

# College 201



## THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF APPLYING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

# Refresher Course



- College 101 ~ September 2011
- Financial Aid Seminar ~ October 2011
- College: It's Time! ~ February 2012
- Individual Conferences ~ Spring 2012
- Essay Writing Workshops ~ May 2012
- Application Workshops ~ September 2012
- College 201 ~ September 12, 2012
- Financial Aid Seminar ~ October 29, 2012

# College 101



- Factors colleges consider
- Factors you should consider
- How admission decisions are made
- Overview of the admissions process
- Importance of extracurricular activities
- Trends in college admissions
- Campus visits
- Testing
- Refer to your Handbook!

# College 201: Agenda



- Applying to College in 10 Easy Steps
- Update Activities Resume
- Deadlines!!!
- Sample Applications Step by Step
- FAQs
- Q&A

# Applying to College in 10 Easy Steps



1. Finalize your college list
2. Request recommendations
3. Complete testing and send scores
4. Know and meet all deadlines
5. Start your applications
6. Draft essays/personal statements & activities list
7. Show demonstrated interest
8. Submit “Pink” sheets with required forms
9. Explore financial aid & scholarships
10. Submit your apps & keep your grades up!

# Finalize Your College List

- Communicate with your parents/guardians
- Communicate with your counselors
- Make sure you would attend any college on your list
- Be optimistic & realistic
- Consider a “financial safety” school



# Request Recommendations

- Some colleges require No teacher recs
- Some colleges require ONE teacher rec
- Some colleges require TWO teacher recs
- College prep and/or Judaic teacher recs and from what grades?
- Supplemental recs
- Counselor/school rec
- THANK your rec writers!



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# Requesting Recs



- Use the WYHS “Blue” form available outside Mrs. Bejar’s office and Mrs. Roberts’s office (sample in your folder)
- If applying on the Common App, you must give each teacher the Common App Teacher Evaluation Form (see gold sample Common App) with the Blue form
- Some colleges (for example, UMD) require their own forms (see purple handout)
- If requested, sign, date, and **waive your rights** to see the forms/letters\*



# Complete Testing and Send Scores

- When is the latest I can test?
- Does it matter when I send my scores?
- *Received By* vs. *Postmarked By* dates
- How long does it take for my scores to arrive?
- Do I have to send all my scores?
- Will they really take my highest scores?



# Know and Meet All Deadlines

- College deadlines\*
- WYHS deadlines\*\*
- “Procrastination on your part does not constitute an emergency on ours.”
- “The Talmud, Pesachim 4a, relates that someone who embodies *zerizut* (acting with promptness), the opposite of procrastination, always performs mitzvot and other tasks promptly, without delay.”



# Start Your Applications!

- College application workshops
- Do not submit until a counselor has had a chance to review
- Your application is not complete until all components have been received by the college
- Know and meet all deadlines!



# Draft Essays/Personal Statements



- Essay writing workshops this past spring
- College essays assigned in all senior English classes
- Editing essays
- Outside sources and coaches
- Be yourself
- See handouts



# Show Demonstrated Interest



- Meet admissions officers when they visit WYHS
- If offered an interview, accept the invitation (we will help you prepare)
- Attend regional programs
- Stay in (appropriate) contact
- Shabbatons & campus visits
- Good eye contact, no gum, intelligent questions, firm handshakes, no helicopters, follow-up thank you notes



# Submit Pink Sheets



- Pink Transcript Request Forms are available outside Mrs. Bejar's office and Mrs. Roberts's office (sample in your folder)
- Forms must be Pink 😊
- Pink sheets must be submitted by published WYHS deadlines or at least three weeks before any other college's deadline without exception
- One form must be completed and submitted for **each** college
- Attach required forms to Pink sheets (i.e., Common App **School Report** – sign and waive your rights – see gold sample Common App, or college's own form, i.e., UMD school counselor form – see purple example)

# Explore Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Financial Aid Seminar:  
Monday, Oct. 29, 7:30 pm
- Check College Guidance bulletin boards
- Check out websites:
  - FinAid.org
  - FastWeb.com
  - Cappex.com
  - Zinch.com
  - And more
- The FAFSA can be filed after January 1, 2013 at:  
FAFSA.ed.gov
- Many colleges also require the CSS Profile to be filed in the fall,  
available at:  
ProfileOnline.College Board.com





# Keep Your Grades Up!

- Submit your apps and keep a close eye on your grades. Colleges do.
- Contrary to popular belief, senior year grades do matter!
- Colleges have been known to rescind offers of admission based on a decline in senior year grades.





# Things for Your To Do List

- Update your Student Autobiography in the College Guidance Office so we can brag about you
- It is the student's responsibility to know and meet all deadlines!



# Sample Applications



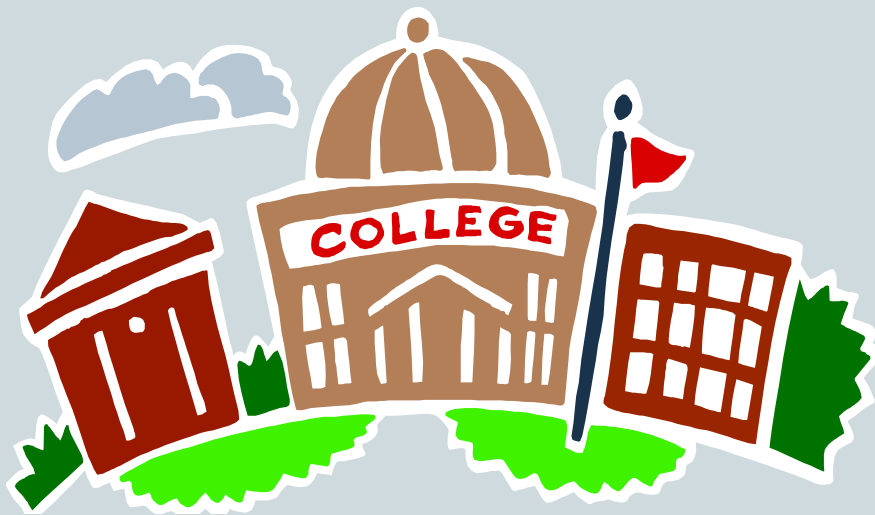
- YU/Stern Application
- 12 Quick and Easy Steps to Begin Your YU/Stern Application (melon-colored handout)
- Application Workshops
- Sample Common Application (gold-colored handout)
- Many sections have been completed for you. Consult this example when you fill out your own applications. Remember, we will check and polish all apps in their entirety for you as long as you meet our deadlines!

# FAQs



- Can I submit my scores even though I haven't finished my application?
- Can I submit my application even though I am retesting?
- Do I need to submit all my test scores?
- Should I apply ED?
- Which colleges are on the Common App?
- Why should I interview with YU when they visit next month?
- Can I change my senior year schedule?
- What else is on your mind?

# Q & A



We are here for you!

Thank you for coming!

Shana Tova!