

College Planning Night



St. Joseph High School
September 4, 2019
6:00-7:30 p.m.
GRC

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College Planning Night Agenda

Three Part Presentation:

1. College Search Resources
2. The Application Process
3. Guests – Other Perspectives

- Mr. Ryan Cockerill, *Director of Admissions, Lewis University*
- Ms. Valarie Miller, *ISACorps (Illinois Student Assistance Commission)*

Q & A

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College Search Process



- One of the most common stress factors high school students face (and parents) during college planning is the college research process.
- Factors: (Dis)Organization
Admission Requirements (scores, GPA)
Cost & Financial Aid
School Location
Career Interests/Program of Study

So where should you start?...

Below are six excellent college research tools to help you with the college search process:

- BigFuture.collegeboard.org
- [College Navigator \(NCES.ed.gov\)](http://CollegeNavigator(NCES.ed.gov))
- ISAC.org
- Cappex.com
- Petersons.com
- CollegeGreenLight.com





“Making college accessible and affordable for Illinois students.”

- Mission Statement

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is the college access and financial aid agency in the state of Illinois that administers scholarship, grant, prepaid tuition, and student loan repayment/forgiveness programs.

College Search

The screenshot shows the BigFuture website by The College Board. The browser window has a blue header with navigation links: File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Tools, Help. The address bar shows the URL <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges>. The main navigation bar includes links for College Planning, YouCanGo!, SAT, AP, PSAT/NMSQT, CLEP, For Educators, and a More dropdown menu. The CollegeBoard logo is on the right. Below the navigation bar, there's a search bar with the text "Find Colleges, Advice and More" and a Search button. To the right of the search bar are links for Sign up and Sign in. The main content area features a large green box with the heading "Find your future". Inside this box, on the left, is a list of five options: "I know what I want", "I am not sure where to start", "Location matters to me", "College majors are my top priority", and "I'm worried about college costs". The "I know what I want" option is highlighted with a blue arrow. To the right of this list, the text "Look up a college you're interested in." is followed by a text input field labeled "Enter college name" and a Go button. Below this, the word "OR" is centered, followed by the text "Search for colleges that have what you want." and a Search button. The background of the main content area is a photograph of a group of diverse students sitting on a grassy field. At the bottom of the page, there's a dark grey bar with links for Welcome!, Sign up, Sign in, Me, My Colleges, and My Plan. The Windows taskbar at the very bottom shows the Start button and several open applications: st01fs - Remote De..., Directory List - Wind..., Finding Your College..., Inbox - Microsoft O..., Microsoft PowerPoin..., Find College - Colleg..., and a system tray with a clock showing 9:41 AM.

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College Search continued

- Visit college Undergraduate Admissions websites
 - Requirements, deadlines, programs, costs and student life
- Narrow search down to 3-6 colleges/universities
- College Visits
 - Set up Official college visits
 - Get to know your admissions rep
 - Shadow a freshman, go to classes, see as much as possible

The College Application

- Apply online
 - Create a professional email address
- Apply early – Ideally before Halloween
- Early Action/Early Decision
- Application fee range \$0 – \$100/fee waivers
- Common Application/Counselor Form/SSR



The College Application-Cont.

- One big package two weeks before deadline:
 - Transcript/ACT scores
 - www.actstudent.org (have scores sent directly)
 - Completed letters of recommendation
 - Recommendation Questionnaire
 - Essay/Personal Statement
 - Resume



Athletes – register or update at www.eligibilitycenter.org

Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Investigate the college website for scholarships
- Visit SJHS Counseling Website regularly for Scholarship/Financial Aid information
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - as soon as possible after October 1, 2019
- Look for emails/texts from your counselor regarding general updates to our scholarships page & reminders



Counseling Department Website

It's full of useful resources!!!

After you have applied...



Seniors

- Continue to search for scholarships
- Make sure all service hours are completed
- Review financial aid awards w/parents
- Select school/alert other schools
- Send in housing deposit no later than May 1, 2020
- Get ready for Prom & Graduation
- Final transcripts (request form provided at graduation practice)



Juniors

- **In School**
 - Stay focused on academics
 - Stay involved in school activities
 - Meet with your school counselor
- **Standardized Testing**
 - Prepare for and register for ACT/SAT Tests
 - Attend ACT Prep class in spring
- **College Exploration**
 - Explore colleges on the Web
 - Visit colleges or attend college fairs
 - Begin searching for scholarships



Key Dates

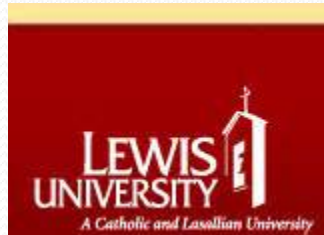
- Morton College Fair, September 25th, 6:30-8 p.m.
- National College Fair, McCormick Place,
October 5th, 11-3 p.m. (pre-register at www.gotomyncf.com)
- National Christian College Fair,
Timothy Christian High School., October 8th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. Scholarship Fair
October 5th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (www.100bmc.org/csf)
- College of DuPage Fair, October 15th, 6-8 p.m.
- Lyons Township High School Fair, April 1st, 2020, 6-8 p.m.



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A University Perspective, Guest Speaker



Ryan Cockerill

Director of Undergraduate Admission
Lewis University



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Application Review/Admission Criteria

Required Admission Criteria

- Minimum 18 ACT/960 SAT Composite Score
- Minimum 2.5/4.00 Cumulative GPA
- Minimum Completed College Prep Curriculum
 - 3 yrs of English
 - 2 yrs of Math (at least one year of algebra and geometry)
 - 2 yrs of Science (at least one lab class)
 - 2 yrs of Social Science

Application Review/Admission Criteria

Success Program Admission Criteria

- Minimum 17 ACT/920 SAT Composite Score
- Minimum 2.00/4.00 Cumulative GPA
- Minimum Completed College Prep Curriculum
 - 3 yrs of English
 - 2 yrs of Math (at least one year of algebra and geometry)
 - 2 yrs of Science (at least one lab class)
 - 2 yrs of Social Science

Application Review/Admission Criteria

Items to Consider

- GPA
 - cumulative
 - core
- Standardized Test Score
 - composite
 - sub-scores
- Perceived strength of school
- Strength of curriculum
- Alumni parents
- Religious identity
- Strength of essay
- Strength of recommendation letters
- Interview
- Character
- Race/Ethnicity
- First Generation
- Special Skill
 - athletics, music, dance, art, theatre

Application Review/Admission Criteria

Decision Options

- Admit
- Provisional Admit
- Decline
- Request ACT/SAT retake
- Request 7th semester transcript
- Request essay
- Request interview
- Waitlist

Federal College Scorecard

The new College Scorecard — available at <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/> — provides the first comprehensive data on costs and student outcomes at nearly all post-secondary institutions in the United States. For the first time, students and their advisors can search for the earnings of students who attended an institution, along with the most up-to-date information about other measures of a college's quality, including the percentage of students who graduate or repay their loans. Students can also access a new measure of cumulative student debt for borrowers who complete their degree at each institution and an improved measure of students' success in repaying their loans.



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Thank you for attending this evening!!

There is a brief survey and your feedback
would be greatly appreciated!!