

Getting help with your applications

1. I can schedule some in the CCC throughout the next few months during 2nd & 7th periods if students will attend. September 26 during 2nd period is one option.
2. If you can't attend 2nd or 7th period application workshops, let me know and we'll schedule an individual appointment.
3. All students applying to a CSU should either attend a workshop or see me to review their application before submitting it to avoid common mistakes.

College Visits

1. 6 reps have already visited & 85 are still to come. More are added each week. We expect to get close to 100 reps to visit Drake this fall.
2. Some reps have requested to visit us but we can't find a mutually agreeable time but they may have an info session planned in the Bay Area. As I learn of these sessions, I will post them on my Upcoming Events section of the CCC website. See printout to list examples.
3. If there's a particular college you want to visit and you do not see them on the Naviance list, contact me and I'll make the request.
4. You can also check a college's website to see if they'll be having a larger informational session at another school or hotel.

5. If you sign up for a visit on Naviance, you'll receive an email from your counselor reminding you of the visit. You'll also receive this type of email if the college is on your *colleges I'm thinking about* list and the college scheduled a visit to Drake. Show the email to your teacher as it's your pass for visits occurring during class time. No pass needed for before school or lunchtime visits. For Tutorial, get a pass from your Crew teacher and then I'll sign it at the end of the Tutorial period. It is important to attend these visits – many colleges keep track of demonstrated interest and use this info when making admission decisions.
6. Important info is given at these sessions that you can't find elsewhere. For example, the U Portland rep told two seniors at a past visit that although their admission deadline wasn't until January 15th, they were accepting applications earlier and sending admission decisions as applications arrived. The admit rate was 90% for students applying in September last year; that admit rate fell below 30% if students waited until December to apply and went down another 9% if students waited until January to apply. This info was not on their website! Reps also tell you exactly what they are looking for on the essay, etc.

After Submitting Application

1. Read each bullet point
2. The Drake specific info on Naviance that many of you have used as you research colleges is only as accurate as the information we collect on the Senior Survey. I'd suggest students keep a spreadsheet of the colleges they'll apply to, deadlines, including early scholarship ones if applicable, # of recs needed, admission decisions, etc. That will help you remember everything needed to complete Senior Survey. You could also add financial aid offers as that info is also collected.

Financial Aid Night

1. A financial aid officer at Dominican University will present timely and pertinent information. This event is open to seniors, their parents, and parents of all other grade levels. I will also share info re: applying for outside scholarships