

COLLEGE INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS

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ACT/SAT

- **ACT – the most important test**
- **all juniors – April 23rd**
- **can take more than once**
- **sign up for the writing portion**
- **ACT = English, Math, Reading, & Science**
- **SAT - popular with east coast schools**



GPA, TRANSCRIPT, & CLASS RANK

- **GPA – grade point average**
- **transcript – student grades, kept on file for 60 years**
- **transcript requests**
- **student class rank (upper 1/2)**



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- form included in packet
- give the writer ample time
- thank you notes



COMMUNITY SERVICE, VOLUNTEER HOURS, & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- helps with selective schools
- helps with scholarships



SENIOR LETTERS

- credits received
- credits needed
- classes needed



SCHOLARSHIPS

- check the local scholarships – scholarship booklet
- scholarships at the university or college
- scholarships on the internet



VISITS & APPLICATIONS

It is extremely important to visit colleges or universities during the summer between junior and senior years.

- **seniors get one college day**
- **getting on campus is usually a major factor in the final decision.**
- **applications – usually on line**
- **priority deadlines – September - October?**



Financial Aid

- **financial aid night –
December/ January??**
- **local college rep.**
- **financial aid forms - not
before Jan. 1 – done by
March**



“4” YEAR COLLEGES

- live on campus
- higher cost
- develop relationships – friends & teachers
- grow up
- must be accepted
- back-up school



“2” YEAR COLLEGES

- **commute or live by school**
- **lower cost**
- **overall not as rigorous**
- **sometimes the only option**
- **in district costs – Parkland scholarship**
- **sub 100 level classes**



FACTORS IN PICKING A COLLEGE

- **cost**
- **distance**
- **sports**
- **size of college**
- **size of community**
- **parents**
- **major**



UNIVERSITY PERSONNAL

- Admissions office
- Financial aid office
- professors in your major
- coach???



MILITARY

- National guard
- other branches
- contact a recruiter now



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

- **8,975 undergraduate students**
- **\$20,140 total cost**
- **south of Champaign about 1 hour, Charleston**
- **small town**
- **Middle 50% accepted had a 19 – 24 ACT score**
- **great small – big school**



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

- **9,464 undergraduate students**
- **\$20,130 total cost**
- **Macomb, Il. – not so easy to get to**
- **small town**
- **Middle 50% accepted had a 18 – 23 ACT score 3.05 gpa**
- **law enforcement – for us, music industry**



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

- **14,130 undergraduate students**
- **\$21,469 total cost**
- **Carbondale - long drive, nice weather**
- **230 undergraduate majors**
- **23 ACT or 3.0 in core courses automatic admit**
- **Shawnee National Forest – park ranger major**



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

- **16,552 undergraduate students**
- **\$20,754 total cost**
- **Dekalb – close to Chicago, intern benefits**
- **Computer programming, Physical Therapy**
- **minimum ACT of 19 & rank in upper 1/2 class**
- **large school, lots of Chicago area kids**



ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

- **18,207 undergraduate students**
- **\$22,663 total cost**
- **Normal – very familiar to most students**
- **Teaching & Business**
- **average student scored 22-26 on ACT avg. GPA 3.45**
- **large school and large community**



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

- **32,281 undergraduate students**
- **29,594 – 34,514 cost**
- **Champaign/Urbana**
- **Engineering, Computer Science, Agriculture, etc...**
- **1 out of 4.5 that applied got in this year**
- **24 to 30 plus ACT for admission**
- **very competitive!!!!**



OTHERS

- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- University of Illinois – Chicago
- University of Illinois – Springfield
- Chicago State University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Privates – I.W.U., Monmouth, Bradley, Eureka, Knox, Chicago area, Ivy League



HEARTLAND COLLEGE

- Normal
- fast growing community college
- new campus
- large town
- many Chenoa & Fairbury students commute
- High school diploma and you are in
- low cost 3,000 to 6,000 a year
- transfer and non-transfer programs



PARKLAND COLLEGE

- **Champaign**
- **Well established community college**
- **Large town**
- **Transfers well to U of I**
- **High school diploma and you are in**
- **Low cost 3,000 to 6,000 a year**
- **Transfer and non-transfer programs**



1. **Make a list of Pros & Cons on college choices.**
2. **It is extremely important to visit colleges or universities in the summer between junior and senior years.**
3. **QUESTIONS????????????**

