



# Class of 2019

Junior Year: Spring Semester

# Goals



- At the conclusion of this presentation you will better understand:
  - the post-secondary options available to you
  - the process for scheduling an official college campus visit
  - the differences between the SAT and ACT as well as when to register for these tests (ASAP!)
  - factors involved in college admission decisions
  - things to consider when selecting your senior year coursework

# Post-Secondary Options



- 2 Year College
- 4 Year Colleges/Universities
- Technical Institutes and Professional Schools
- Military
  - Service Academies
  - ROTC
  - Enlist/Reserves

# Thomas Nelson Community College



- Associates degrees offered through a wide variety of disciplines
- Benefits of attending Thomas Nelson:
  - Lower costs for transferable coursework
  - Relationships with local and regional 4-year institutions for transfer
    - Transfer scholarship opportunities
  - Opportunity for students to explore areas of interests

# College Match...

## Things to Consider



### Look at Yourself:

#### Determine your Interest and Goals

- Academic
- Career/Proposed Major
- Extracurricular Activities

### Look at your Institutional Options

- Size
- Location
- Cost
- Admissions Requirements
- Private vs. Public
- Special Programs

# Scheduling an Official College Campus Visit



- Visit the college or university's admissions website to schedule an OFFICIAL campus tour.
  - Campus tour
  - Dorm tour
  - Classroom visitation
- Register online
- Sometimes you may need to call the admissions office at smaller universities

# Who should register with the clearinghouse?



- A student who plans to attend an NCAA Division I or II institution and who wishes to participate in intercollegiate athletics.
  - This also applies to walk-on's
- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- SEE YOUR ATHLETIC COACH if you are interested in pursuing varsity athletics in college!



# Standardized Exams



- SAT
- ACT
- SAT Subject Exams
- AP



# ACT



## Basic Information

- 3 hour college entrance exam
- Composed of 4 tests
  - English usage
  - Mathematics
  - Reading
  - Science Reasoning
  - 30 minute optional writing test (highly recommended)
- Score range 1-36 for each area
- Writing test score range 2-12
- **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK ANSWERS!**  
**ALWAYS GUESS!**

## [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- Exam Date: Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Exam Date: April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Exam Date: June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Exam Date: July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Exam Date: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>
- Exam Date: Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

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# SAT



## Basic Information

- 3 hour college entrance exam
- Composed of 2 tests
  - Critical Reading
  - Mathematics
- Scores range 200-800 for each area
- 50 minute optional writing section (highly recommend)
- **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK ANSWERS! ALWAYS GUESS!**

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

- Exam Date: March 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Exam Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>**
- Exam Date: May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Exam Date: June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Exam Date: Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>
- Exam Date: Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Exam Date: Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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# SUPERSCORE



- Many colleges “superscore”
  - Highest reading + Highest math across all exam attempts = your Superscore
  - Superscoring benefits you as a student
- **NOT ALL COLLEGES SUPERSCORE!!!**
  - It is up to you to check your college’s websites to confirm whether or not they superscore for admissions AND scholarship purposes!!!

# SAT @ WCA!!



**Who?** WCA 11<sup>th</sup> graders only

**What?** WCA will host an SAT during the SCHOOL DAY!

**When?** Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8 am

**Where?** Right here at WCA!

**Why?** To provide an opportunity for you to take the test on your home turf!

**Information will be emailed to parents this week.**

# SAT Subject Test



- 1 hour test that measures knowledge and skills in a particular subject and a student's ability to apply the knowledge
- Scores range 200-800
- Colleges may use these scores in several ways.
  - Admissions purposes – check specific schools' websites
  - Award college course credit
  - Help place students in the appropriate college courses

# AP Exams



- Taken each May as the culmination of an Advanced Placement course
- Benefits include:
  - Potentially earning college credit
  - Practice preparing for and sitting for a comprehensive standardized exam (gain confidence, reduce anxiety)



# AP Exams



- Scores are not used in college admissions, but rather to award college credit
- YOU control whether or not colleges see the scores, and what scores they see

(BTW, you already paid for the exam, so you might as well give it a shot!)





# Selecting Senior Year Courses



- **Choose appropriate rigor**
- **Upward trend** (regarding rigor and grades)
- **Senior year courses MATTER**
  - Colleges receive a copy of your senior year courses
  - Challenging courses help maintain college readiness
- **Drop a course after applying? You MUST notify your colleges**
  - *All parts of your application are a binding contract with the college. If you make a change without notifying them, they could rescind an admissions offer.*

# Spring 2018



- Register for Spring SAT/ ACT/ SAT Subject (if needed)
- Start narrowing your college search
  - Collegeboard's Big Future website
- Plan college campus visits
- Choose Senior Classes that will demonstrate your full abilities to the colleges
- Plan a purposeful summer (enrichment program, volunteer work, etc)