

# SENIOR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

**Brookline High School**

# COLLEGE COUNSELOR: LENNY LIBENZON



College-related  
presentations to  
parents and students.  
Work with challenging  
situations.

Please contact your  
counselor first.

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## CAREER COUNSELOR: KATE KENNEDY



Career exploration &  
information;  
interviewing; job  
shadows; supporting  
students with  
alternative post grad  
plans, such as trades

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# HTTP://BHS.BROOKLINE.K12.MA.US/GUIDANCE



## Brookline High School

617.713.5000

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### LAST BHS Guidance/Counseling Dept Weekly Update for this School Year – Week of June 14, 2021

6/13/2021

Kudos to BHS students and families for making it through one of the most challenging school years ever! Only one full week, and then 1 ½ days left before summer is here!

Grades will close on Monday 6/21. Now's the time to keep your focus and do your best! If you're behind, talk to your teacher and do what you can to get on track. It is not too late to make a difference in how you end this school year.

This week is a "regular" schedule with Wed having A,B,C and H (Help) blocks. Consider using the Help block on Wed to check in with a teacher or see your counselor! Regular schedules and last days of school June 21 and 22 schedule attached here.

Last day for all students is Tuesday June 22, a ½ day.

#### Brookline High School Guidance

617-713-5016  
617-713-5015  
[Our Mission](#)  
[Guidance Staff](#)  
[Support Staff Directory](#)

[Naviance](#)

[BHS College Documents](#)

# BHS COLLEGE APPLICATION GUIDE

<https://bit.ly/3B2Irlg>



# SENIOR SEMINARS

Seminar 1: starts week of September 18

Seminar 2: starts mid-Oct



# CLASS OF 2024 OUTCOMES

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>% of students</u>
4 Yr College (incl non-us)	87.00%
2 Year College	3.0%
Employed	2%
Non-U.S. College	1%
Year Off	3%
Military	0.0%
Other (Prep, etc)	4%

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE & MASS TRANSFER

<https://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/>

## Commonwealth Commitment to Students:

- ✓ **Freeze on all tuition & mandatory fees on program entry**  
Valid until student successfully completes or leaves  
Commonwealth Commitment program
- ✓ **A 10% rebate off tuition & mandatory fees**  
Payable at the end of every successfully completed semester
- ✓ **Additional MassTransfer Tuition Credit on bachelor's program entry**
- ✓ **Guaranteed admission**  
Space permitting in the major and college
- ✓ **Guaranteed transfer of credits**
- ✓ **No application fee or essay**  
MassTransfer Application required by deadline



# GAP YEAR

[TEENLIFE.ORG](http://teenlife.org)

[HTTPS://WWW.GOOVERSEAS.COM/GAP-YEAR](https://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year)

[HTTPS://WWW.OMPRAKASH.ORG/](https://www.omprakash.org/)

[HTTPS://WWW.CITYYEAR.ORG/](https://www.cityyear.org/)

## BHS GAP YEAR FAIR IN JANUARY

MANY SELECTIVE COLLEGES  
REPORT THAT AT LEAST HALF OF  
ADMITTED STUDENTS WERE  
ACCEPTED TEST-OPTIONAL

2000+ COLLEGES ARE TEST-OPTIONAL.

FOR THE COMPLETE LIST, GO TO [FAIRTEST.ORG](https://fairtest.org)

REQUIRING TESTS: MIT, GEORGETOWN, BROWN, HARVARD,  
DARTMOUTH, MILITARY ACADEMIES, FLORIDA STATE, GEORGIA,  
ETC + SOME SCHOLARSHIPS

On June 29, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court announced its ruling holding that the use of race in admissions policies applied by the University of North Carolina and Harvard College violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Harvard: The Court also ruled that colleges and universities may consider in admissions decisions “an applicant’s discussion of how race affected his or her life, be it through discrimination, inspiration, or otherwise.”

New Supplemental Essay: Harvard has long recognized the importance of enrolling a diverse student body. How will the life experiences that shape who you are today enable you to contribute to Harvard? \* (150 words)

# YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- RESEARCH SCHOOLS
- RELEASE TRANSCRIPTS
- MATCH COMMON APP & NAVIANCE
- GIVE SELF-DESCRIPTION FORM & PARENT BRAG SHEET TO COUNSELOR
  - REQUEST TEACHER REC
  - RELEASE YOUR TEST SCORES

# SOURCES OF COLLEGE INFORMATION

- YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR
- RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO WENT TO COLLEGE
- COLLEGE TOURS
- FISKE GUIDE TO COLLEGES
- COLLEGE REPS VISITING BHS



# BHS COLLEGE VISITS

9/ 16 - 11/ 4



## BHS Calendars

[bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendars.html](https://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendars.html)

Students need to register on Naviance and bring the signed [permission form](#)

SEPTEMBER

Fri 13

09:22AM

[University of Southern California](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

09:25AM

[Loyola Marymount University](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

10:25AM

[University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

11:30AM

[University of Colorado Boulder](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

01:00PM

[Brown University](#)

📍 Not Specified

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

02:00PM

[Scripps College](#)

📍 Not Specified

[HTTPS://STUDENT.NAVIANCE.COM/COLLEGES](https://student.naviance.com/colleges)

## Find Your Fit



SuperMatch®



College Match



College Events

Scattergrams

Advanced College Search

College Lookup



## SuperMatch College Search

### III Choose Fit Criteria

[Location](#)
[Academics](#)
[Admission](#)
[Diversity](#)
[Institution Characteristics](#)
[Cost](#)
[Student Life](#)
[Athletics](#)
[R](#)

### Your Fit Criteria

3 selected criteria

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

#### Must Have

✕ Location [7] →

✕ Major [Any] →

✕ Campus Surroundings [1] →

### Your Results

Your results include **43 institutions** with a fit score of 90% or above.

	Fit Score ⓘ	Academic Match ⓘ	Highlights ▼									
SUNY Downstate Medical Center Brooklyn, NY, Large City 4 year, Public	<div>100%</div>	<table><tr><td></td><td>Average</td><td>You</td></tr><tr><td>GPA</td><td>N/A</td><td>3.2 ⓘ</td></tr><tr><td>SAT</td><td>N/A</td><td>1360</td></tr></table>		Average	You	GPA	N/A	3.2 ⓘ	SAT	N/A	1360	No Highlights Available
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**YOUR GPA** ⓘ

GPA (4.0 scale)

3.2

**YOUR SAT SCORES** ⓘ

SAT Composite

1360

**YOUR ACT SCORES** ⓘ

ACT Composite

**ACCEPTANCE RATE**

- ☐ 25% or Lower
- ☐ 26%-50%
- ☐ 51%-75%
- ☐ 76% or more
- ☐ Open Admissions

**REGULAR APPLICATION DEADLINE**

I want institutions with a regular application deadline on or after:

 Select date

- ☐ Accepts AP Credits ⓘ
- ☐ Accepts IB Credits ⓘ
- ☐ Test Optional ⓘ
- ☐ Common App Member ⓘ
- ☐ Coalition App Member ⓘ
- ☐ No Application Fee ⓘ

# APPLY TO

## SAFETY



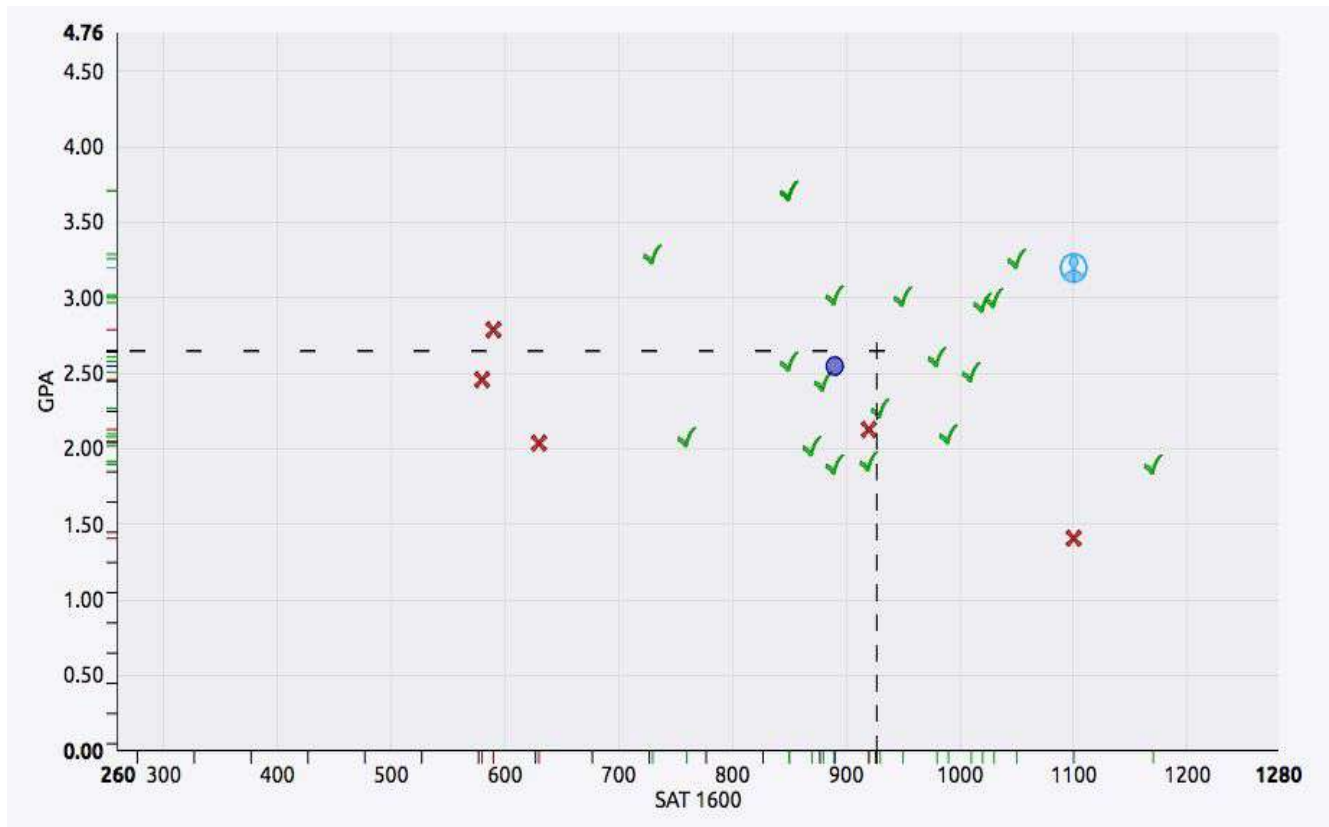
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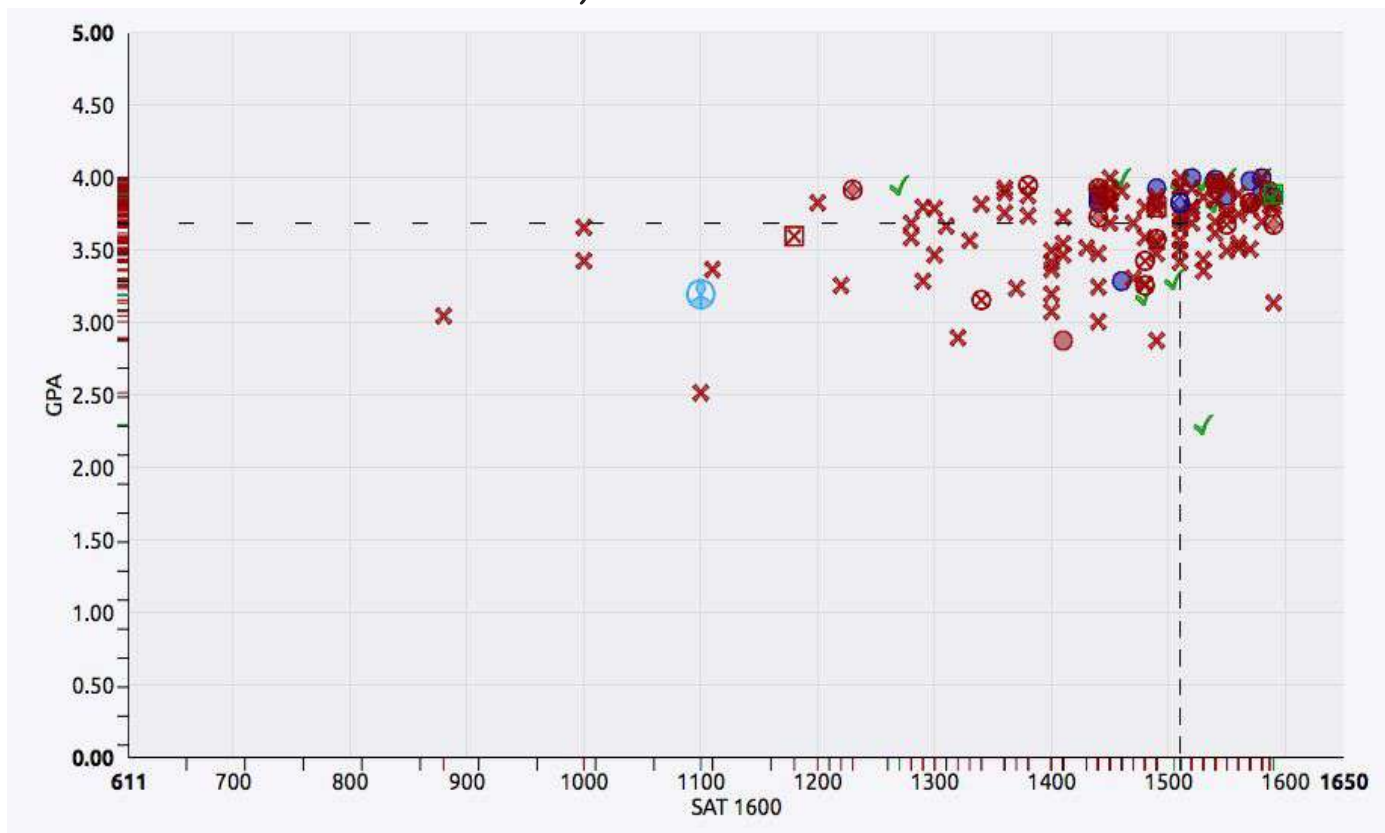
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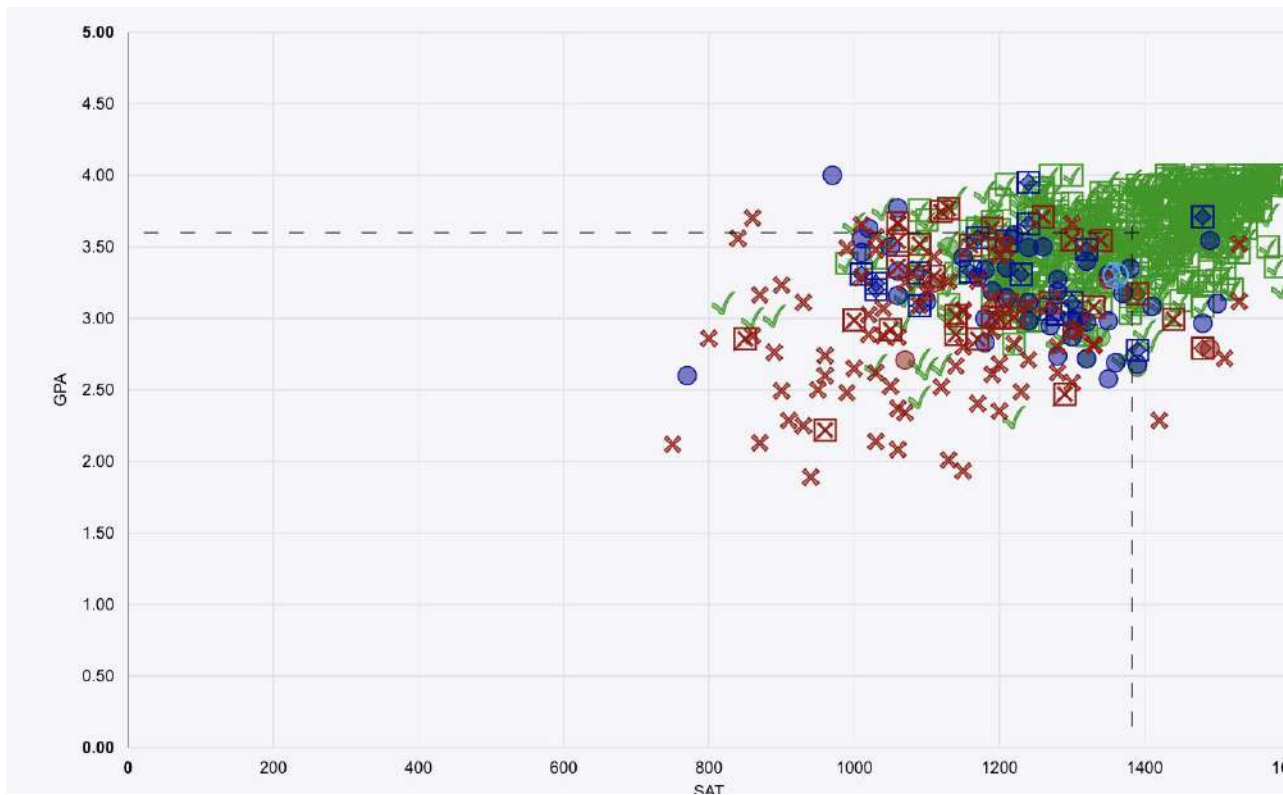
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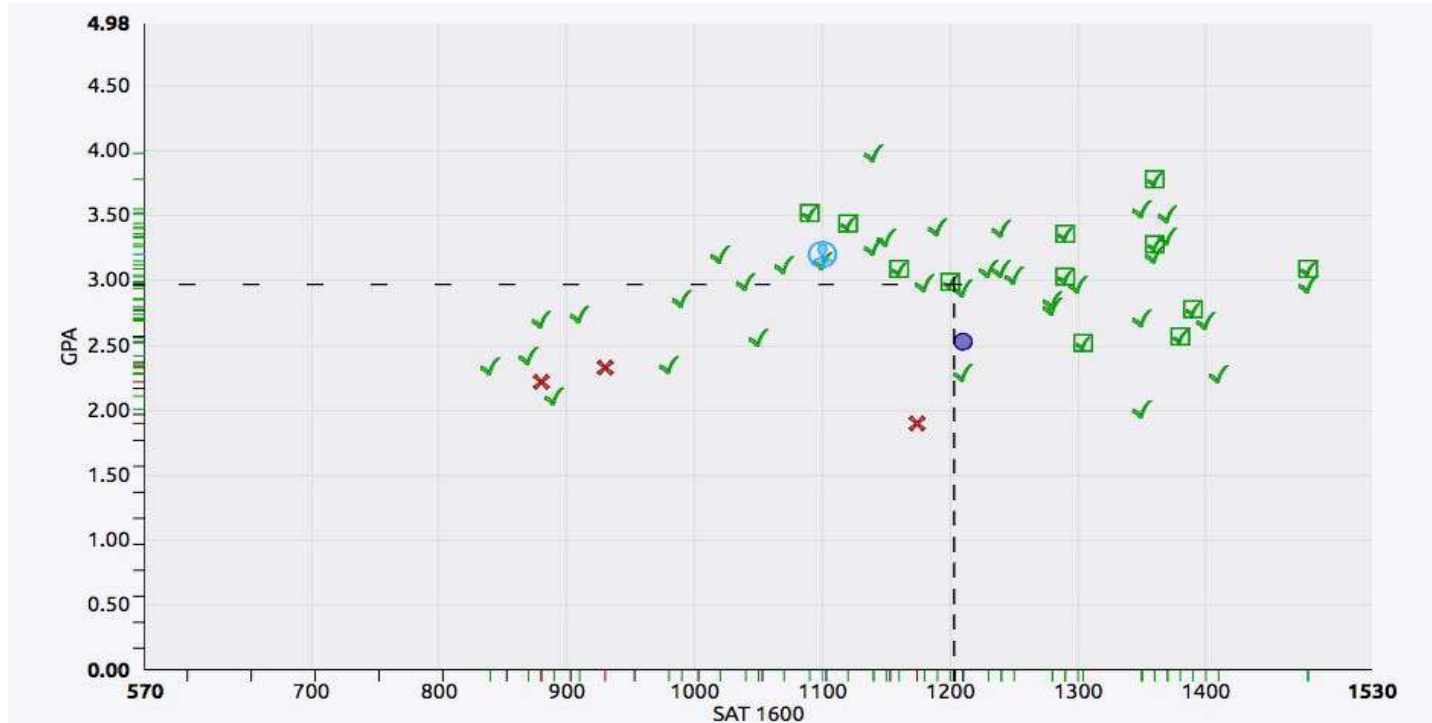
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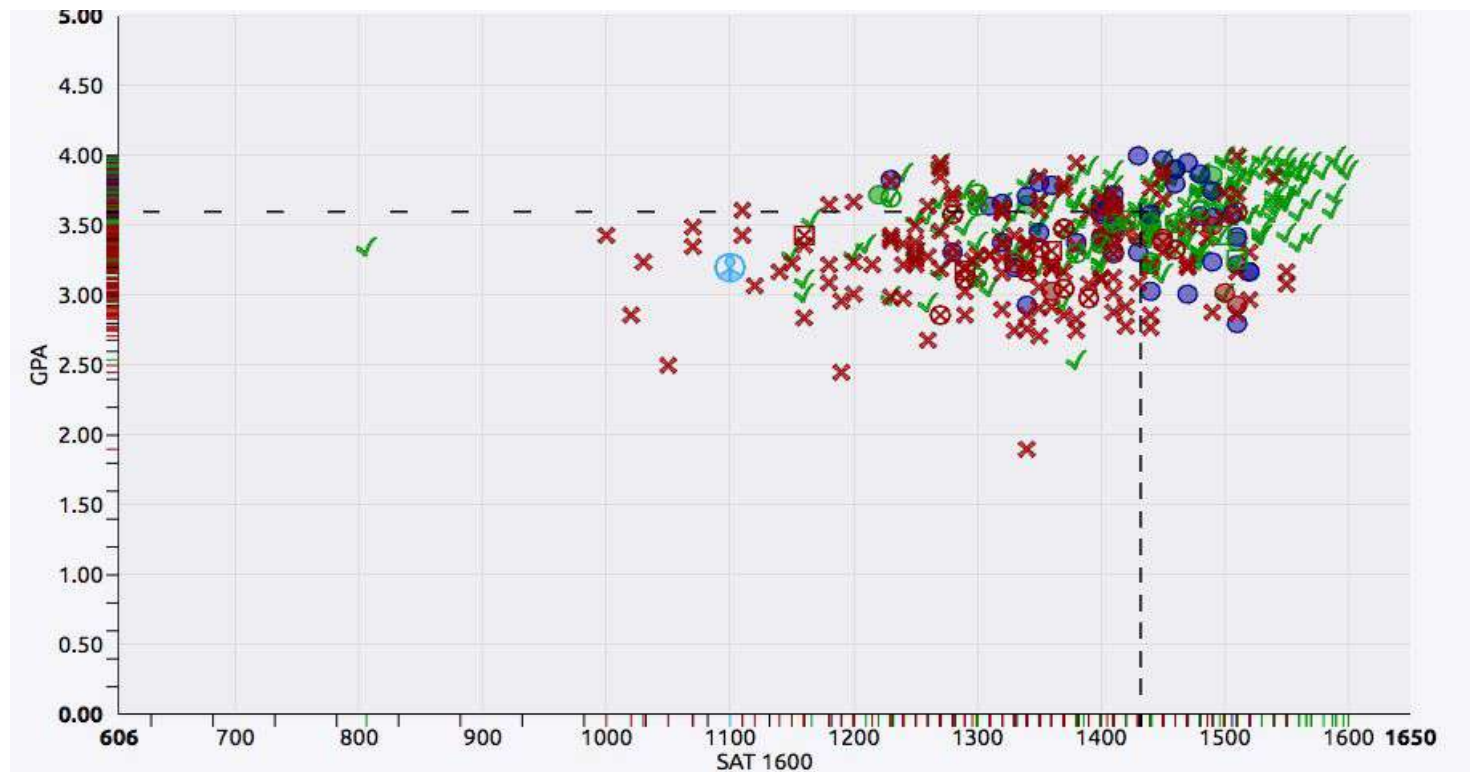
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# UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

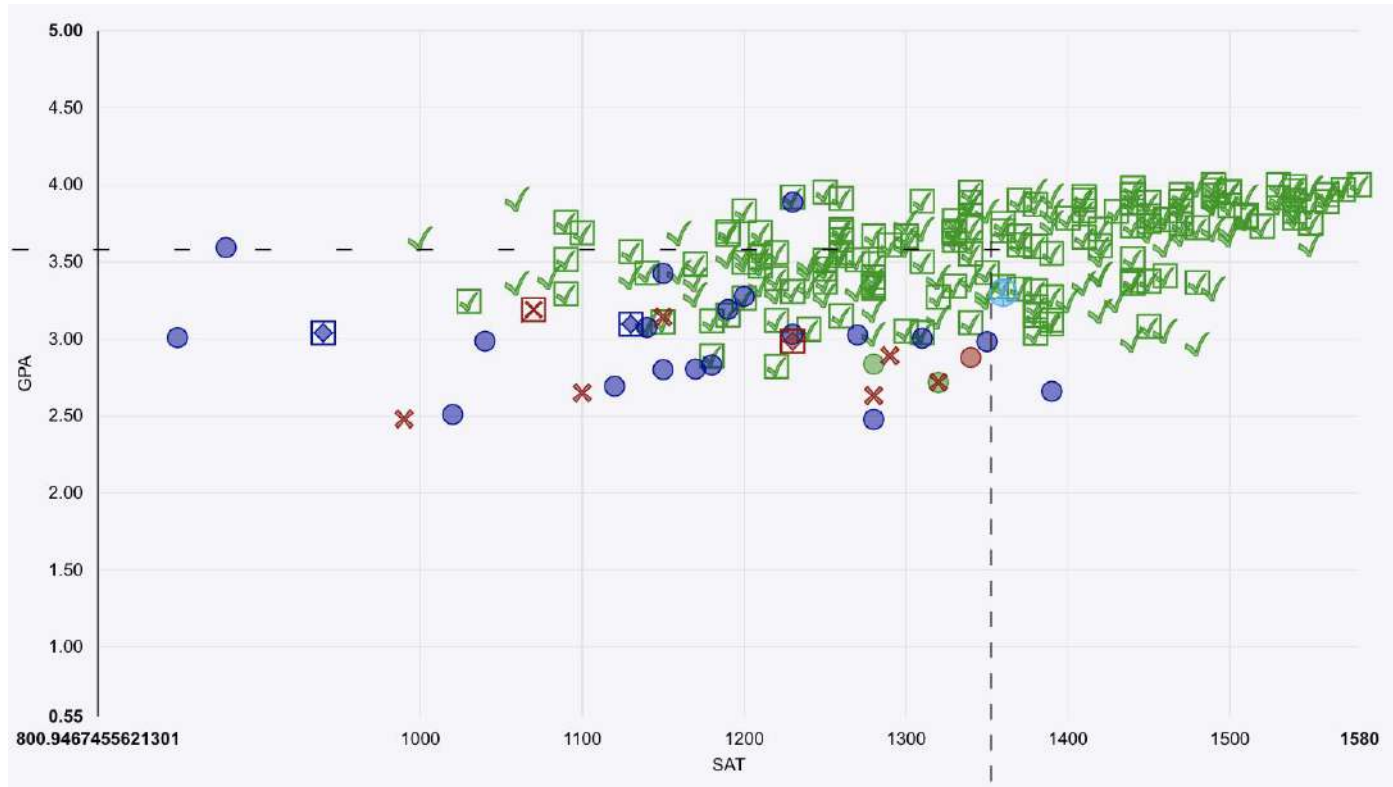


# NEW YORK UNIVERSITY





# UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT



# UMASS AMHERST UPDATE

## Early Action Admit Rates

Overall: 74%

Nursing: 15%

Computer Science: 49%

Finance: 56%

## Reg Decision Admit Rates

Overall: 51%

Nursing: 4%

Computer Science: 20%

Finance: 37%

# GPA

BHS GPA has been updated on Naviance (Go to About Me:: Profile)

Note that most admission offices calculate their own GPA

BHS reports unweighted GPA only

BHS does not rank students

WE SEND ONLY YOUR FINAL GRADES FOR  
GRADES 9-11.

WE SEND 1ST AND 2ND TERM SENIOR  
YEAR GRADES TO COLLEGES

IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE A BALANCED  
LOAD OF CLASSES AND DO WELL,  
ESPECIALLY AFTER THE PANDEMIC YEAR

# REGULAR DECISION

Apply by January 1 or 15

Decision by April 1

Choose by May 1st

Check the college website for specific deadlines!

# EARLY ACTION

Apply by November 1 or 15

Decision by mid-December

Choose by May 1st

You can apply to several schools Early Action. UMass Amherst deadline this year was Nov 05.

# EARLY DECISION

Apply by November 1 or 15

Decision by mid-December

Choose by YOU HAVE TO GO TO THIS SCHOOL

You can apply to only ONE (1) school Early Decision. Since you have to go if admitted, you might get less financial assistance.

[HTTPS://APPLY.COMMONAPP.ORG/LOGIN](https://apply.commonapp.org/login)

[First Year Students](#)[Transfer Students](#)

## Sign In

**First year student?** Great! Enter your email and password below to sign in, or [create an account](#) to get started.

\* Indicates required fields.

Email \*

Password \*

[Forgot password?](#)

[Sign In](#)

Need help?  
[Visit the Applicant Solutions Center.](#)



## Common App

## Profile

Family

Education

Testing

✓ Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades  
1 college(s) require

## Profile

Preview

✓ Personal Information ^

✓ Address ^

✓ Contact Details ^

✓ Demographics ^

✓ Language ^

Geography and Nationality ^

## Common App Fee Waiver v

You are eligible for application fee waivers if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- You are enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal free or reduced price lunch program.
- You have received or are eligible to receive an SAT or ACT fee waiver.
- Your annual family income falls within the income eligibility guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

## My Colleges

## Boston College ▲

## College Information

## Application

Questions

Recommenders and  
FERPAReview and Submit -  
Common App

## Writing Supplement

Questions

Review and Submit -  
Writing Supplement

## Boston College

## Contact Info

Phone: [\(800\) 360-2522](tel:(800)360-2522)

Fax: 617-552-0798

Email: [bcapplicant@bc.edu](mailto:bcapplicant@bc.edu)Address: 140 Commonwealth Ave  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467  
USALinks: [College Website](#) · [College Navigator](#)

## Application Deadlines

## September 2020

## First Year

Early Decision - 11/01/2019

Early Decision II - 01/01/2020

Regular Decision - 01/01/2020

## January 2020

## First Year

Regular Decision - 11/01/2019

### My Colleges

[Boston College](#) ▲[College Information](#)[Application](#)[Questions](#)[Recommenders and FERPA](#)[Review and Submit - Common App](#)

## Recommenders & FERPA



### FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)[Complete Release Authorization](#)



### FERPA Form

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- ☒ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.\*

Please select one: \*

- ☒ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.
- ☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

- ☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above  
applies to all colleges to which I am applying and that my selection

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Save and Close

## Colleges I'm Applying To



It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

[Match Accounts](#)[Application Milestones](#)[Compare Me](#)

YOUTUBE VIDEO SHOWING THE MATCHING PROCESS: <https://youtu.be/-HGTPB5cNqI>

## ONCE YOU'VE APPLIED

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE APPLICANT PORTAL

MAKE SURE YOU LOG IN TO YOUR PORTAL

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR PORTAL FOR ANY MISSING INFORMATION,  
ETC.

# RELEASE YOUR TRANSCRIPTS 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE DEADLINE

College Deadline	BHS Deadline
October 15	Sept 17
November 1	October 2
November 15	October 17
December 1	November 1
December 15	November 15
January 1	December 2
January 15	December 11
February 1	January 3
February 15	January 17

# MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

- STUDENT SELF-DESCRIPTION FORM  
(NAVIANCE: ABOUT ME: SURVEYS FROM YOUR SCHOOL)
- ONLINE: FILLED OUT AND SIGNED RELEASE FORM



# PARENT BRAG SHEET



# TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- ASK IF THE TEACHER WILL "WRITE A GOOD RECOMMENDATION"
- PROVIDE A LIST OF COLLEGES TO THE TEACHER
- DO NOT ASK MORE THAN 2 TEACHERS FOR A RECOMMENDATION
- AT BHS, YOU CAN NOT ADD TEACHERS TO YOUR NAVIANCE.  
TEACHERS ADD YOU THEMSELVES AFTER YOU TALK TO THEM

# TEST SCORE RELEASE

- RELEASE YOUR SAT & AP SCORES FROM COLLEGEBOARD.COM
- RELEASE YOUR ACT SCORES FROM ACT.ORG

# ESSAYS

PTO COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 28, 8:30AM  
-12:30. SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/2024-BHS-COLLEGE-ESSAY-WRITING-WORKSHOP-TICKETS-990647592617](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-bhs-college-essay-writing-workshop-tickets-990647592617)



# ESSAYS

- WRITE SEVERAL “ROUGH” ESSAYS, CHOOSE ONE TO EDIT
- COLLEGES ARE CHAT-GPT AWARE
- BE MINDFUL OF THE SHORT “SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAYS”
- NOTE THAT SOME APPEAR ONLY AFTER YOU INDICATE YOUR MAJOR

2. Established in 1978 in a renovated gas station in Burlington, VT, Ben and Jerry's is synonymous with the ice cream business. The company's success and unique brand identity are due in part to their one-of-a-kind flavors. Which Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavor (real or imagined) best describes you?

# QUICK COLLEGE COST ESTIMATOR

[HTTPS://MYINTUITION.ORG/PARENTS-STUDENTS/](https://myintuition.org/parents-students/)



# SCHOLARSHIPS

[HTTPS://WWW.FASTWEB.COM/](https://www.fastweb.com/)

[HTTPS://WWW.GOINGMERRY.COM/](https://www.goingmerry.com/)

BHS SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION WILL BE OPEN LATER IN THE YEAR. THE COMMITTEE WILL REQUIRE CSS PROFILE.

# FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS


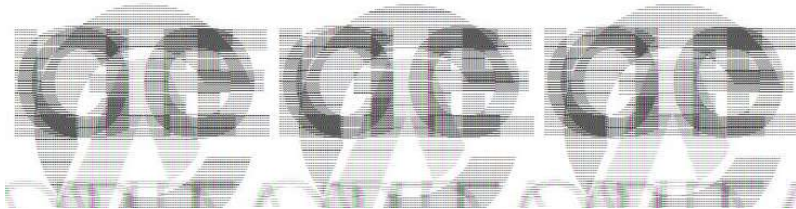
FILL OUT THE FAFSA FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RELEASE DATE (APPROX. MID-DECEMBER IN 2023)

[HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV/](https://studentaid.gov/)


IF THE SCHOOL IS ON THE PROFILE LIST FOUND ON COLLEGEBOARD.ORG FINANCIAL AID SITE, COMPLETE ALL THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED ON THE PROFILE SITE FOR YOUR SCHOOL AND/OR FROM YOUR COLLEGE.

[HTTPS://CSSPROFILE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/)





**A nonprofit  
501(c)(3)  
organization built  
to help families  
reduce the cost of  
college, minimize  
debt and increase  
higher education  
choices.**



# MEET THE STAFF

Gregg Cohen



Lynette O'Leary



Brian Gardiner



Pamela Martinetti



Alison Garcia



# Affordability Crisis: Why are students overpaying?

**Inaccurate  
Upfront Family  
Budgeting**

**Confusing  
Financial Aid  
Forms**

**Misleading  
Award Letters  
and Failure to  
Appeal**

**Missed  
Opportunities  
for Merit Aid**

**Predatory  
Lenders in  
Student Loan  
Market**





## At *no cost* to families, College Affordable can help you *confidentially*:

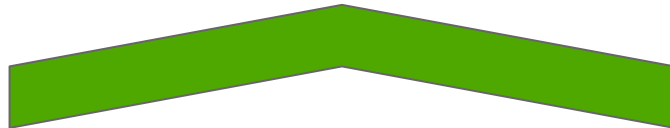
- Create a realistic family budget to measure affordability
- Optimize scholarship and grant opportunities at target colleges
- Assist with completion of aid and grant applications
- Review and interpret award letters to allow for fully informed decisions
- Review potential lenders to select the best opportunity

# Program Highlights


**Confidential** – we do not share your information. We do not sell your information.

**We understand unique family circumstances** – the financial aid application process is very personal to you and will likely be different college to college.


**No cost or fee** – sponsored through different organizations and funding sources.



# IMPACTS



College Affordable has positively impacted each and every aspect of our family's understanding of the financial piece of college. From your webinars, to your free one hour consultation for our family, to the email support, and capped off with guidance for our student's merit support appeal – which resulted in an additional \$40K of support over the four years – we cannot thank you enough! I just wish every family had this guidance and support!



Parent Class of 2024



## New to College Affordable:

1. Visit Your Landing Page  
<https://collegeaffordable.org/brooklinehs>
1. Complete the Family Registration Form

## Previously Registered with College Affordable:

1. Visit Your Landing Page  
<https://collegeaffordable.org/brooklinehs>
1. Review the Webinar Schedule and register





## All Program Participants:

1. Explore: utilize the tools and resources available to you through the program
  - a. SAI Calculator
  - b. Loan Estimator
  - c. Preliminary Financial Aid Assessment
  - d. Budget Review
  - e. Offer & Appeal Review
2. Contact Us - email, phone, & text message
  - a. Questions regarding FAFSA, CSS Profile, ED and finances, types of aid



# APPLICATION TIMELINES



**10/1/2024 - 1/1/2025 Apply for Admissions & Financial Aid**



**Colleges will evaluate your admissions app and will package those they have accepted for.**



**Receive acceptance and financial aid offers will be sent by April 1st.**



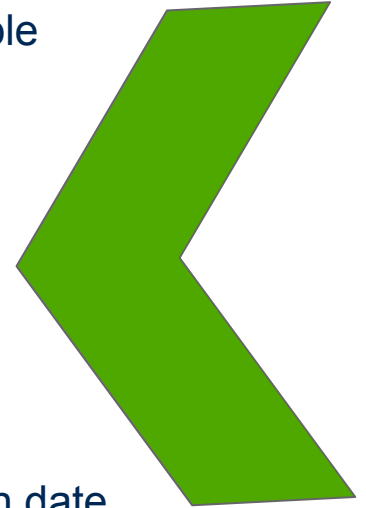
**Review and compare award letters.  
Pursue avenues for appealing.**



**Deposit by May 1, 2025 for most decisions (not including ED)**

# Main Applications: CSS Profile & FAFSA

- The 2025-2026 FAFSA will NOT be FULLY available until December 2024
- Current FAFSA is for THIS academic year and is NOT transferable
- Last year the FAFSA is experienced a major overhaul.
  - Delays from continued issues
- Everyone applying for aid is required to complete the FAFSA.
- Create Studentaid.gov Usernames/FSA IDs Now
  - <https://studentaid.gov/>
    - Select Create Account
    - Student and Parent(s) should request
- CSS Profile Available October 1st (may have different application date than FAFSA)
  - Required by ~ 250 Private and a handful of public colleges.



## September & October Events

Thursday, 9/12/2024 6:30 PM

Part 1: Errors are costly - completing the CSS Profile

Thursday, 9/26/2024 6:30 PM

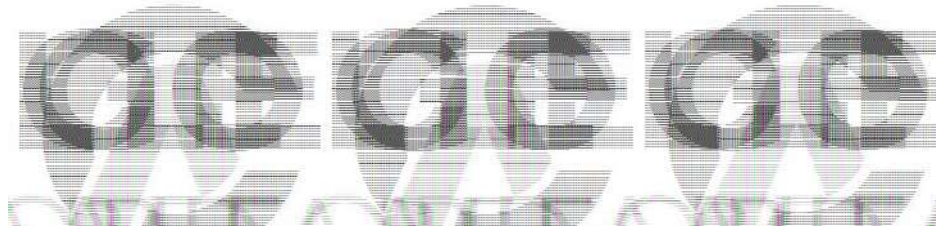
Part 2: Errors are costly - completing the FAFSA

Thursday, 10/17/2024 6:30 PM

Why is this required? Understanding how your family dynamic affects the financial aid process.



\*Recording will be emailed to all registrants the next day.



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