

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

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Dream

Explore majors and careers:

- ✓ Personality Test survey and results in Naviance
- ✓ Career Interest Profiler survey and results in Naviance
- ✓ Explore Careers & Clusters section in Naviance
- ✓ College Board's *Book of Majors* or online at: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>
- ✓ Attend Career Speaker Series at Paly in March
- ✓ Attend Career Programs Fair at Paly in March
- ✓ Attend Community College Week activities at Paly in March
- ✓ Attend a local Gap Year Fair: <https://usagapyearfairs.org/fairs/>

Prepare

- ✓ Verify the 4-year plan created in Advisory has you on track to meet graduation and college entrance requirements
- ✓ Practice for SAT/ACT exams using Prep Me in Naviance (for ACT); send PSAT scores from College Board to Khan Academy for customized SAT practice
- ✓ Take SAT/ACT exam
- ✓ Participate in relevant enrichment opportunities (search for them in Naviance)

Search

Identify colleges that fit your goals, interests, needs:

- ✓ SuperMatch college search survey in Naviance
- ✓ College Board's Big Future College Search survey
- ✓ *The College Finder* (Antonoff) or www.collegexpress.com/lists
- ✓ College Maps in Naviance
- ✓ Resource list: www.paly.net/college/college-search
- ✓ Resources for Community College: <http://www.paly.net/college/post-high-school-options-other-4-year-schools>
- ✓ Learn about taking a Gap Year and available programs: <http://www.paly.net/college/post-high-school-options-other-4-year-schools>

Investigate

Learn more about colleges:

- ✓ Colleges' websites: mission statement, virtual tour, gen. ed./core reqs, depts., academic advising, campus life (housing, food, sports, clubs, Greek life), undergraduate research, career center and internships, study abroad, community service
- ✓ Read Counselor Notes from rep's visit to Paly in Naviance college profile
- ✓ % out-of-state students, residential vs. commuter campus, ethnic diversity (consult College Board college profile)
- ✓ Academic climate and social culture (consult *The Fiske Guide to College* and *The Insider's Guide to College*)
- ✓ If considering collegiate athletics, learn about NCAA Division 1 and 2 course, GPA, and test requirements; register with NCAA Eligibility Center: www.paly.net/sites/default/files/Paly_AthletesNewsletter_rev.pdf

Focus

Track college specs: www.paly.net/sites/default/files/CollegeTrackingChart.pdf

- ✓ Course requirements: # of years of subjects/courses, college-entrance tests, kind and # of teacher recommendations (information found on Naviance, College Board, Common App, or college websites)
- ✓ Selectivity (national stats from College Board & Paly stats from Naviance School Statistics and scattergram Graphs): admit rate %, mid-range test scores, and average GPA from previous year's admitted students
- ✓ Financial aid requirements and deadlines
- ✓ Ask for letters of recommendation from 2 academic teachers of core subjects (preferably from junior year); learn about how to do so in the *Viking Guide*

Experience

- ✓ Attend college fairs and local receptions: www.paly.net/college/making_most_college_fair
- ✓ Meet with college representatives visiting Paly: www.paly.net/college/college-visits
- ✓ Visit colleges (see planning presentation http://www.paly.net/sites/default/files/Planning%20a%20College%20Visit_ms.pdf); see list of Paly grads at the colleges you're considering (in the C&CC)
- ✓ Interview with Admissions office or local alums: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/interviews/college-interviews-the-basics> (and, see Naviance Document Library)

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Build

- ✓ Starting with a solid foundation, develop a balanced list of 8-10 colleges: at least 2 likely schools, perhaps 2 reaches, but mostly matches. See "How Can I Determine if a College is a Likely, Target, or Reach" in the Building a College List section of the *Viking Guide*.
- ✓ Track application requirements and deadlines, as well as financial aid deadlines: www.paly.net/sites/default/files/College%20Tracking%20Chart%20for%20Viking%20Guidev3.pdf
- ✓ Meet and review list with your College Advisor (Cernobori A-K; Mendoza L-Z; Laguna-Community College)

Apply

- ✓ Map out all writing topics: main essays and any supplementary writing
- ✓ Invite (and assign) recommenders in the Common App and/or other applications by the Paly deadline(s)
- ✓ Complete applications, online:
 - www.paly.net/sites/default/files/Tips%20For%20Completing%20the%20UC%20App%20Online17-18.pdf
 - www.paly.net/sites/default/files/Tips%20for%20Completing%20the%20CSU%20App%2018%20v4.pdf
 - www.paly.net/sites/default/files/Common%20App%20Directions%20for%20seniors%202017-18.pdf
 - <http://home.cccapply.org/>

Submit

- ✓ Cover Sheet to Guidance by Paly deadline(s)
- ✓ School Form Packet (addressed, stamped manila envelope with Secondary School Report & NACAC form) to Guidance department, by Paly deadline for Non-Common App schools requiring a School Report (counselor letter) (not CSUs/UCs)
- ✓ If the college doesn't accept online teacher recommendations or your teachers prefer to mail recommendations, give stamped, addressed business-size envelope with Teacher Evaluation form to your teachers

Discover

Scholarship opportunities: www.paly.net/college/scholarship_resources

Order

- ✓ Official Test Score Report from College Board and/or ACT to be sent to colleges (and NCAA, if applicable)
- ✓ Transcripts, if applicable, by Paly deadlines to be sent to colleges: www.paly.net/college/parchment-transcript-information (and NCAA, if applicable)
- ✓ Mid-year transcripts, if applicable, by Paly deadlines to be sent to colleges

Complete

File the FAFSA and any other financial aid forms: www.paly.net/college/financial_aid

Decide

Attend "Admitted Student" events

Act

- ✓ Submit Intent to Enroll by May 1
- ✓ Sign up for housing, if applicable
- ✓ Accept or decline offers of financial aid
- ✓ Sign up for Orientation
- ✓ Take math & English Placement Tests, if required
- ✓ Order final transcript to be sent to college (and NCAA, if applicable)

Reflect

Send thank-you to teachers/TAs and others who've helped or supported you through the college search and application process

Participate

- ✓ Visit campus resources: tutoring services, health center, advising, career center, other support services
- ✓ Join clubs and organizations, do community service, pursue internship opportunities
- ✓ Check out Events calendar and participate in activities

Live

- ✓ Manage your time, exercise, eat, and sleep!
- ✓ Stay in touch with family and friends

Succeed!!!

DO NOT GIVE ANY APPLICATION FORMS DIRECTLY TO YOUR TEACHER ADVISOR!!!

PALY DEADLINES: 2018-2019

The Paly deadline indicates the latest date to **order your transcripts online, assign recommenders in the Common App, and turn in your Cover Sheet for College Applications with any needed packets.**

If your application is due to the college by:	Order your transcripts online, assign recommenders in the Common App, and turn in school forms to the Guidance Office.
October 15	September 4, Tuesday
November 1	September 24, Monday
November 15	October 8, Monday
November 30 / December 1	October 15, Monday
December 15	November 5, Monday
January 1	November 13, Tuesday
January 10 / January 15	November 26, Monday
February 1	January 9, Wednesday
February 15	January 22, Tuesday
March 1	February 11, Monday

If you miss these deadlines, we will not be able to send Paly's part of your application by the college due date. This will jeopardize your application.



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