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JUNIOR/SENIOR PLANNING FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Junior/Senior Timeline

Use Naviance & Collegeboard interest inventories to refine your career interests.

Register with the NCAA if you plan to play sports in college ncaaclearinghouse.org

Search for colleges/career schools. Request Information & Visit Schools. Attend Open Houses where available. Add schools to NAVIANCE.

Take SAT's on Wednesday, April 5th & May/June if desired. Take SAT Subject Tests in May/June if needed. Register for & take October SAT

Register for challenging courses for Senior year

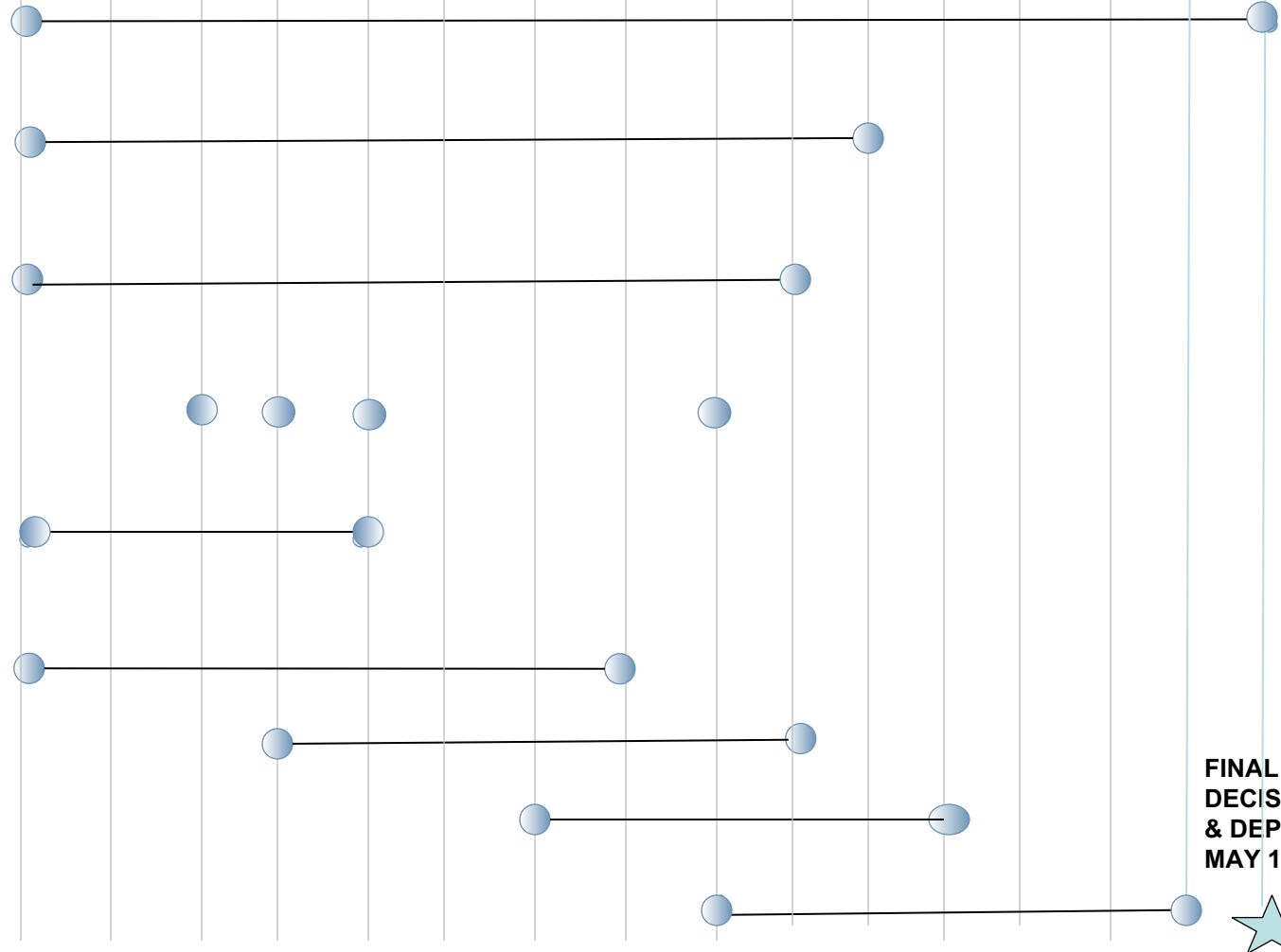
Narrow down your list of colleges to 5-6 schools. Apply Spring of JUNIOR year to Military Academies.

Request recommendations from teachers & apply to colleges.

Complete financial aid forms (PROFILE & FAFSA)

Revisit schools

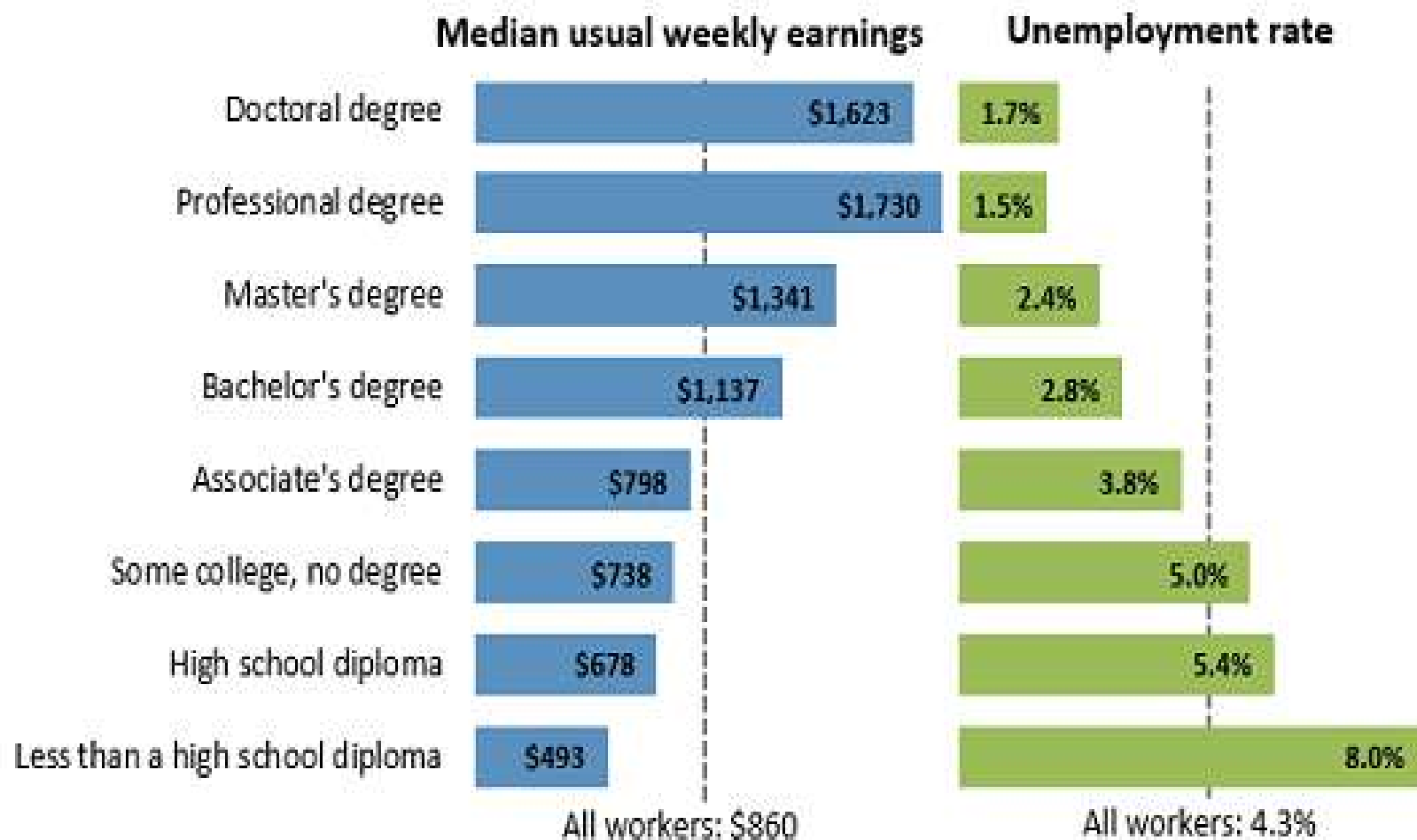
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**FINAL
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MAY 1ST**



Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2015



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

OPTIONS FOR AFTER GRADUATION

- Four Year College
- Community College then Four Year College
- Community College (2 years)
- Vocational Training/On the Job Training/1 year certificate
- Military

4 YEAR COLLEGE PREPARATION

- 4 years English at the CP or Honors/Advanced Level
- 4 years Mathematics (through CP Algebra II or higher)
- 3-4 years Social Studies (CP or Honors Level)
- 3-4 years Science (CP or Honors Level)
- 2-4 years World Language
- Students will take SAT's their Junior year & then should retake SAT's October or November of their Senior year



4 Year College Admission

□ Factors in Admission

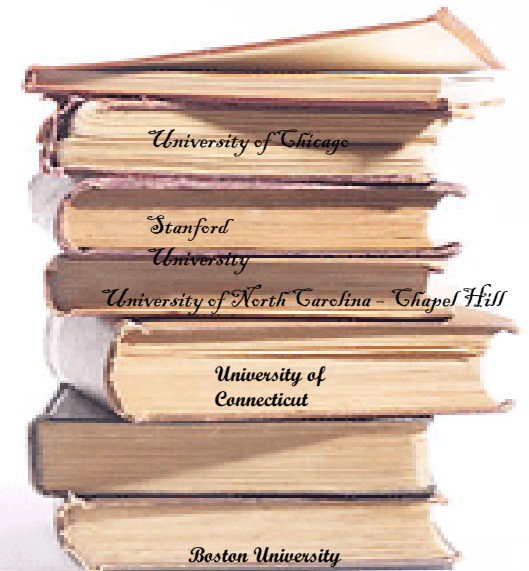
- High School courses taken and grade point average
- Standardized test scores (SAT and/or ACT)
- Extra-curricular & Community Service Activities
- Leadership Activities
- Character
- Teacher/Counselor Recommendations

□ Common Application Workshop in September

- Almost 700 Colleges use the Common Application
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Selection of Colleges

- “Reach” is a school that one is not “guaranteed” acceptance to (this will vary by student)
 - Student SAT scores and grade point average are at the lower end of their “average”.
 - The “Ivy League” service academies and other highly competitive colleges are reach schools even for the top students in the class
 - Harvard can fill their freshman class with students with perfect SAT scores
 - UConn - Storrs is a “reach” for many
 - 3-4 years of a world language
 - Mostly Honors/AP Courses with A's & B's
 - Challenging schedule senior year
 - Had 36,000 applicants in 2015/16



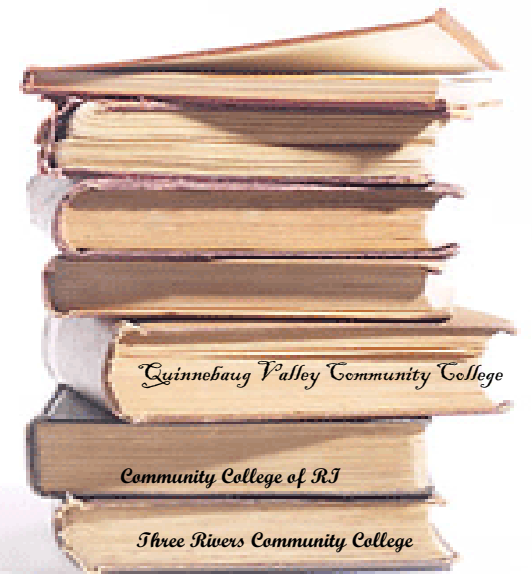
Selection of Colleges

- “Middle” is a school that one has a good chance of getting in to
 - The “average” SAT scores and grade point average are similar to your own.
 - Taking mostly College Prep (CP) courses
 - HOWEVER, this can sometimes change from year to year based on the applicant pool for the college



Selection of Colleges

- A “safety” school is a school that you are guaranteed acceptance to if everything else “falls through”
 - Just as much research should go into the selection of this school because this may be where you are spending 2-4 years of your life
 - There are many schools with higher acceptance rates
 - You should also choose a “safety school for financial reasons (less expensive) until you find out financial aid packages



College Visits

- Colleges often post “open houses” on their websites and will send reminders if you are added to their mailing list
 - Many colleges offer open houses for Juniors in the spring
- A college can be visited at any time during the year by contacting the college admission office
 - This is an excused absence from school
 - It is best to visit a college first for an open house for an overview then for a second visit when classes are in session for schools that you are interested in



TWO YEAR/CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- It is just as important to VISIT these schools
- If you are planning to start at a two year college and then transfer to a four year college – TAKE the SAT'S!!
- Two year colleges and career schools require applications but NO recommendations
 - The application is generally 1 – 2 pages
 - Most technical programs (New England Tech, Lincoln Tech, etc.) are also Associate degree programs
- Two year colleges and certificate programs require a placement test (ACCUPLACER)
 - If you do not score high enough on this test, you will be placed in lower level classes that may not count towards your degree
- You must complete financial aid forms for these schools

MILITARY OPTIONS



- All Military branches require a high school diploma
- Training options require taking the ASVAB (sign up in the School Counseling Office to take this in the fall)
 - ASVAB = Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery
 - TOP students with technical skills have the most options
 - You **MUST** attend further education while in the military in order to advance



EMPLOYMENT

- Electric Boat will be hiring a large number of employees in the next few years
 - They prefer trained employees (eg. Welders)
 - You must take a reading/math skills test if you are called to begin the interview process
 - You must pass a drug test
 - Three Rivers has a grant-funded manufacturing program that is completely FREE but is highly selective
 - If you want to move to a supervisory position, you need a degree

WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING NOW!!

- 1). REGISTER FOR MAY/JUNE SAT'S &/OR SUBJECT TESTS IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY – DEADLINE IS APRIL 7TH FOR MAY 6TH SAT & MAY 9TH FOR THE JUNE 3RD SAT.
- 2). COMPLETE COLLEGE/CAREER SCHOOL SEARCHES ON THE COLLEGE BOARD SITE, IN NAVIANCE AND VIA OTHER SEARCH ENGINES ON THE INTERNET
- 3). ADD SCHOOLS TO THE 'SCHOOLS I'M THINKING ABOUT' SECTION IN NAVIANCE
- 4). **VISIT SCHOOLS
- 5). THINK ABOUT 2-3 TEACHERS TO ASK FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ***IF APPLYING TO 4 YEAR COLLEGES***
- 6). UPDATE YOUR RESUME!!!

QUESTIONS???

****PLEASE SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR****

