.naviance.com/rmhs>
- Or use the link on the RMHS Counseling Page  
<https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/guidance/>
- Parents can access Naviance by emailing Ms. Jeanpierre or their students counselor **only after** their child has set up an account.

## Other Valuable Tools and Websites

- Unigo ([www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)) **Unigo** is an online business matching students with colleges, scholarships, internships, student loans, majors and careers. Also offers thousands of first hand college reviews from current and former students and alumni.
- College Board - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ACT – [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Common Application - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Coalition Application-<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- FAFSA - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Maryland State Financial Assistance Programs & Applications (MHEC – Md. Higher Education Commission) - <https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/description.s.aspx>
- Fastweb ([www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)) Fastweb is an online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for school



***Game Time: Preparing  
application materials***

# Evaluating an Application: What do Colleges Consider?

- Transcript
  - GPA, Courses & Grades
- Optional Testing: SAT or ACT Scores
- Essay(s)
- Extracurricular Activities
- Letters of Recommendation

## What Should Students Be Doing Now?

- Participate in [free summer webinars!](#)
- Work on college essays
- Participate in SAT/ACT testing (if applicable)
- Spend your time productively
- Narrow down and solidify the list of schools you want to apply to
- Sign up for college tours (virtual or in-person)
- Begin your online applications

## Fall of Senior Year

- Add colleges to your list in Naviance to track deadlines.
- Work on applications.
- Request transcripts through Naviance, the google form, and pay any transcript fees.
- Request teacher recommendations through Naviance.
- Complete applications for any colleges that have deadlines between Oct 15 and Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.



# Fall of Senior Year: Financial Aid

- Complete the Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - Application opens Oct 1, 2022
  - Complete the form as soon as possible to insure the best possible access to financial aid
- Complete all supplemental applications and materials required to apply for financial aid at your different colleges
- Do an online search for scholarship opportunities
  - Avoid scams - do not consider any offer that requires that you pay money to apply.
  - Check out the Maryland Higher Education Commission website to see if you are eligible for any of the Maryland state grant programs.  
[www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us)
- Check deadlines – Many merit scholarship deadlines coincide with early application/early decision deadlines

# Special Considerations

- **Athletes:**

- Student athletes intending to play NCAA Division I or II sports must register with the NCAA [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)
- On the NCAA website, look at the eligibility requirements in regards to required courses and GPA.

- **IB Students:**

- Many schools will award advanced placement or credit for scores on IB tests, but can vary by university. Look at each university's webpage for specifics. The [IB World Organization](http://www.ibo.org) website also has some information on the policies at different universities as well.

- **Students with special needs:**

- Consider speaking with the student services office at any school you are visiting, or to which you are applying. Ask how they support students with special needs, esp. if they have a 504 or IEP.

# RMHS COUNSELORS

Counselor	Student's Last Name Begins With
<a href="#"><u>Mrs. Antoinette Phillips</u></a>	K
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Evan Anderson</u></a>	G, H, I
<a href="#"><u>Mrs. Shannon Chen</u></a>	C, E
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Paul Craft</u></a>	P, R, U
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Rachel Greene</u></a>	Beo-Bz, L
<a href="#"><u>Mrs. Erica LeBright</u></a>	A, W, X
<a href="#"><u>Mrs. Brigid McKelvey</u></a>	J, N, O, Q, Y, Z
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Julie Colatrella</u></a>	D, T, V
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Marcus Turner</u></a>	F, M
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Geoffrey Finch</u></a>	Ba-Ben, S

# Thank You!!

RMHS School Counseling Office

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Fax: 301-279-4255

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/guidance/>



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