

Framingham High School

**Senior College & Career
Planning Night**

...

September 28, 2023

6:30-8:00PM

AGENDA

Informational Presentation

- ✓ Choosing Your Pathway
- ✓ Pathways alternative to college
- ✓ The 2 Year College Application Process
- ✓ The 4-Year College Application Process
- ✓ Additional Resources

College Admissions Representatives Panel- Q & A

CHOOSING YOUR PATHWAY

There are MANY paths to a happy and successful life and career!

Gap Year- MANY programs out there!

Year Up – Work skills and training	Dynamy – Internships
City Year, Americorps – Community Service	Teen Life – Volunteer, educational

Career & Technical (Certificate) Training

Keefe Tech. – programs such as Automotive, HVAC, Electrical & Cosmetology	Empire- Cosmetology with areas of focus such as hair design, hair cutting, and skin care.
MassBay- programs such as Early Childhood, Automotive, Emergency EMT, and Interior Design.	

Military: contact Ms. Erikson or visit Canvas for local recruiter information.

Two Year Colleges (Associate's Degree) e.g. MassBay Community College

Four Year Colleges (Bachelor's Degree, public or private) e.g. Framingham State, UMASS-Amherst

CHOOSING YOUR PATHWAY

Things to consider:

- long-term goals
- financial fit

Need help?

- Log-in to [Naviance](#) to view colleges and careers/wages
- Check out [Canvas](#)
- See your school counselor or visit the College & Career CTR (K005)
 - [Rachel Erikson](#), *College & Career Counselor*
 - [Julie O'Leary](#), *Career Development Coordinator*

TWO YEAR COLLEGES

MassBay Community College

Quinsigamond Community College

Middlesex Community College

Bunker Hill Community College

- ▶ **MassTransfer Program** - <http://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/>
Allows students the opportunity to transfer into a 4 year college after two years.
- ▶ Find more information about [two-year colleges](#) on Canvas!

Process to Apply

1. Complete the college's application (available via the school's website)
2. Take the Accuplacer (test to determine your placement in Math & English)
3. Send your senior year transcript (at the end of the year)

FOUR YEAR COLLEGES

UMass Amherst (Public)	Boston University (Private)
Framingham State University (Public)	MCPHS (Private)

Come up with a final list of ~6-8 college/universities

Keep a balance of safety (confident you'll be accepted & can afford it), target (likely to be accepted & within affordable range), and reach (not as likely to be accepted and/or may be out of your price range)

For each school to which you are applying, note their application requirements and deadline.

- ▶ This information will be found on each college/university's website

College visits: colleges began visiting high school students at FHS on Tuesday 9/27. Go on Naviance to see participating schools and sign-up for the visit.

Four Year Colleges: ELEMENTS OF THE APPLICATION

1. The Application and College Essay
2. Student Transcript
3. Counselor Letter of Recommendation
4. Teacher Letter(s) of Recommendation
5. Standardized Test Scores:
SAT, ACT & TOEFL



1. The Application

The Common Application: the majority of colleges accept an electronic application called “The Common Application” found at www.commonapp.org

Other Electronic Applications: Some colleges require their own unique application which can be found on their individual website.

Essay

- ❖ Most schools require a personal essay
- ❖ Common App essay [prompts](#)
- ❖ [College essay](#) support on Canvas

2. Student Transcript

How do I have my transcript sent to colleges/universities?

1. Give us permission to send your transcript
 - ▶ Create a Common Application account
 - ▶ While on your Common Application account, complete the privacy agreement (FERPA)
 - ▶ Log onto your Naviance account and match the two accounts (Naviance & Common Application)

2. Individual counselors will be sending out an online form → fill out the
“Transcript Request Form”

- ❖ First Quarter AND Mid Year Grades are automatically sent to all colleges to which you have previously sent a transcript.

- Each counselor has their own Transcript Request Form via Google Forms (these will be found on the FHS Counseling Website)
- Before submitting your transcript request form, you must:
 - make sure all colleges are listed in your Common Application
 - have signed the FERPA agreement in Common App
 - have matched your Naviance account to Common App
 - have met with your counselor
 - are submitting at least 15 days prior to your earliest deadline
 - have met with your counselor to discuss your plans
- If none of your schools use the Common App, you still must create a Common App account, add a school, and link your Common App to Naviance

FHS Senior Transcript Request Form

* Required

Student Last Name *

Your answer _____

Student First Name *

Your answer _____

Student Phone Number

Your answer _____

School Counselor *

Mrs. DeSimone
 Mrs. Khazai
 Mrs. Uricchio
 Mr. Walcek
 Other: _____

Do you need a letter from your school counselor? *

Yes
 No

All students MUST complete and acknowledge the following: *

If the colleges I am applying to require a counselor letter of recommendation, I have met with my school counselor to request a letter (counselor letters are required by all colleges that use the Common Application).

I understand that there is a minimum of 15 day school day processing period for ALL transcript and counselor letter of recommendation requests.

I understand that to send my standardized test scores (SAT/ACT/TOEFL), I must request score reports through the test administrator's website ([SAT: www.collegeboard.org](http://SAT.collegeboard.org); ACT-www.actstudent.org; TOEFL-www.ets.org/toefl).

I understand that my first quarter grades and my mid-year grades will be automatically sent to the colleges to which I apply.

3. Counselor Letter of Recommendation

If you are applying to a college that requires a counselor letter:

1. Fill out the “Student Interview” packet and “Parent/Guardian Brag” sheet. To request these forms please email your school counselor.
2. Schedule an appointment with your counselor to go over these forms.
 - Please be aware there is a minimum 15 school day request period for letters of recommendation.
3. You and your counselor will have the opportunity to talk about your letter and what you would like highlighted for colleges

Your letter will be submitted by the application deadline(s)

Note: counselor letters are NOT automatic. You must request a counselor letter to be written.

4. Teacher Letter of Recommendation

Get the “Teacher Recommendation Letter Guide” form.

1. Available in the School Counseling Office
2. Available on our [website](#)

In person, ask teacher(s) if they would be willing to write you a letter of recommendation.

1. Teachers need to know where to send your letter so make sure you give them the “Teacher Recommendation Letter Guide” with your colleges listed

Write a “thank-you” note to each teacher who took the time to write you a letter of recommendation.

***Letters cannot be uploaded until students complete their FERPA agreement, link [Naviance](#) & [Common App](#), and submit a transcript request form with their list of schools.

[Step-by-step directions can be found here.](#)

5. Standardized Test Scores

The vast majority of four-year colleges have gone TEST OPTIONAL for class of 2024 applicants.

FHS will not be hosting the ACT for the 2023-2024 school year. FHS is a SAT host site for the 2023-2024 SY. Please check the College Board for registration information and dates.

Sending Your Scores to Colleges

YOU send your official score report to the colleges to which you are applying! You will do this through the test center website:

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

ACT: www.act.org

TOEFL: <http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/scores/send/>

Please note: self reporting your scores on the Common Application DOES NOT replace this step.

FINANCIAL AID

1) Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

Opens December 2023 (date TBD): this is used by ALL colleges & universities to determine aid eligibility: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

- Free to apply
- Calculated by federal government

2) CSS Profile: Opens October 1st: this is used by SOME private colleges & universities to determine aid in addition to the FAFSA → <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

- for full list of participating institutions, see Ms. Erikson or go to the [CSS site](#)
- a fee is required for each school unless you qualify for a waiver

3) Scholarships: Scholarships are added to [Naviance](#) as we are notified of them.

- Local scholarships are posted in early January
- The scholarship newsletter will be sent to seniors beginning 12/2023

****check out more information about [financial aid](#) on Canvas!**

The FHS School Counseling Dept. presents:

POSTSECONDARY PLANNING & FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Need to figure out how to PAY for after high school?
This is the event for you.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
6:30 - 8 PM | FHS AUDITORIUM

- Students & families welcome
- No registration required
- Translation available



We will discuss:

- 4 and 2 year college process
- Trade & vocational programming
- FAFSA & the FAFSA Simplification Act
- Grants & scholarships
- Financial aid packages
and more!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The School Counseling Department Website

<http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhsguidance.cfm>

- ❖ Counselor contact information
- ❖ Links to newsletters, college visit sign-ups, and college/career resources
- ❖ Information about upcoming events

College & Career Center (C&CC) in K002:

- ❖ Come see Ms. Erikson (K002)!
- ❖ College & Career Center Canvas pages
<https://framinghamk12.instructure.com/courses/41490>
- ❖ Ms. Erikson's newsletters → sent ~weekly and available here:
<https://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/Page/9382>

Newsletters from the School Counseling & the CACC

- ❖ Sign up to receive it through the School Counseling Dept. Webpage
<https://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/domain/281>



PLEASE WELCOME

- ▶ **Jared Brockway | Mass Bay Community College**
Recruitment Counselor, Admissions
- ▶ **Isabella Snyder | University of Massachusetts - Amherst**
Admissions Counselor, Undergraduate Admissions
- ▶ **Jenna Saade (FHS '19) | Framingham State University**
Admissions Counselor, Undergraduate Admissions
- ▶ **Susan Migliorisi | Boston College**
Associate Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- ▶ **Ashley Onofrio | Merrimack College**
Associate Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions

QUESTIONS?

