

Senior Dishout!

Welcome to Senior Dishout! Today, we are here to help you navigate through the college application process. We have a lot of information to share with you, so please listen carefully and feel free to ask questions.

Relax....take a deep breath...we are here to help! 😊



Remind.com (a way to text you!)

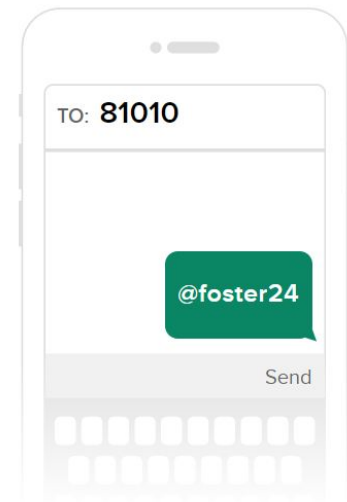
Please follow these steps:

Sign up for your individual counselor's account

Step 1 - Create a text where the **message** is:

- @aussem24
- @foster24
- @greisch24
- @hall2024

Step 2 - Then, send to this number: **81010**



Finding the Right Fit



Post-Secondary Planning

1. **Plan realistically**---Avoid getting caught up in what others are doing.
2. **College Rep Visits** -
 - Get a pass from Ms. K
 - Naviance - Add to “Schools I’m Interested In/Applying to”
3. **Research** and begin working on your applications. (Have 1-2 safety schools!)

Naviance-Reminder of its features!

- Explore careers & majors
- Complete and/or review past career surveys
- Search & compare colleges
- Produce scattergrams of past WFB acceptances... denials...waitlists.
- Calendar of WFB college visits.
- Scholarships!!! (Keep looking all year!)

Note: Log into your school email, click on the **Bookmarks** tab (upper left corner), click on the Naviance. Easy access!

Researching Post-secondary options

- Naviance - College/Career Planning
- Attend meetings with college representatives
 - Get a pass from Ms. K in the Counseling Office **at least one day prior** to the meeting.
 - Check Naviance
 - Morning Announcements
 - **Bonus:** *You can receive reminders if you list schools on Naviance under “*colleges I’m thinking about/applying to*”
- College Visits

Letters of Recommendation & More About Me Survey

Letters of Recommendation

- Inform teachers of **earliest application deadline**
- **FERPA Agreement**
 - Link Common App & Naviance
 - Sign FERPA Agreement
 - Teachers cannot upload letters until FERPA agreement has been signed
- Do **NOT** add counselors or teachers as recommenders on Common App - Everything is done through Naviance

More About Me Survey

- Complete & Update w/ New Information
- **REQUIRED** - Teachers will not write letters if this is not complete
- **SAVE OFTEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

College Essay

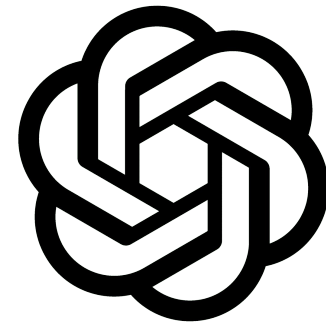
- **Personal Essay** - Most colleges will require this
 - Advanced Composition/AP Lang.
 - General/Not college-specific
 - OR**
 - Start fresh with a new prompt
- **Additional/supplemental essays** -
 - Often shorter in length
 - Topics might include: Right fit, why ____?____, personal motto, what major/program?

**Use these opportunities to share information that you want them to know but they can't gather from your transcript

Artificial Intelligence (AI) - ChatGPT

What **NOT** to do if you choose to use it?

- *Do not copy and paste out of AI*



What Can **it** do?

- *Generate new ideas*
- *Fact Check - AI has been known to make things up*
- *Ask ChatGPT for constructive feedback on essays*

Completing an Application

Application types vary by institution such as:

- **The Common Application** (various private and public schools)
- **The UW System Application** (La Crosse, Oshkosh, etc.)
- **Common Black College Application** (all HBCUs)
- **The Coalition Application** (prefer not to use it--see counselor if you have questions)
- Individual school applications

*Some colleges offer a choice and it does not matter which one you use (ex. Marquette)

Types of Deadlines

EARLY DECISION

- Only consider if this is your TOP CHOICE SCHOOL
- Early decision is binding - Typically a November 1 Deadline
- Requires you to withdraw all applications if accepted
- Only 1 ED application allowed



EARLY ACTION

- Non-binding - Typically November 1st Deadline
- Find out decision earlier (Dec/Jan)
- Multiple EA applications are allowed



REGULAR

- General application deadline - may vary by school

at that college.

ROLLING

- No set deadline. Review applications ongoing basis, until space fills up.

Steps of Application Process

5 Things to do! (*Does not have to be in this particular order)

- Submit your application online.
- Be sure to enter school information via Naviance under “Colleges I’m applying to”---**make sure you use the pencil icon to adjust your application deadline so teachers know.**
- Send standardized test scores (ACT/SAT), if applicable. It’s your responsibility. Be sure to watch your deadlines as each college selects the method and frequency of reporting...at least every two weeks. Check each school’s testing requirements.
- Secure teacher recommendations, if necessary.
- Fill out **transcript request form** (located on Naviance homepage). Be sure to request your transcript at least one week before your deadline.

*Applications may be submitted before ACT or SAT testing is completed. The college will keep your application on file until test scores are received.

*Your counselor will be responsible for sending your transcript, school profile and letter(s) of recommendation, if needed.

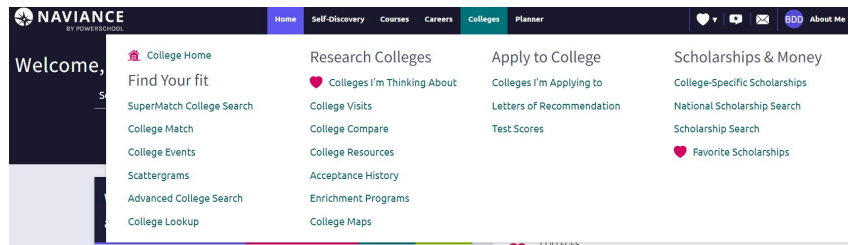
Finances!

- Talk to your family about college expenses...this is important!
- **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** opens up in December!!!!
- **Financial Aid Night** (Shorewood High School, November 28th @6pm)
- [Whitefish Bay High School - Financial Aid Resources](#)

Scholarship Applications

Where can I find scholarships?

- **Naviance** -> Colleges->Scholarships & Money



- **WFB HS Website** -> Counseling->Scholarships
- **College & University Websites** -> typically under financial aid section

Tips

- Be mindful of **requirements/deadlines**
- Think outside of the box (ie. scholarships for students with disabilities)

Mid-Year Transcripts

- **Mid-Year Transcripts**
 - Automatically sent to Common App Schools
 - Transcript-Request-Form in Counseling office for Non-Common App Schools
- **Final transcripts**
 - Automatically sent in June
 - Naviance: Set “College that I’m Attending”

****Important Note:** Schools can rescind/revoke an admissions offer of acceptance OR place you on academic probation based upon your final semester grades...don't let senioritis get the best of you!

Senior Schedule Changes

***Your responsibility to inform colleges/universities**

Changing Courses in the Senior Year

by [UW Help Blog Team](#)

Our office gets phone calls from students who want to change their senior year courses. Often these phone calls come after the student has been admitted. They tend to sound something like this.

"I've already been admitted, so I'd like to drop my math class."

"I don't want to work so hard my senior year anymore. I will be working hard in college, and I'd like a break."

"They admitted me. Can they really reverse that?"

"Admission is like a contract, right?"

Housing/Response to College

Upon acceptance...

- Respond to college(s) to **accept or reject offer** by **May 1st**
- Check your **emails** for **housing information**
- Update admissions decisions via Naviance
 - Go to the college tab -> “colleges I’m applying to” and then click on the pencil symbol under the results column to edit.

UWM On Site Admissions Event

Interested in applying to UW-Milwaukee?

UWM On-Site Admissions Event: Friday,
October 6.

Application due by: Friday, September 29th

Watch/Listen for **Sign-Up info** via
Email/Announcements

Milwaukee National College Fair

Visit with college representatives from all over the country!

Held at the **Baird Center**—downtown Milwaukee

Sunday, October 1, 2023

3pm-6pm

Student Activity - Naviance

1. Review **Welcome Message** on Home Page
2. Make sure **More About Me Survey** is complete and updated
3. Find **Match Common Application** w/Naviance - Colleges I'm Applying To
 - a. Colleges from the Common App will automatically merge/appear on Naviance.
 - b. Must add any non-Common App Schools
4. Find **Scholarship Tab**

Questions?

- Make an appointment to see your counselor if you have any questions.
- Don't push the application process off for too long....it will make it even more overwhelming.
- See the homepage of Naviance for instructions and step by step application directions.
- Stay organized. Keep a folder/binder to keep track of applications. Create a spreadsheet of deadlines if needed.
- Finally, relax and take a deep breath—it will be just fine! This year will go by quickly and we are here to help! 😊

