# **Senior Presentation**

#### What's Next...



Mrs. Howse School Counselor

Student Support Ms. Feliciano Mrs. Nelson

9th Hour Senior Accountability w/Mrs. Vaux



#### Please Join ASAP

Text: 81010 Message: @tv2023

OR

Email: tv2023@mail.remind.com

#### What's Next...Life After High School

Set a Goal to get some type of training after high school

- 1. Military
- 2. Career and Technical Training
- 3. Community College
- 4. 4 Year College or University

Think about the things you want for yourself after high school and how you are going to get there!

#### **Heartland Community College**

- You must re-apply as a College Student, you are all currently enrolled in the College NOW program
- Scholarship applications open December 1st
- Take the Accuplacer Exam to get correct placement
- Cost Effective and classes transfer to any state Institution
- If you are undecided on a major, a great place to get general education credits completed at a lower price
- Sending Heartland Transcripts Dual Credit
- Start Taking Classes this summer regardless of where you attend in the fall

#### **College Rep Visits/College "Contacts"**

Colleges track how often you contact them – it may be considered in admission

\*\*GO VISIT SCHOOLS IN PERSON

College Rep Visit Full Schedule on the Website:

http://tvhscounseling.weebly.com/college-rep-visits.html

Google Sign Up Form will be emailed out the Wednesday before, you must sign up by Friday at 3:00. Your responsibility to check with teachers and make up work. I will email teachers a full list for Attendance purposes.

https://forms.gle/bCCG35VbtYc8MfLKA Meet at my office!

#### 2022 - 2023 College Rep Visit Schedule (updated 9/1)

- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Tuesday, September 5
- Millikin University Thursday, September 7
- Illinois Wesleyan Tuesday, September 12
- Coe College Tuesday, September 26
- St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing Thursday, September 28
- Southeastern University Tuesday, October 3
- Eastern Illinois University Thursday, October 19
- Illinois State University Thursday, October 19
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Wednesday, October 25

## **College Applications**

Make sure you submit everything that is required for the application:

- Application
- Essays (optional vs. required)
- Letters of Recommendation (only if asked for)
  - If counselor letter is required I will complete, otherwise I would ask a teacher who really knows you!
- Transcript (request from Parchment)
  - <u>http://tvhscounseling.weebly.com/current-students.html</u>
  - Be sure to create an account will use as an Alumni too
- Official Test Scores (sent from collegeboard.org or act.org accounts) many schools are now test optional so only send if they are an accurate reflection of your abilities or better

# **Application**

Watch your deadlines: November 1, November 15, December 1, December 15, January 1, January 15 (popular deadlines)

Rolling admission - the earlier the better

Make sure you have everything you need to apply: grades/GPA (unofficial transcript can request on Parchment), credit card (application fee), social security number, activity resume

If an app limits activities, list them in order of importance

Different application options: Common App, Coalition, School's application

#### **Different Application Options**

- 1. Individual School Applications
- 2. Common Application
- 3. Coalition Application

https://www.bucknell.edu/admissions-aid/admissions-blog/common-app-vs-coalition-app?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI8fmQk\_zO8gIVDIvICh3PIwssEA <u>AYASAAEgIgcvD\_BwE</u>

Be sure to complete Supplemental parts for individual schools.

Touch base with Mrs. Howse or teacher who you enter as recommenders. We get an email, but I always appreciate students checking in!

## **Application Continued**

Additional Information you may need:

- CEEB Code for TVHS: 141635
- Date of entry: August 2020 (unless you transferred in)
- Graduation Date: 05/2024
- Counselor Contact Information: Mrs. Emily Howse (name), School Counselor (title), ehowse@tri-valley3.org (email), 309.378.2911 ext. 1305 (phone)
- Class Size: 78
- Class Rank: N/A or None
- GPA Scale: 4.0, weighted (only AP classes are weighted)

#### The Essay

Why?

- Provides subjective information: level of awareness, personality, and skill level
- Functions as a writing sample
- Expresses values, reveals what is important to the candidate
- Demonstrates how a candidate thinks abstractly and how able students are to make analogies, connections, and inferences about the world

What if the essay is optional – Look at Admission criteria, if right at or below you need to complete the essay!

#### The Essay Continued

Common App Essay Tips:

• In Writing Supplements, be specific to college when answering "Why \_\_\_\_\_\_University/College?" (Research schools – i.e. mission statement, info on website, what you learned on a visit, etc...)

• For the general essay located in the Common App Section, the writing should be general and not college-specific. Prompts are available.

#### Letters of Recommendation

<u>Ask</u> your teachers/counselor early – give at least 2 weeks notice ahead of the deadline and be sure to share your deadline. Always follow up in person after an email request.

\*\*Always provide a resume

Only submit to Colleges/University if they ask and only provide the number requested – they will just shred extra



Emails with registration codes have been sent to your school email address, I will send again. **41** Seniors currently have an account

Create account to send transcripts electronically. Request unofficial for your viewing (some schools have gone to self inputting grades).

Free to send transcripts until August 2024. This is how you will request your transcript in the future as an alumni.

If you send a transcript, but then change your schedule, you need to resend your transcript

If you have trouble, Mrs. Howse will be meeting with every senior individually starting tomorrow.



- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2023-2024 school year is expected to open in December \*\*NEW TIMELINE\*\*
- Looks at your family's contribution qualifies you for Grants (free money), Loans and is required for Scholarships at many schools
- Can be used at Tech/Vocational Schools and Community Colleges
- <u>https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</u>
- Need to create a FSA ID for yourself and a parent has to create their own.
- Many schools use FAFSA to give students additional aid
- Graduation requirement

**ISAC-** Providing Illinois students with information and assistance to help education beyond high school accessible and affordable."

Julia Lavorata ISACorps Member Heartland Community College District (Region 5) Illinois Student Assistance Commission (309) 336-9716 Julia.Lavorata@Illinois.gov

In person (IMC) to help with the FAFSA, college applications and essay writing, will send out flyer!

Utilize this free support this fall!



http://tvhscounseling.weebly.com/scholarships.html

Pay attention to deadlines – each School has their own Application and deadline (some use application for admissions, others have a separate application)

Any outside scholarship that comes across my desk will get added to the

2023-2024 Scholarship Document

Scholarship search engines for national scholarships

Always apply for Local/School Scholarships – most likely to win!

## Things to think about...

I worked in the Financial Aid Department at Mizzou (big university), went to undergrad at Millikin (a small liberal arts college) and attended Butler for Graduate School (a larger liberal arts University.)

Things I learned...

- 1. Private vs. Public
- 2. Big vs Small
- 3. 2 yrs vs 4 yrs vs Vocational Training vs Military
- 4. Location
- 5. Deadlines REALLY MATTER
- 6. Think about COST when making final decisions
- 7. Go back for multiple visits, summer vs fall
- 8. Always ask questions...people want to help and see you succeed!



#### **POST-SECONDARY PLANS FOR CLASS OF 2023**

4-Year College: 57% / 2-Year College or Technical School: 35% / Workforce or Military: 9%

#### **Colleges Attended by the Class of 2023**

Augustana College, Belhaven University, Drake University, Drury University, Eastern Illinois University, Flagler College, Grand Canyon University, Heartland Community College, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Knox College, Lake Land Community College, Marquette University, Maryville University, Michigan State University, Millikin University, Missouri State University, Monmouth College, Olivet Nazarene University, Purdue University, Saint Louis University, Santa Clara University, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Texas Tech University, Trinity Christian College, Truman State University, University of Chicago, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Kansas, University of Louisville, University of Missouri at Columbia, University of New Mexico, Vancouver Film School



Enjoy your Senior Year Work Hard Always think about how "it" affects your future Leave everywhere better than you found it

All Seniors need to sign up for a conference with Mrs. Howse <u>https://www.timetosignup.com/vikings/sheet/1326266</u>

Stop by or email me anytime with questions, I am here to help you navigate this process!