

# FALL PREP: CLASS OF 2023



## MUST-ATTEND EVENT

### College Counseling Bootcamp

Saturday, August 20 from 9 AM – 2 PM | Prep MPR

Bring your college list, resume, personal statement draft, and laptop. At the workshop, we'll update your Naviance account, create a CommonApp profile, review transcripts, and map out your next steps.

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

- Schedule your standardized testing.** Many schools are test optional for admission purposes. To receive merit-based aid, however, many schools will need a standardized test on file. Learn about how the tests compare on the [score conversion chart](#). *NPX Prep school code: 030114*

### [Register for the SAT](#) (\$60 Fee)

Saturday, August 27

Saturday, October 1

Saturday, November 5

Saturday, December 3

Register by Friday, July 29

Register by Friday, September 2

Register by Friday, October 7

Register by Thursday, November 3

### [Register for the ACT](#) (\$88 Fee)

Saturday, September 10

Saturday, October 22

Register by Friday, August 5

Register by Friday, September 16

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Finalize your college list in [Naviance](#).** Remember that your list should be diverse with a mix of selective, target, and safety schools (ideally three from each category.) Visit colleges in-person or check out their virtual tours!
- Attend online application workshops for in-state schools from your College List.** An admissions representative from each in-state school will walk you through their application from start to finish.

### **Wednesday, August 3** *Zoom Links TBA*

9 – 10:30 AM Northern Arizona University

11 – 12:30 PM University of Arizona

1 – 2:30 PM Arizona State University

3 – 4 PM Grand Canyon University

- Draft an effective [activities list](#) for your CommonApp** with some [tips and exercises](#) from College Essay Guy (applicable to your resume, too!) Please **do not** register with CommonApp just yet! We'll create your profile together and sync it to your Naviance account at the Bootcamp in August.

Reference CommonApp's [Application Guide for First-year Students](#) for best practices to boost your application process.

- Your College Counselors will send **high school transcripts** directly to the schools where you apply.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

**Rough Draft Due:** Saturday, August 20

**Final Draft Due:** Tuesday, September 13

Learn more about this year's [CommonApp essay prompts](#) (or personal statement). The personal statement provides you an opportunity to tell your story outside of test scores and grades plus demonstrate college readiness. Supplemental essays (if required) will be due Friday, September 30.

We require that you attend a personal statement workshop to receive feedback from your College Counselors. Email [your Counselors](#) a link to your outline or draft in Google Docs for feedback!

### College Essay Guy Bootcamp for Personal Statements

Check out the [essay workbook](#) designed by College Essay Guy for a values assessment and brainstorming exercises.

- [Option 1](#) Online: [Recorded Workshop](#) (scroll down for all 3 video sessions)
- [Option 2](#) LIVE Online: Email [Ms. Conner](#) to register!  
3-day workshop: Monday, August 1 | Wednesday, August 3 | Friday, August 5  
10 – 11:30 AM (recordings also made available after each session)

### Occidental College Personal Statement Workshop

- [Option 3](#) Wednesday, July 27 from 10 – 11:30 AM | Scottsdale Preparatory, 2nd Floor Tech Lab  
Courtney Stricklin Burgan from Occidental College will host an in-person college personal statement workshop for Great Hearts students. [Register to attend](#) today!

## RESUME

A strong college application resume clearly and concisely conveys to admissions committees your accomplishments and experiences outside of the classroom. Check out [tips and templates](#) to up-level your resume from the College Essay Guy.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

If you have yet to send requests and/or receive confirmation from faculty recommenders, please send your requests **as soon as possible**. We will add their names to your Naviance account at the Bootcamp.

- Complete the [Student Self-Assessment](#) and email a copy to your [College Counselors](#).** Please save your document as "*first name last name self-assessment*" and in pdf format.
- Request your teacher letters of recommendation by email.** Ideally, select teachers from 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades (Humane Letters and ONE from the core subject of science or math.) If you plan to study fine arts, you may select ONE fine arts teacher. Send your self-assessment to your confirmed recommenders within 24-hours and copy your [College Counselors](#) on the email.



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