COLLEGE
101

NAVIGATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE
COLLEGE 101
OVERVIEW

Choosing a College

Preparing for College
• Academic preparation
• What to do
• Timelines

Paying for College
• Applying for financial aid
• Scholarships/ Special Guest
CHOOSING A COLLEGE
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Small vs large
Public vs private
San Angelo or Elsewhere
Location - weather
In-state vs Out of State Tuition
Scholarships
Cost to attend
Field of study
Classroom size
Student support services (ex. Tutoring)
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Living Environment
- On vs off campus
- Residence halls

Academics
- Majors, minors, concentrations
- Level of degree
- Honors or study abroad programs
- Research opportunities
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Activities

- Student organizations
- Club sports
- Intramurals
- Fitness facilities

College Culture

- Academics
- Social
- Sports
EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Where will YOU be the most happy?
What type of career will YOU enjoy?
Research the salary and job outlook
This is YOUR opportunity
NOW THAT YOU HAVE NARROWED DOWN YOUR OPTIONS...
THE COLLEGE VISIT

When to visit?
  • Spring of junior year or summer/fall of senior year

Why visit?
  • The experience

Who should go?

Where to go?
TIPS FOR VISITING COLLEGES

Ask Questions
Be prepared
Check out EVERYTHING... dorms, classrooms, library, cafeteria..
Talk with students and faculty
Speak to Financial Aid Office
Observe the facility
Check on campus safety
THE WELL-ROUNDED STUDENT

What is a well-rounded student?

• Solid writing skills
• Community involvement
• Strong leadership and organizational skills
• Extra curricular involvement
BUILDING YOUR NETWORK

Let teachers/counselors know who you are!

- Share academic goals
- Mentoring and guidance

Letters of Recommendation

- Share your resume
- Provide sufficient time
CONTINUE TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF – GRADES DO MATTER SENIOR YEAR!
TAKING OWNERSHIP

High School and College are NOT the same STUDENTS…

- Take ownership of and responsibility for the entire process. This is YOUR college opportunity; not anyone else's.
WHAT TO DO NEXT
SAT

www.collegeboard.com

Consists of three sections

• Critical Reading
• Math
• Writing

Each section ranges from 200-800 points

Highest score is 2400

Most universities mainly focus on critical reading and math (1600 scale)

Upcoming Test Dates with Open Registration

• December 3rd – Late Registration through November 22nd
• January 21st - Deadline December 21st / Late is January 10th
ACT

ACT.org

Consists of five subject areas

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Writing

Composite score range from 1-36

Accepted by all colleges and universities

Upcoming Test Dates

- December 10th – Late registration through Nov. 18th
- February 11th – Late registration through January 20th
SENIORS...APPLY TODAY!!!
THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Texas Common Application

- Opens September 1st for seniors
- $35 Fee – Fee Waiver available from Up & Coming Scholars
- Submit High School transcript
- Submit SAT/ACT scores
TIMELINES TO COLLEGE
JUNIOR TIMELINE

Prepare/take ACT or SAT

Explore colleges
  • Make a list of schools that interest you

Plan college visit days

Attend UCS event at the end of junior year

Utilize the perks of the UCS program
SENIOR TIMELINE
(FALL)

Start applying to colleges (ASU application opens on September 1st)
If applying to ASU, Fee Waiver is available
Apply for scholarships (more about that in a bit)
Complete the FAFSA
SENIOR TIMELINE (SPRING)

Continue to apply for scholarships

Register for New Student Orientation (one you are accepted and get the info about this)

Attend UCS High School Graduation Celebration

Submit final high school transcript, meningitis record, etc. as requested BEFORE Orientation
PAYING FOR COLLEGE
TIPS FOR PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Fill out the FAFSA

- This determines what federal/state loans, grants, and/or work study you might qualify for

Visit the ASU “Paying for College page”

- FAQs
- Tuition Estimator
- Breakdown of loans, grants, scholarships

Apply for scholarships

- More details to follow
- Don’t miss the deadlines!!!
- Check out the ASU Scholarships office or webpage
TUITION AND FEES AT ASU

Cost of 15 semester credit hours (SCH) at Angelo State

- $4,019 (per semester)
- Based on Fall 2016/Spring 2017 Undergraduate Resident Tuition and Fees chart
- Does not include books, parking, housing, transportation, etc.
- Distance Education Course Surcharge $50 per semester credit hour
- Tuition and Fees are subject to change
SPECIAL GUEST

Kay Dornes

• Junior at Angelo State University
• From Waco, TX
• Major: Social Work
• ROTC involvement; Cadet, 1st Lieutenant
• Has applied to more than 450 scholarships since Fall 2013
• Goal when she came to college was to be debt free!!!
• Future Plans: to commission as an Air Force Officer (2nd Lieutenant) upon graduation from ASU