

# College Planning Night

- Elizabeth Bender – Henderson High School
  - Shaz Brown – Rustin High School
  - Jessica Salley – East High School

## AGENDA

7:00 -7:20pm - School Counselor Overview & Presentation

7:20 – 7:50pm – College Admissions Panel Introductions

7:50 – 8:30pm – Questions for the Panel from the Audience

# TIMELINE

- ✓ Register for SAT and/or ACT—You should take one of these tests at least twice in junior year if you are planning to attend college
- ✓ Check Individual schools for SAT subjects tests (SAT II) requirements
- ✓ Junior conference: your counselor will schedule a conference with students (3<sup>rd</sup> marking period)
- ✓ Make list of colleges which interest you. Check websites for majors and other important information
- ✓ Attend college fairs. Be prepared with questions specific to schools in attendance.

# JUNIOR TIMELINE

- **Visit Colleges** over spring break and in the summer
- **Sports**—If you are thinking of playing Division 1 or 2 sports, access the NCAA Eligibility Center ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org))
- **Extra-Curricular Activities**—continue to participate and look for new opportunities; colleges look for consistency and depth in activities
- **Community Service/ Volunteer Work**- participate & keep record of these activities
- Use the Naviance program for college planning. (See link on Counseling Department websites)
- **Other helpful websites include:**
  - [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-education>
  - <https://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx>

# SAT vs. ACT

The New SAT has only one reading section and one writing section—the math section is divided into a calculator portion and a no-calculator portions. The sections will always be in the same order. The test will be 3 hours, plus the optional essay. The exact breakdown, in order, looks like this:

Reading: 52 questions, 65 minutes

Writing and Language: 44 questions, 35 minutes

Math: no calculator—20 questions, 25 min; with calculator—38 questions, 55 min

Optional essay: 1 prompt, 50 min

The basic ACT structure and timing is remaining the same, with the exception of the new essay, which will be longer.

English: 75 questions, 45 min

Math: 60 questions, 60 min

Reading: 40 questions, 35 min

Science: 40 questions, 35 min

Optional writing: 1 prompt, 40 min



<http://blog.prepscholar.com/the-new-sat-vs-the-act-a-full-breakdown>

# WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

*Naviance* is our Career and College search tool offered by the West Chester Area School District to assist students and families in their post-secondary planning.

## College Searching Tools

- Students may access the SuperMatch under the “colleges” tab in order to find schools that match up to 23 different search criteria
- Database for over 4,000 colleges and universities across the country
- Save colleges that fit your students’ need or pin your favorites so that they show on the top of the page while they search

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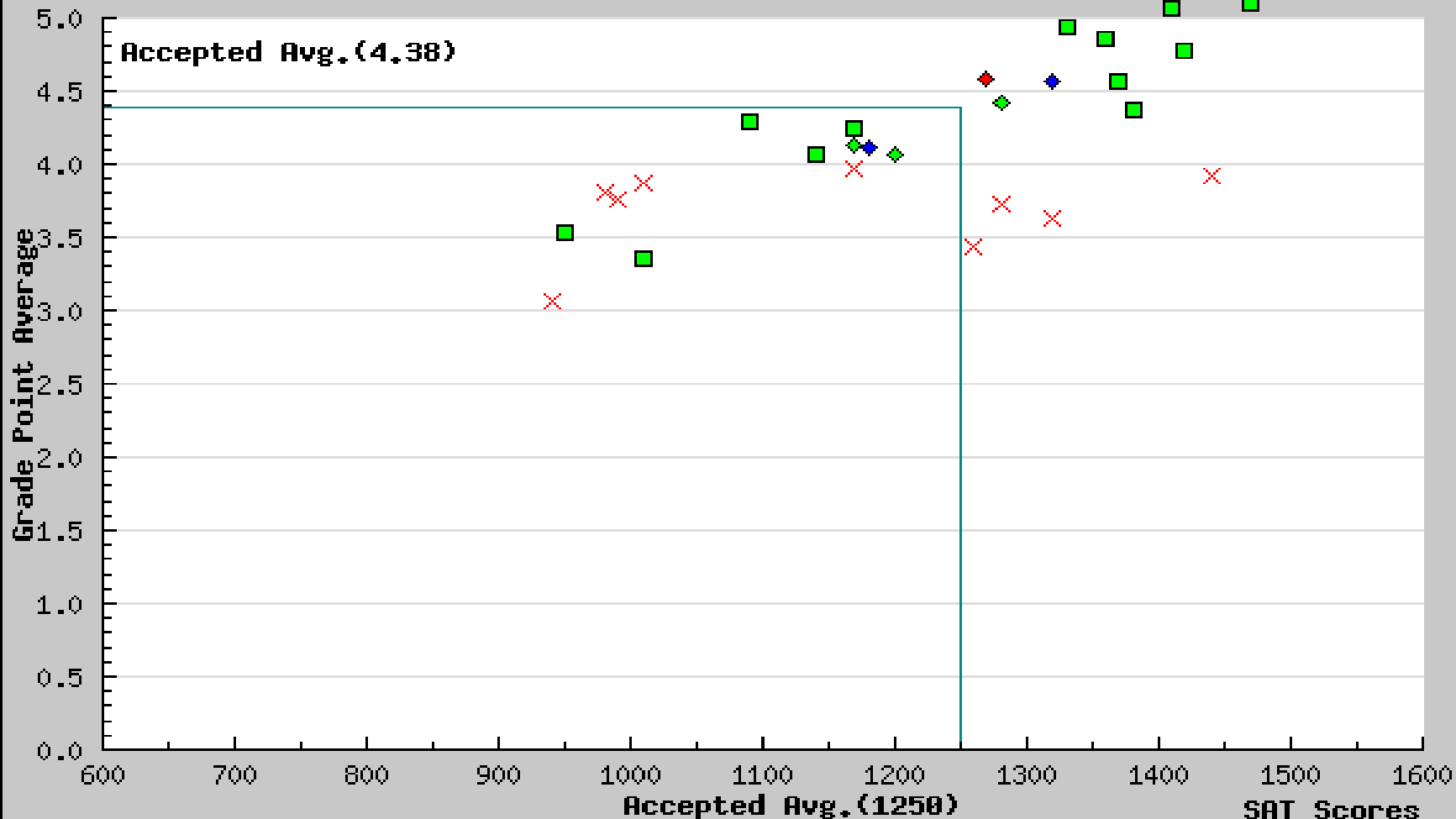
Naviance also provides school counselors with the ability to track progress of individual students, communicate and collaborate with families via the Family Connections page, and create reports, send transcripts and collect data for the student population.

**Scattergrams** will offer useful data tracking for which students get into certain colleges based on GPA & SAT/ACT scores.

-This feature will allow counselors and students to make accurate decisions on which schools fit into their individual college planning (good match schools, safety net schools, hard-to-reach schools)

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West Chester East High School  
SAT (1600) vs. GPA Scattergram (2014-2015)



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Institution Characteristics

Cost

Student Life

Athletics

Reputation

## Your Fit Criteria

Saved Searches Choose one ▼

Save Search

Start Over

4 selected criteria

To refine your results, use the arrows to move your criteria into the "Must Have" and "Nice to Have" boxes.

### Must Have

✕ Within 125 miles of 19380 →

✕ Major [Any] →

✕ Campus Surroundings [3] →

### Nice to Have

✕ Student Body Size [1] ←

## Your Results

Your results include **49 institutions** with a fit score of 90% or above.

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## Career Search Tools

- It is just as important to think about *career* goals as it is to find the best *college* fit.
- Think in terms of “working backwards”. Knowing what career interests they have may help them locate best college/trade school/training for job placement in that field.
- Career exploration also means knowing what your personality type is and how that fits into your career choices. Naviance offers personality and career inventories students may access.
- Naviance uses 16 career clusters based on the information gathered from the Department of Labor and Statistics

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Careers, Clusters and Pathways



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Interview archive

Explore Careers and Interests



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## Find Clusters and Pathways

Career clusters are a way of grouping careers with common features and skills. Careers grouped into the same cluster typically require similar education and training. Exploring clusters can be a useful way to find a good career match, especially if you have general areas of interest but are not sure what specific careers match those interests. Career clusters can also help you better understand how your coursework in school can prepare you for certain types of careers



Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources



Architecture and Construction



Arts, Audio/Video Technology and  
Communications



Business Management and Administration



Education and Training



Finance



Government and Public Administration



Health Science



Hospitality and Tourism



Human Services



Information Technology



Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security



Marketing



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# PFEW

- **Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week or PFEW**, is a 1 week summer program designed to give young students firsthand experience with American free market economics and help them understand how our economy, and its health, affects them no matter what career path they may follow.
  - Allows students to examine different career paths and what they must do to prepare for those careers
  - Brings together volunteer business leaders throughout the state to talk with students about jobs in their businesses and respective career fields
  - Allows students to explore career paths perhaps never considered, while allowing local employers to build connections with potential future employees
  - Provides students with a fun, practical, hands-on learning experience that allows them to gain exposure to college life and to enhance their college applications.
  - Students are able to attend this week-long event at a cost of \$295. Space is limited. Please see your school counselor if you need financial assistance.
  - College Scholarship opportunities include:
    - \$2,000 annual scholarship (up to 4 years) at Penn College of Technology – that's \$8,000 in savings
    - \$5,000 annual scholarship (up to 4 years) at Lycoming College – that's \$25,000 in saving



# Welcome to our College Admissions Panel

- **Drexel University**- Catherine -Campbell-Perna
- **Penn State University** – Jeremy Branch
- **Temple University** – Jim Van Blunk
- **Villanova University** – Carolyn Defant
- **West Chester University** – Lauren Lang
- **Widener University** - Jason Britton