

Welcome, Class of 2024!
College Counseling
Senior Course Offerings
Senior Thesis
Q & A Session



RISING SENIOR NIGHT

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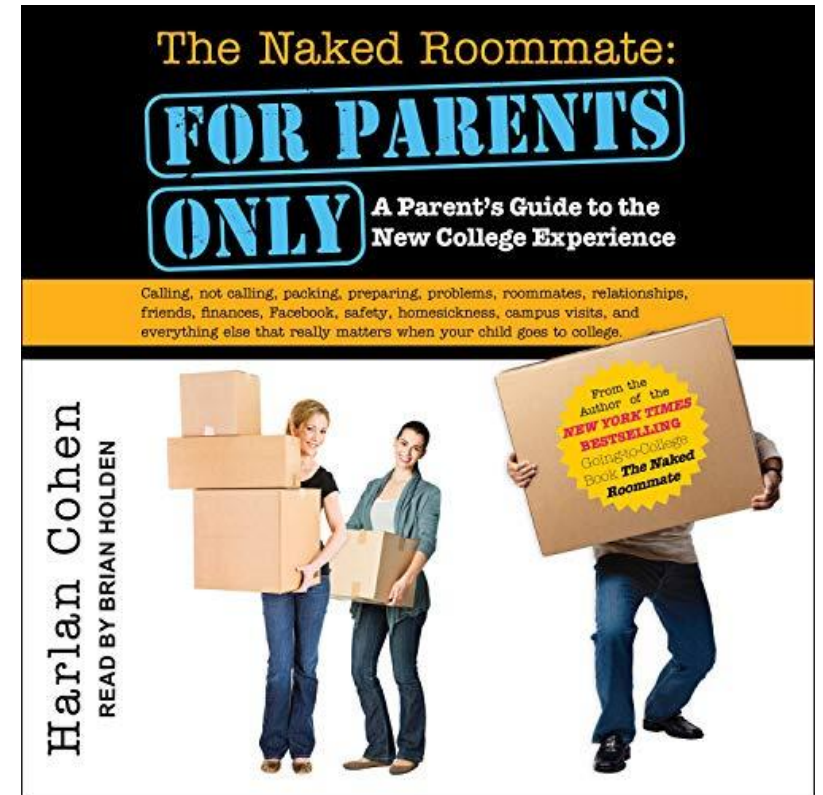
*Please take
our survey
above.*

Role of College Counseling

- Individualized **counseling**
- Workshops
 - Application workshops
 - Naviance training
 - FAFSA (Financial Aid)
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Counselor
 - Coaching for Teachers
- **Application Management**
 - Send transcripts
 - Send school report, profile, letters of recommendation
- **Scholarship Management**
- Student Advocacy
 - Networks with college admissions reps
 - Direct student support

Role of Parents

- Equip them for independence.
- Engage them in conversation.
- Let them write and tell their story.
- Celebrate every milestone together!



At least 2 – 3 per list

REACH 30% and under
highly selective

PROBABLE 35-65%
selective

SAFETY 70% and up
less selective

Why?

Applying to a wide range of schools will ensure that you set ambitious goals

AND give yourself back-up options where you know you can be happy and successful

Application Targets



Insider Information

- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Strength of Curriculum
- Strong Test Scores
- Personal Statement/Essays
- Resume/Activities List
- Diversity/First-Generation
- Enthusiasm for the School
- Letters of Recommendation

A Closer Look at GPA

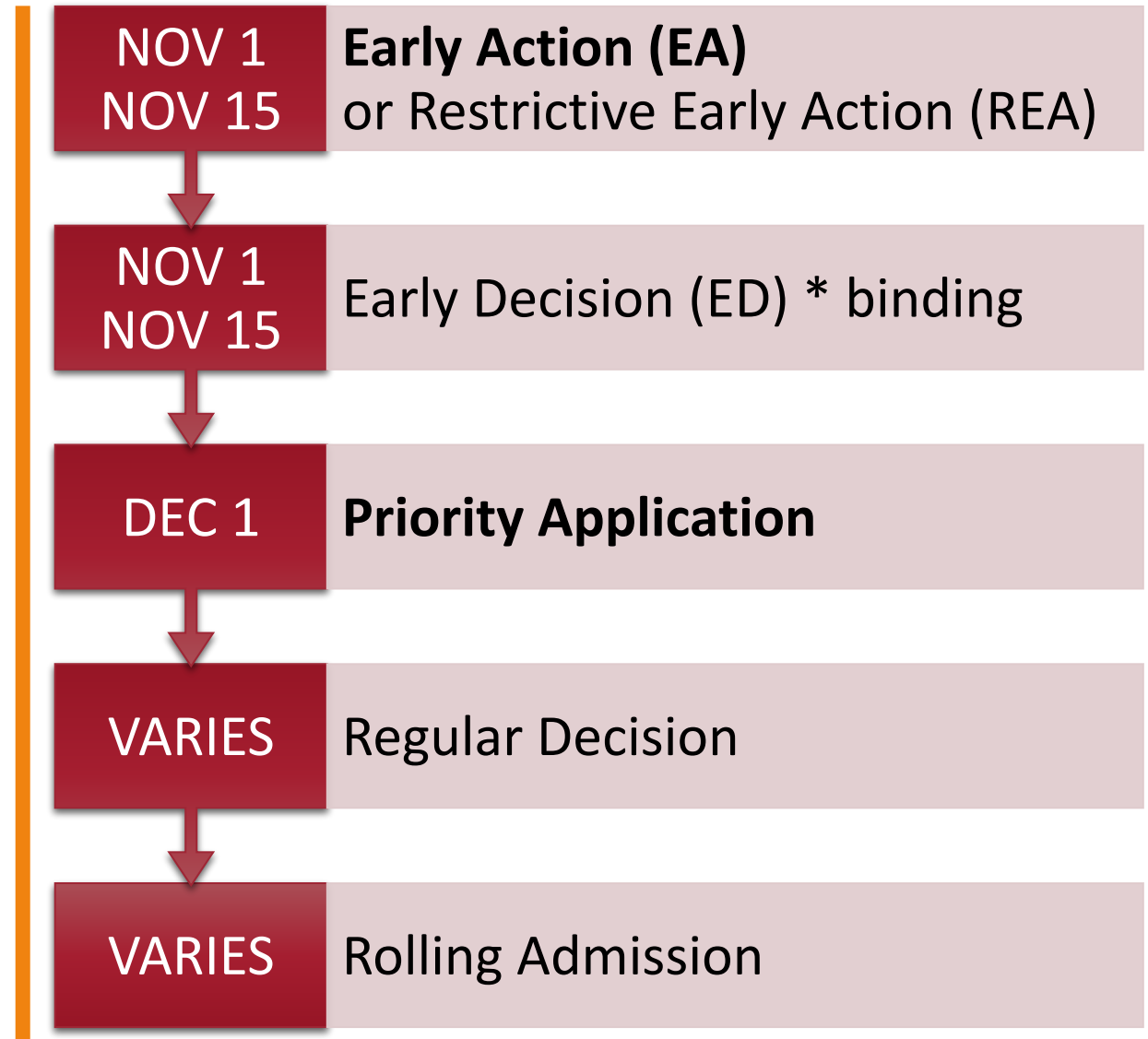
Weighted GPA

- Factors in the RIGOR of coursework
- All GH courses are considered Honors except Fine Arts
- Private or out-of-state private institutions

Unweighted GPA

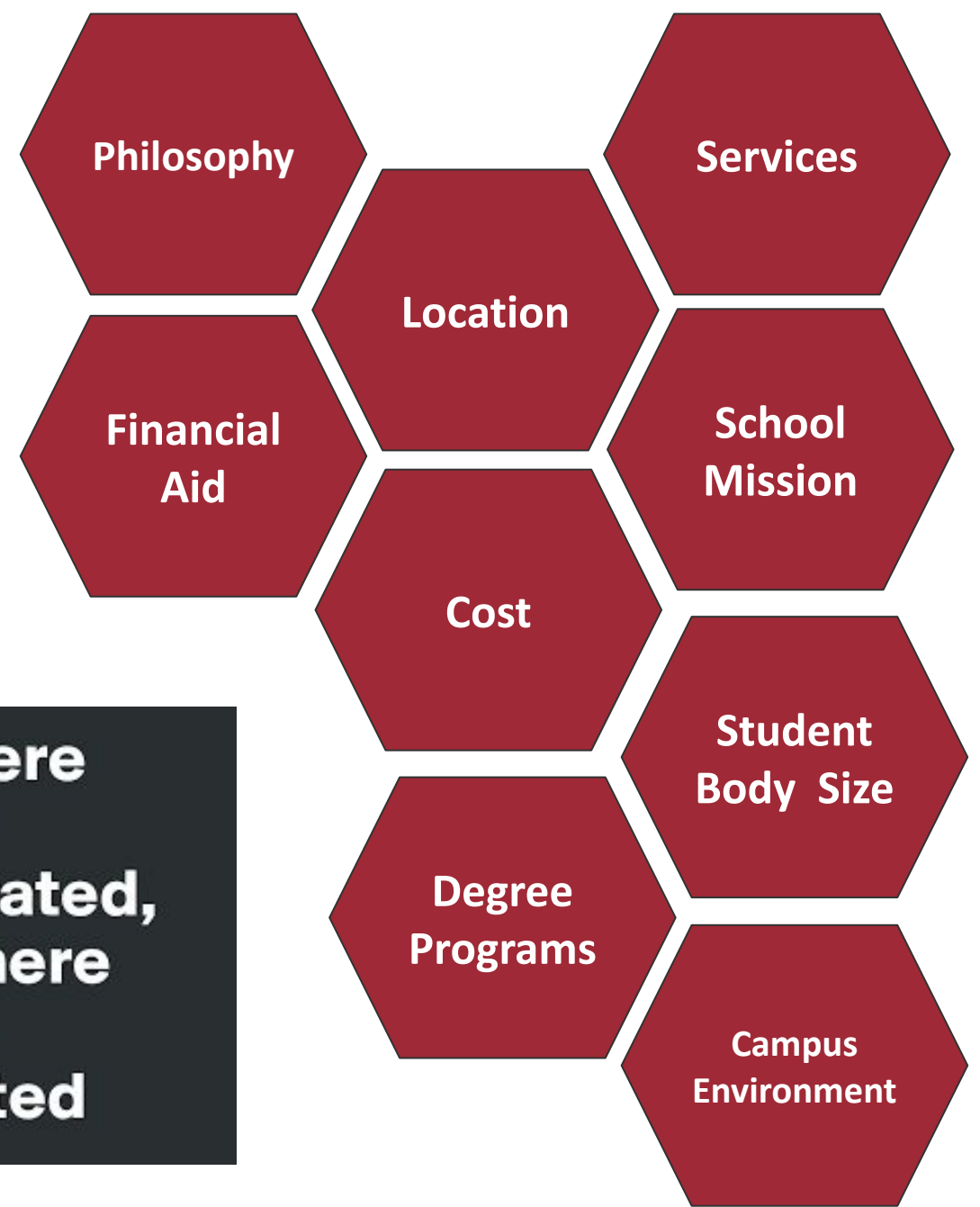
- Out of a 4.0 scale, where an A = 4.0
- Does NOT factor in RIGOR
- Three in-state universities look at unweighted for admissions purposes

Application Types





**go where
you're
celebrated,
not where
you're
tolerated**



Role of the Senior

FALL

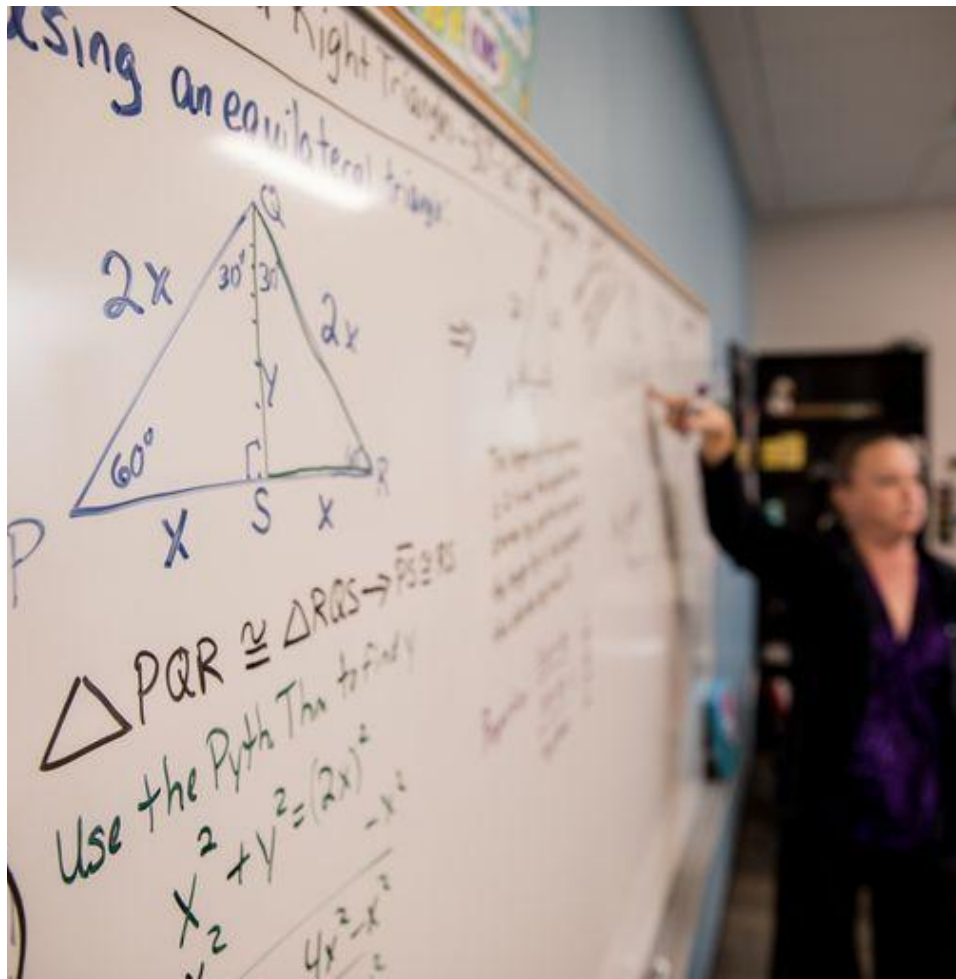
- Update “**Colleges I’m Applying to**” List in Naviance
 - Indicate application type and method
- Complete **in-state applications** & request transcripts
- Create an **application tracker** or calendar
 - Application deadlines and requirements
 - Required financial aid application forms
- **Write** personal statement and supplemental essays

Role of the Senior

SPRING

- Stay active in school and **maintain a solid GPA**
- Review and compare **financial aid packages**
- **Visit** your final college before accepting
- Inform every school of your acceptance/rejection by May 1 | **Decision Day**
- Send your deposit to one school only
- Say **“thank you”**

Financial Aid



Net Price Calculators (reality check)

FAFSA | Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Opens October 1
- Mid-October | FAFSA Workshop at NPX

CSS | Supplementary Financial Aid Profile*

COA | Cost of Attendance

EFC | Expected Family Contribution

- Families receive a SAR (Student Aid Report) with the amount your family may “reasonably” be expected to contribute

COA – EFC = Financial Need

Scholarships

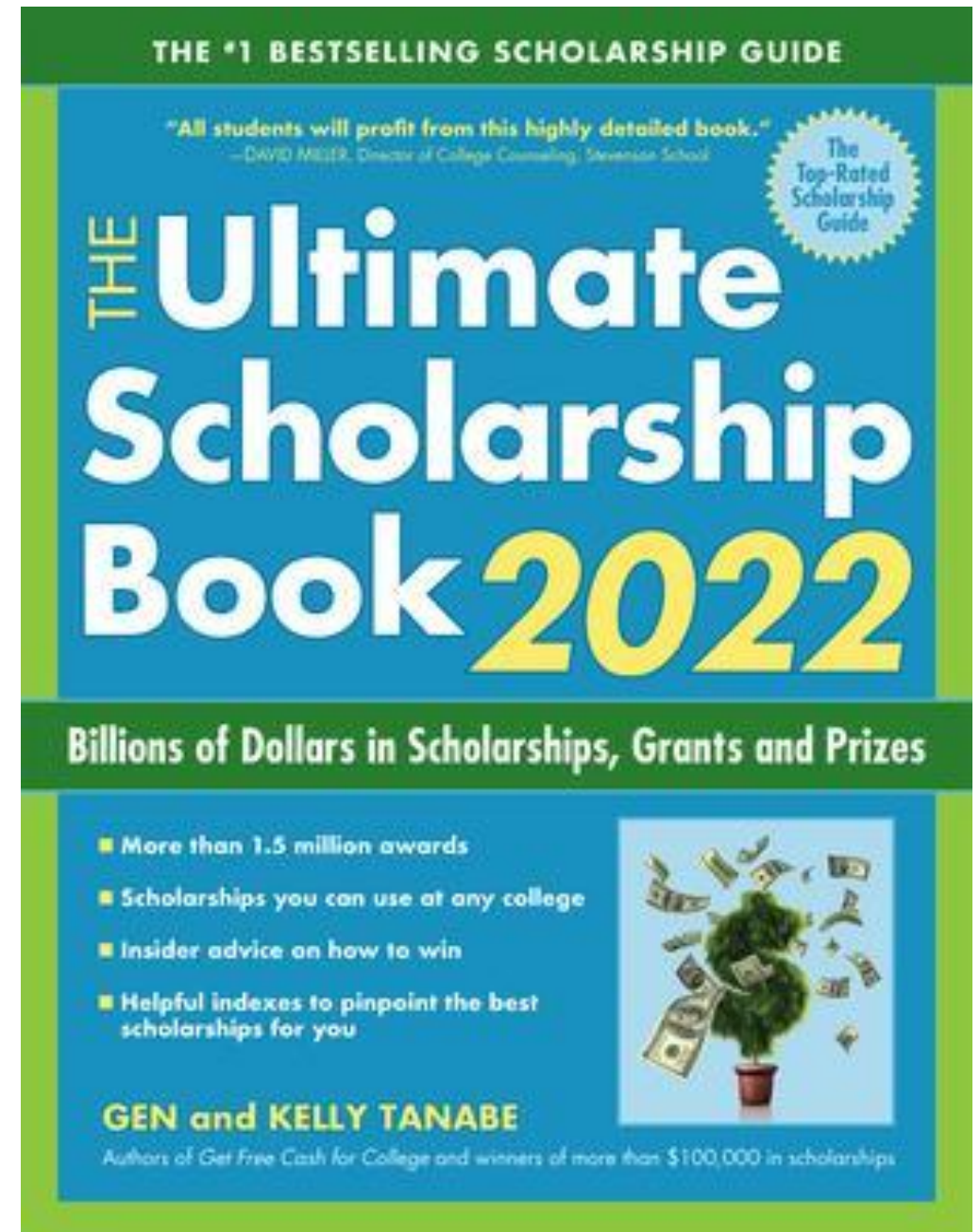
Institutional | merit-based,
need-based or application-based

External | private scholarships

Be proactive and set a goal to
apply for “x number” per week

Create a profile and filter:

- [scholarships.com](https://www.scholarships.com)
- [fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)



Next Steps

*ONGOING | Research
and visit colleges to build
out your college list*

MARCH 1 Workshop: Personal Statement

APRIL 1 Great Hearts College Symposium

APRIL 2 RMACAC College Fair

APRIL 4 ACT Testing On-campus

MAY 3 Workshop: Letters of
Recommendation and Resume


JUNE | Summer School

Consider taking/retaking the SAT or ACT
to improve scores

Intern - job shadow - summer programs

Draft college essays and resume/activities list

EARLY AUGUST Senior Bootcamp



**embrace the
journey, not
just the
destination**

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SENIOR COURSE OPTIONS

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NOT OPTIONAL:

HUMANE LETTERS IV

FINE ARTS - DRAMA II & STUDIO ART IV

**Google Form will be sent to
make choices - due 3/10**

The three classes will be selected from the following five options:

- Calculus II
- Physics II
- Greek II or Modern Language IV
- Logic and Computation
- The American Rhetorical Tradition

SENIOR THESIS - DR. BAIN



*College
Counseling
survey:*



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