

Welcome to Junior Information Night

February 13, 2019

BTHS Auditorium

Presented by

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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Exploring The College Process
- What Do Colleges Value? Different types of admission
- What are YOU looking for – how to research colleges
- College Lists
- Navigating Naviance and applications
- Fee waiver process and financial aid
- Student and Parent Checklists



College Office Staff to Know

Ms. Lourdes Cuesta	Assistant Principal (Room 7E2)
Mrs. Maysonet-Sigler	Coordinator/College Advisor
Mrs. McKinnon	College Advisor
Mrs. Veronica Quinn	College Advisor
Ms. Carla Shere	College Advisor
Ms. Amy Lucisano	Scholarship Coordinator
Mrs. Blankson	College Office Secretary
Ms. Samantha Mauro	College Office Assistant until 4/1

Located in Room 5E9 AND 5s7

WHAT DO COLLEGES CONSIDER DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS?

- **Transcript** – GPA/Academic Rigor
- **SAT/ACT, SAT Subject Tests** – Check if they are RECOMMENDED OR REQUIRED (link on checklist) and don't forget *Fairtest.org* if test taking is not your strength!
- Is your school looking for certain scores on your AP Tests?
- **Letters of Recommendation**
 - Guidance Counselor
 - Teachers – (2) Think about who you want to write your letter/what might you major in/this may determine who you ask
 - Extracurricular Activities/Volunteer/Internship/Work Experience

AND

- What Your Major Might Be (engineering requirements may be more competitive than other majors for instance)
- Essay (Personal Statement)
- TLC (Talent, Leadership and Creativity)
- Interview
- Demographic factors
- Institutional Needs

AND

DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

- Many colleges are concerned with whether or not an applicant is likely to enroll if admitted
- 80% of colleges consider **DEMONSTRATED INTEREST**
- Register on college's website as a prospective student/join mailing list
- Meet college admissions reps when they visit Tech in the fall-Sign up on Rep Visits
- Attend colleges' information sessions held in NYC
 - <https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/> (this is just one example!!)
- Visit campuses-your checklist has the names of many schools right here in NYC!
- Attend our College Fair on April 10th! We'll give you more info on that!
- NACAC College Fair at the Javits Center-April 7th from Noon-4:00 pm
- <https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registration/EventSelectForState?stateName=new%20york>

READ COLLEGE OFFICE EMAILS!!!

**SIMPLY PUT!
SHOW YOUR LOVE!**



YOUR COLLEGE LIST

- Your College List should consist of schools that are right FOR YOU and ONLY YOU

EXPLORE

- There are many factors that go into creating a college list. If you do your **research** and make **strategic decisions** on which schools are proper fits for you, then you will increase your chances of **ACCEPTANCE!**

YOUR LIST

- **REACH** – A college where you have a chance of getting into but you are on the lower side and they have low acceptance rates.
- **MATCH** – A college where you have a reasonable (better than 50-50 chance for admission) Your GPA is typically better than 50-50 chance for admission. These schools should make up the bulk of your list.
- **PROBABLE/SAFETY** – Schools where you might be a bit overqualified, where you will almost certainly gain admission. It is important that the school also be one that you would want to attend, should you not gain admission to more selective colleges.

● **However**

JUST REMEMBER

- **there is no guarantee from *any* school**
 - **This is about making a **MATCH** not winning a prize**

HAPPY STUDENTS PRODUCE GREAT RESULTS!!



Creating a “Balanced College List”

Well researched list of approximately 10-12 schools that offer programs, location and other criteria that are important to you as a student and an individual

Your list should include:

- **REACH, MATCH AND PROBABLE/SAFETY** schools

HOW DO I FIND MY PERFECT MATCH?

- Which academic subjects interest me?
 - How would I prefer to learn? Lecture halls vs. classroom discussions?
 - What's the size of the school, the majors offered, what are they looking for?
 - Location – city, town close to a city, rural, distance from home?
 - Is diversity important to me?
 - What is the environment like on campus? Greek life, clubs, activities, athletics?
 - This is about a making a MATCH not comparing yourself to others
- REFER TO HANDOUTS . . .

Different Types of Admission

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for
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Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

HOW DO I USE NAVIANCE?

- Research potential colleges and universities-use

SUPERMATCH

- Analyze scattergrams on Naviance
- Do a few surveys: Career Interests - Strength Finder
- Complete your Counselor Junior Survey (this will be used to create a letter of recommendation)
- Complete the College Office Survey to let us know your interests and specific needs
- Upload your list in order for your materials to be sent to colleges

NAVIANCE STUDENT

- Naviance Student is a comprehensive website that you and your parents can use to help in making decisions about colleges and careers
- Naviance is linked with Naviance Succeed, a service that we use in our office to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that is specific to Tech

NAVIANCE 101

- Tech uses Naviance to send electronic documents to colleges in your senior year
- Username = BTHS email address (i.e. mmouse1234@bths.edu)
- Password = OSIS number (i.e. 987651234)
- Parents – Your Naviance code has been sent to you but please contact us if you have not received it

**MEET ROCKY
BALBOA**

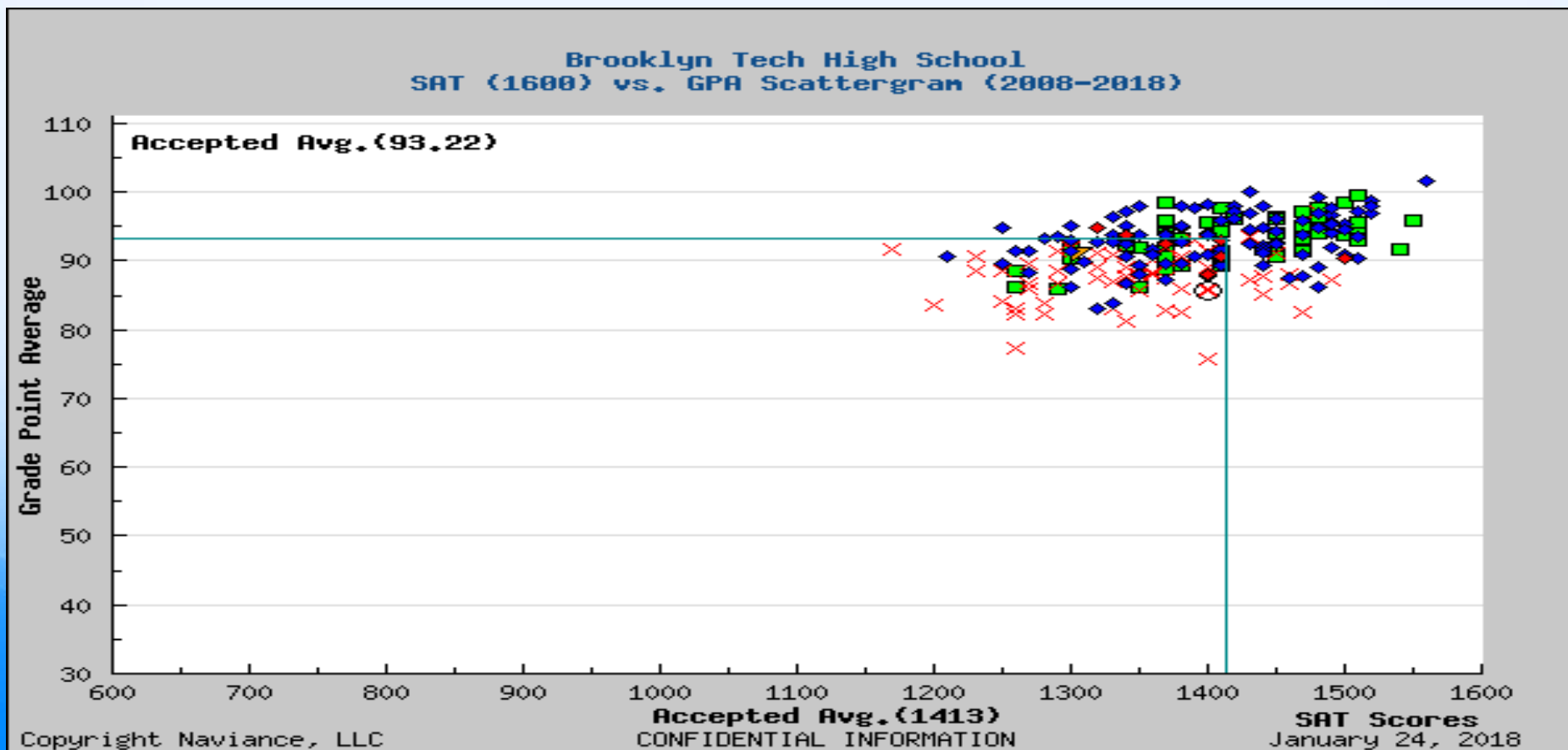
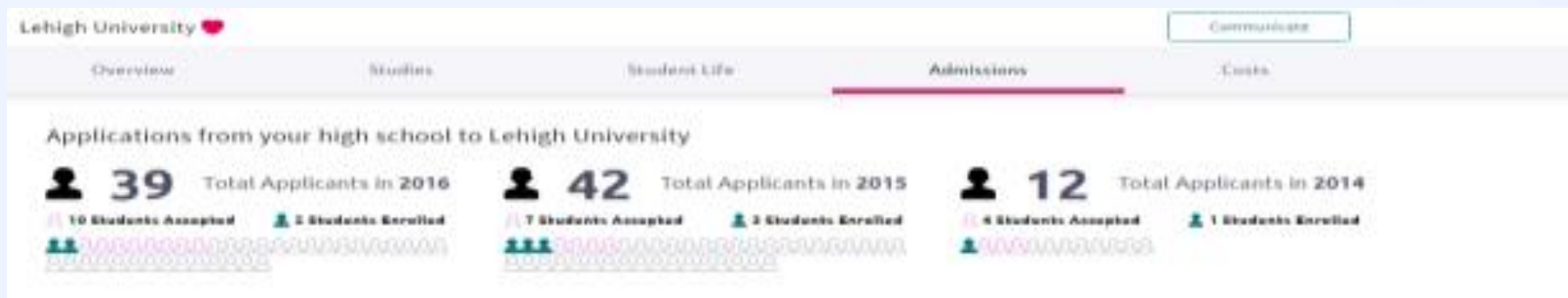
**Mrs. Maysonet-
Sigler!!!**

Look What I Can Do!!

- Naviance Sign In
- Welcome Page – Review
- Colleges I'm Thinking About
- Request letters of recommendation
- Rep Visit Sign In for students
- Summer Enrichment
- Scholarships
- College Compare

AND ON TO SCATTERGRAMS!

Scattergram Analysis



COLLEGE WEBSITE CLASS PROFILE

- Google “Freshman Class Profile” of a college you are interested in
- This allows you to see information about who they accepted not only from Tech but from around the whole country!!!
- <https://www1.lehigh.edu/about/university-statistics>

THE COMMON APP

College Applications Start at commonapp.org

Common App Opens on 8/1/19

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Common Application website. At the top, the logo "THE COMMON APPLICATION" is on the left, and navigation links for "Parents", "Counselors & Recommenders", "Member Institutions", and "LOG IN" are on the right. Below the logo, there are links for "Plan Ahead", "Explore Colleges", "Virtual Counselor", and "How To Apply", followed by a prominent green "Apply Now" button. The main content area features a large background image of a smiling young woman. Overlaid on this is a white box with the text "If you're up, we're up." and "Looking for help? The Solutions Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." with a "Help is here" button. Below this is a red box with the text "Nearly 700 colleges. Only one application." and a search bar labeled "Find Colleges". Underneath the search bar, it says "View all colleges that accept the Common Application". The bottom of the page is decorated with several small images of diverse students in various settings, such as studying, talking, and sitting on the grass.

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED?

- Copy of your high school transcript
- List of senior year courses
- School counselor name and contact information
- List of your activities, work, and family obligations
- Standardized test scores and dates
- Parent/guardian educational history and occupation/employer information
- Sibling grade level and educational information

MORE!!

- What special circumstances or influences may have affected your academic record in a positive or adverse way?
 - For example, discuss travel opportunities, recent immigration, illness and family situations

This isn't a place for excuses just the truth of any special situation

OTHER TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

- Coalition Application – we do not advocate using this application but some schools use it exclusively
- CUNY (City University of New York) has its own application: <http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/apply-to-cuny/>
- SUNYs – You can apply to most SUNYs on the common app – they also have their own application which needs to be used for certain schools
- Other schools may have their own applications and/or may offer for you to fill out their specific application in order to get a free application
- And when you are done with applications, many schools will ask for **SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS**
- And **DON'T FORGET** – you may need to submit a portfolio, audition tape, athletic video, etc. (<https://nationalportfolioday.org/>)

Could you be wondering what an SSR is!?

- The **SSR** is a **SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT**
- It is the college letter of recommendation written by your Guidance Counselor which is sent out with your transcript, school profile and common app report.
- For schools not on the common app, we send out something called the NACAC School Report. These reports give specific information about Tech and you, the student.

HOW DO THE SURVEYS HELP ME?

- The **College Office Survey** – Helps you find a college that is “**the right fit**” for you – the questions really define your “nope – don’t want that” and your “yes’s – this is what I want”!
- It also helps the College Office identify programs and resources to fit what you are interested in!
- The **Counselor Survey** helps your counselor learn more about you and write the best letter possible for you.
- Please take time to fill these out thoroughly!

SURVEYS

JUNIOR COLLEGE OFFICE SURVEY

Available on your Naviance account

Available: February 13, 2019 - March 6, 2019

JUNIOR COUNSELOR SURVEY

Available on your Naviance account

Available: March 11, 2019 - April 1, 2019



TEACHER LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- You will need two teacher letters of recommendation next fall
- They should know you well, from major subjects, ideally 10th or 11th grade, ideally humanities and math/science
- Identify two teachers who agree to write for you before the end of the school year
- You will be requesting these letters via your Naviance account

LUNCH FORMS



ApplyforLunch is now MySchoolApps!

While the name and design may be new, you'll still enjoy the **same great features** as ApplyforLunch. **MySchoolApps** makes it easy to apply for free and reduced meal benefits online for you child's school.

Mientras que el nombre y el diseño pueden ser nuevos, podrás seguir disfrutando de **las mismas características** que ApplyforLunch. **MySchoolApps** hace que sea fácil de aplicar para los beneficios de comidas gratis o a precio reducido en línea para la escuela de su hijo.

[CONTINUE TO MYSCHOOLAPPS.COM](#)



To access fee waivers you must apply for lunch first!

TESTING FEE WAIVERS

Provides Testing Fee Waivers (SAT and ACT)

SAT Fee Waivers

- Students get **2 SAT Fee Waivers** per school year
- Each individual SAT fee waiver allows students to take:
 - 1 free SAT or
 - Max of 3 SAT Subject Tests

ACT Fee Waivers

- Student get **2 ACT fee waivers** in total
- Student must be in 11th or 12th grade

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

Juniors will apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA) in October 2019 using taxes from the 2018 tax year:

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1819/help/typesofAid.htm>

TAP – Tuition Assistance Program for New York State schools:

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/nys-tap.html>

College Office also provides information on:

FAFSA (Federal Aid)

TAP (New York State aid)

CSS Profile (required for many private schools)

<https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>

- Financial Aid basic information

and follow up

- Information on scholarships including certain programs

POSSE*

Questbridge*

National Merit*



**College Office will serve as the Liaison for these programs
Ms. Amy Lucisano is Scholarship Coordinator*

FIRST GEN STUDENTS

- Brooklyn Tech is committed to helping students who are considered first generation.
- Tech defines "First Gen" students, as those students who have parents that did not graduate from a four year college in the United States.
- You may be eligible for services in college if you identify as a "First Gen" student on your application, College Office Survey and other materials.
- Please contact your college counselor if you fit in this category and be aware that Ms. Carla Shere will be presenting an evening dedicated to this subject in the Fall of 2019.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS



AND AWAY YOU GO!



JUST REMEMBER

This process takes organization, dedication and

In the words of Rihanna –

WORK WORK WORK WORK WORK!



AND KNOW!

YOU'VE GOT THIS!!

We are here to help you! Take advantage of us!

Sign up for **Junior College Advisory Meetings** (25 students per session) – lunch periods on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays** which will take place from 2/26th thru 4/2.

Emails going out tonight at 8:30pm. CHECK YOUR EMAILS!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/juniorcollegemeeting>

Counselor	Prefect
McKinnon	A, B, C, S, Y
Quinn	D, U, H, N
Shere	J, P, F, Q
Maysonet-Sigler	R, G, K, L, V



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

- CHECK YOUR CHECKLISTS!
- Lots of valuable information!
- *Thank you for attending and we look forward to working with you and your family!!!*
- The College Office Team