



Senior College Presentation

2015-2016 school year

Information Locations

- ◆ Guidance Office
- ◆ Guidance Bulletin Board in Hallway
- ◆ Guidance web-page at www.hardinnorthern.org
- ◆ Modern History Class and Homeroom.
- ◆ Students need to be responsible for seeking out information!

Types of Degrees/College

- ◆ Licensure/certificate- short period of time. 6 weeks to 1 year
- ◆ Associate- "2 year degree"
- ◆ Bachelors- "4 year Degree"- Liberal Arts College. **Semester vs. Quarter**
- ◆ Masters- 1-3 years in addition to Bachelors
- ◆ PhD- 1-3 years in addition to Masters.

* College Costs

- ◆ Associates- \$3,000 to \$6,000 per year. Typically no housing available
- ◆ Bachelors (BS or BA) Two types of school
- ◆ Public Schools- OSU, Wright State, BG etc.- \$7,000 to \$13,000 per year. Housing is another \$8,000 to \$11,000 per year.
- ◆ Private Colleges- Bluffton, ONU, Findlay etc.- \$10,000 to \$48,000 per year plus room and board. (Similar to Public)

* How to Choose

- ◆ Look at information available in Guidance office. Summary books for Ohio Schools, course description books.
- ◆ Look at colleges' web sites.
- ◆ College visits to HN
- ◆ College campus visits
- ◆ Do a google search for Ohio means jobs k12
- ◆ Decide on a major, then pick the degree level you need, then pick the school.

Applying for College

- ◆ Recommend Applying by December 1.
- ◆ If not 100% convinced on what school to apply to, apply to 2 or 3. (one public, one private, **one 2 year**)
- ◆ Application fee is between \$30 and \$60. Many schools waive if you visit the campus.
- ◆ Take your time. Type any essays you need to write and attach them.
- ◆ Include as many activities as you can think of. Put together a list of your activities.
- ◆ Apply on-line or hard copy, need transcript sent from HN to college.

Things that look good on applications.

- ◆ COMMUNITY SERVICE
- ◆ GPA
- ◆ Attendance
- ◆ School participation
- ◆ Awards and recognitions.
- ◆ ACT/SAT scores
- ◆ It's not too late to get involved, especially in community service.

College Entrance Exams

- ◆ Two Tests- most colleges accept either.
- ◆ ACT- Science, Math, English, Reading = a composite score. 21 is average. 30 (99 percentile) will get you into any school.
- ◆ Note: colleges look at all four areas to determine college readiness and many schools will mix and match scores from multiple testing attempts.
- ◆ Some colleges are requiring students to take the new writing component of the test. See www.act.org/aap/writingpref for complete list

College Entrance Exams cont.

- ◆ SAT- Verbal, Math, and writing combine to give a composite score.
- ◆ 2100 will get you into any school you want. 800 possible on each section. 2400 total.
- ◆ Writing portion is now a part of the core test.

Paying for College

- ◆ Financial Aid comes in several types
- ◆ Scholarships- money earned through ability/performance. Is not repaid.
- ◆ Grants- money earned because of financial need/hardship. Is not repaid
- ◆ Work Study- money is earned from the college attending in exchange for physical work. You work for university. This money does not count against you on next FAFSA.
- ◆ Loan- money borrowed from a bank, government, or college- must be paid back with interest.

Scholarships

- ◆ The more local the scholarship, the better chance you have.
- ◆ Apply for scholarships from the school(s) you apply too. Often a separate application.
- ◆ Watch for scholarships that you qualify for because of a unique characteristic.
- ◆ Check the HN guidance web page regularly for a current list of scholarships available in the guidance office.
www.hardinnorthern.org/guidance

FAFSA

- ◆ Fill out the FAFSA form after January 1. Based on the past year's earnings for parent(s) and student.
- ◆ Allows the federal and state governments to determine what grants and loans you are eligible for.
- ◆ Most colleges use the FAFSA form to determine what college grants they will give you.

Grants/Loans

- ◆ Grants do not have to be paid back. Most students filling out the FAFSA form will get some Grant money.
- ◆ Government loans are usually low interest loans that don't have to be paid back until out of college. (grad or not)
- ◆ Bank loans should be a last resort!!
- ◆ Avoid loans if at all possible!!

Work Study

- ◆ Many colleges will offer you employment at the college in exchange for tuition/room and board.
- ◆ Earnings do NOT count against you on the next year's FAFSA form!! Where as employment at a factory or restaurant do!!

Athletic Scholarships

- ◆ NCAA Clearinghouse is for students competing at Division 1 or 2 NCAA schools.
- ◆ Register any time during senior year
- ◆ Register at www.NCAA.org Cost is \$50
- ◆ Must meet minimum standards in 14 core courses and ACT/SAT score.
- ◆ Division III does not give scholarships
- ◆ NAIA also has a clearinghouse this year.

Summary

- ◆ Apply to more than one school.
- ◆ Compare financial offers from each school. Mid March.
- ◆ Attend the school that offers what you want to study and fits your financial situation.