


MAC Junior College Parent Night

Welcome to an exciting journey ahead!

If your child was mine... Junior year TO-DO list


- Come up with a post HS plan - 2 year, 4 year, gap year, work, trade school
 - Take the SAT and/or ACT if needed (I have fee waivers if needed)
 - Create a list of colleges (6-8 with a mix of safety, match and reach schools)
 - Visit at least one school
 - Ask your teachers for a letter of recommendation before the summer (at least one core teacher)
 - Attend at least one McCallum college site visit
 - Update your resume
 - If you don't have one, CREATE ONE ASAP
 - Categories - Quantify advanced academics/GPA, Extracurricular Activities, Honors/Awards, Community Service, Work Experience
 - Begin your college essay
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Perks of a two year program

- Trade-specific options
 - Web developer (3 semester certification)
 - Auto repair (1-3 semesters depending)
 - Tesla START manufacturing program
- Bridge programs affiliated with 4 year campuses
 - Ex: Texas A&M-Chevron Engineering Academy
- Transferability
- Cost savings
- Increase GPA/Ensure student is college ready
- TX State Technical College, Beauty School options



Perks of a 4 year university

- Wide variety of options of study (many major options)
 - Well-rounded education beyond your major
 - Not job-specific training
 - Opens you up to law school, graduate school, medical school, etc.
 - Extracurricular opportunities
 - Traditional college experience
 - Smoother transition to begin here than to transfer in
 - Study abroad, experiential learning, research opportunities/internships
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Gap Year Programs

- USA Gap Year Fairs
- <https://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year/usa-fairs>
- www.goabroad.com
- <https://www.gapyearassociation.org/accredited-gap-year-programs-2/>
- <https://efgapyear.com/ef-gap-year-itinerary/>



College Search Tips

- Big or small school?
- Part of the country?
- Area of study?
- Cost?
- AP scores accepted?
- Test optional?
- Use Naviance College SuperMatch
- College Board BigFuture
- Niche.com
- Ctcl.org (Colleges That Change Lives)
- IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System)

Naviance SuperMatch

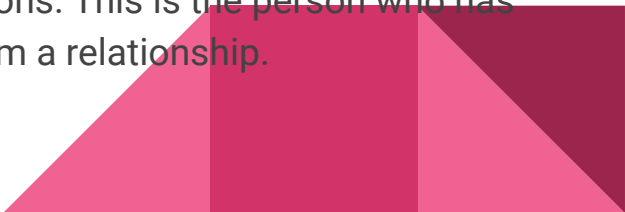
The screenshot shows the Naviance SuperMatch website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: AVIANCE BY POWERSCHOOL, Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, Colleges (highlighted), and Planner. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for a heart, Demo, a dropdown arrow, a chat bubble, an envelope, a profile icon labeled 'DN', and 'About Me' with a dropdown arrow.

A large white menu is open, displaying the following categories and links:

- College Home
- Find Your fit
 - SuperMatch College Search (indicated by a grey arrow pointing to it)
 - College Match
 - College Events
 - Advanced College Search
 - College Lookup
- Research Colleges
 - Colleges I'm Thinking About (with a red heart icon)
 - College Visits
 - College Compare
 - College Resources
 - Acceptance History
 - Enrichment Programs
 - College Maps
- Apply to College
 - Colleges I'm Applying to
 - Manage Transcripts
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Test Scores
- Scholarships & Money
 - College-Specific Scholarships
 - National Scholarship Search
 - Scholarship Search
 - Favorite Scholarships (with a red heart icon)

At the bottom left of the menu, there is a link for **CLASS OF 2022 NEWS**. At the bottom right, there is a red heart icon followed by the text 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about'.

College Visits

- Virtual tours
 - Schedule a walking tour (Austin has so much opportunity for this!)
 - Concordia, St. Ed's, UT-Austin, Austin Community College
 - Travel to a college campus (Juniors/Seniors get two days a year EXCUSED as long as student has a formal letter from the college campus stating that the student was there)
 - On-site visits at McCallum (register in Naviance in the College Visits link in the Colleges tab)
 - These are YOUR admissions reps! Come prepared with questions. This is the person who has the first read on your application. Make an impression and form a relationship.
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Scheduled College Visits

College	Representative	Date	Time
Texas Tech University	Amber Luna	Wed January 26, 2022	10:45 AM
The University of Alabama	Sergio Ceja	Thu January 27, 2022	12:30 PM
Bishop's University	Saad Baig	Fri January 28, 2022	3:30 PM
Texas State University	Lauren Ibarra	Wed February 2, 2022	12:45 PM
University of North Texas	Alyce Myers	Fri February 4, 2022	10:45 AM
University of the Incarnate Word	Joey Bernal	Mon February 7, 2022	12:45 PM
St. John's College	Caroline Randall	Thu February 10, 2022	3:30 PM
University of Arkansas	Charles Robinson	Fri February 11, 2022	10:45 AM
University of East London	Caitlyn Banania	Wed March 30, 2022	10:45 AM

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Current visits

How to Apply

- Common Application
 - [Commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)
- Apply Texas
 - [Goapplytexas.org](https://goapplytexas.org)
- Coalition
 - [Mycoalition.org](https://mycoalition.org)
- Direct to Institution



When to apply?

- **Early Decision** - Nov. 1-Nov. 15, legally binding, only ED to one school, shows commitment, fast decision, higher acceptance at more selective schools
- **Early Action** - Nov. 1-Nov. 15, not binding, can apply EA to many schools, earlier response
 - Most merit aid/scholarship deadlines in this window too
- **Regular Decision** - January-March, gives student time, improve GPA or retake SAT/ACT
- **Rolling Admissions** - deadline same as regular decision, applicants receive decision in a close window from submitting application, waiting too long could hurt your chances of admissions

*There are some 10/15 schools - Texas A&M Engineering (included the SRAR), University of Georgia, UNC - Chapel Hill, Univ. of South Carolina

May 1 - College Decision Day



SAT vs. ACT test

ACT

- 3 hours 40 minutes WITH essay
- Science included
- Calculator on all math sections
- Essay optional
- Score out of 36

SAT

- 3 hours in length
- No essay
- Score out of 1600
- Scored in two categories (Math and Reading/Writing)


Test Prep

- More Than A Teacher - held at McCallum after school (SAT)
 - Reach out to Stephanie Watson at stephanie.watson@austinisd.org if interested
 - Scholarships available if needed
- Khan Academy - free, personalized test preparation
 - satpractice.org
 - Connects directly with your student's PSAT score report
 - Link Khan Academy with your student's score report for personalized review
- Princeton Review



Basic Housekeeping Information

Graduation Requirements:

- TSI college ready (Ms. Nix administers this almost daily!)
 - Required for TX colleges including ACC
 - FAFSA or opt out form (FAFSA opens Oct. 1 - do it ASAP!)
 - EOC exams taken and passed
 - At least one college/community college/trade school application completed
 - SAT or ACT taken
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Have more questions?

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