Senior College Night

PRESENTER NAME
Education and Career Counselor, Granite Edvance
GRANITE EDVANCE

- Granite Edvance is dedicated to providing students and families with **FREE**, important information about **education and career planning**
- Team of expert Education and Career Counselors
- Aim to **empower students** to plan and achieve their future goals with confidence and excitement
- Facilitate **connections** among individuals and organizations that support students
- Serve **all NH students** of any age, background, interest, and pathway
Virtual appointments available every day.

In-person appointments available on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our Concord office.

Schedule online: calendly.com/GraniteEdvance

Or call: 603.227.5444

- Career & Aptitude Exploration
  - Complete assessment and meet with a Granite Edvance counselor to discuss careers and college majors that match your results

- Exploring Education Pathways
  - College, career prep, program options, application process, understanding role of financial aid

- Financial Aid Support & FAFSA Prep
  - Ask your questions about the financial aid process, create FSA ID

- FAFSA Submission
  - FAFSA filing assistance

- Reviewing Financial Aid Offers
  - Understanding & comparing offers, next steps
BUILD YOUR LIST
BE INTENTIONAL – DO YOUR RESEARCH

It’s all about you!

- What is most important to me?
- What do I want from my college experience?
- What are my non-negotiables in a college?
- Under what circumstances do I learn best?
- Can I picture myself on this campus?
- How do I recharge? Will this environment allow me to do so?

Understand your needs and preferences

- Class size, campus culture, athletic and club options, activities in surrounding area

Bigfuture.org or Petersons.org

Use your school platform
THINGS TO CONSIDER

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<th>Your Career Goals</th>
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<td>• Are there majors/internships that support your long-term goals?</td>
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<td>• Confirm there are opportunities for internships in your field close to campus</td>
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<td>• In most cases, applying undecided will not hurt your chances of admission (exceptions: nursing, engineering, health sciences, etc.)</td>
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<td>• Allows for the opportunity to explore your options and work with an academic advisor to find the major that is right for you</td>
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<td>• The <strong>Admissions Insider</strong> has tips for students with I.E.P’s and 504 accommodations</td>
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<td>• And check out the Accessibility Insider on nhheaf.org!</td>
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<td>• Students do not need to disclose a disability in the admission process, but will want to meet with staff in the Accessibility Services office to discuss possible accommodations</td>
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GET TO KNOW THE SCHOOLS

Attend College Fairs & High School Visits

- Take the time to ask questions
- Fill out information cards to demonstrate interest and get on school’s mailing list
- Ask your school counselor for a schedule of colleges visiting your high school

Campus Visits

- Attend athletic events, plays, or concerts
- Information sessions & tours
- Open houses

Follow on Social Media

- Follow the college, clubs, areas of study, sports, dining hall, residence halls

Learn about the campus culture by noticing the flyers on the walls of the student center and visiting the dining hall(s)!
CREATING YOUR LIST

Balanced Approach

- Probable, Target, Reach
- What is a “safety” school *REALLY*?
- If you cannot name 2-3 specific reasons for applying to a certain school, it shouldn’t be on your list

Consider the Major

- Some majors may be more competitive and have different admission requirements (nursing, engineering, PT, PA)

Consider the Type of Financial Aid Offered

- Do they *ONLY* offer need-based aid?
- Do they offer *BOTH* need-based *AND* merit-based aid?

Ask the financial aid office, admissions office, and check the college’s website for information about available scholarships.
## WHEN TO APPLY

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| Rolling Admission      | • First come, first served  
                        • Applications are reviewed as they are received, so applying later may mean you miss out (even if you are a qualified candidate) | Within specified time frame until a class is filled | Non-binding |
| Regular Decision       | • All applications are reviewed prior to a decision being made                                                                                                                                       | November – March                              | Non-binding |
| Early Action (EA)      | • Receive a decision well in advance of the institutions regular response date                                                                                                                         | October – December                            | Non-binding |
| Early Decision         | • Cannot apply to more than one school using ED  
                        • If admitted, student agrees to enroll and withdraw all other applications  
                        • Student, parent, and school counselor sign a contract                                                                                   | October – December                            | Binding    |
|                        | Some schools will have EDI and EDII                                                                                                                                                                   |                                               |            |
ELEMENTS OF THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

- High school transcript
- College essay
- Extra-curricular activities
- Letters of recommendation
- SAT or ACT scores

Commonapp.org
ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER

- Auditions
- Portfolios
- NCAA Eligibility Center
- Supplemental Essays

These are great topics to ask about when talking with college admission reps!
STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD

Opportunities to build your “soft skills”

• You should be the one to email or speak to college admissions representatives
• Sign up for college tours
• Use social media appropriately
• Create new professional email account for college
• Stay in communication with parents, school counseling office, college admissions, and financial aid offices
• Stay organized
HELPFUL HINTS

• Start early
• Get organized - check **all** deadlines
• Know what is required (test scores, letters of recommendations, essays)
• Be consistent (email address, mailing address)
• Attend your school’s financial aid night, or join us online for a virtual event
• Create your FSA ID for the FAFSA

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QUESTIONS?

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