Senior Year

The College Application Process
2023-2024

Google Classroom for the Class of 2024

- Code to join: g5ji3rw
- Check frequently for important information regarding college visits, onsite admissions appointments, scholarship information and all relevant senior info

A Completed College Application Includes:

- High School transcript
- Teacher letters of recommendation
- Counselor letter of recommendation
- Essay
- SAT/ACT scores
- Completed application

The Common Application:

www.commonapp.org

An easy way to pay and apply to over 600 schools

Transcripts have been mailed home. Please double check your transcript and let us know by Thursday, September 21st if anything looks incorrect.

Letters of Recommendation

- You should request 2 teacher letters of recommendation from Hicksville High School teachers.
- You may want to consider additional letters of recommendation from coaches, employers, and/or community leaders. However, these do not replace teacher letters and need to be sent separately.
- Counselors will write letters of recommendation for students upon request.

The College Essay

- The College Essay is your chance to show what sets you apart from other applicants.
- Students in regents level English classes will work on the college essay in class.
- Keep in mind, some colleges have additional supplemental essays that must be completed as well.

SAT/ACT

- Fee Waivers
- Superscoring
- ACT vs SAT
- Many schools may be *test optional* or *test blind*. Check the school's admission website to understand their requirements.
- It is your responsibility to send your scores to your colleges directly from your test provider. Your counselor **will not** send your scores

Upcoming Exams:

SAT	ACT
October 7	October 28
November 4	December 9
December 2	

Student Athletes/Art Programs

- If you are an athlete seeking Division I or Division II scholarships, you must register with register with the NCAA at **www.eligibilitycenter.org**. You must ensure you have taken eligible courses as per the NCAA
  - Ask for a fee waiver if you qualify for free/reduced lunch
  - **To check your NCAA eligibility:**
    1. Go to www.CoreCourseGPA.com.
    2. Navigate to "Free New Member Account" on the upper left hand side and Enter School ID (332365) and School Code (714533380)
  - **Send your SAT or ACT Scores to the NCAA:** Log in to the testing agency website - The code is "9999" to select the NCAA Eligibility Center as a score recipient (either during exam registration or after exam registration).

- If you are pursuing a degree in the Arts, make sure you find out if your program requires a portfolio or audition. The deadlines for these requirements may be different than the application deadline.

Early Action vs Early Decision

Decision Plan	Submit application early	Receive admissions decision early	Binding (expected to enroll if admitted)	Can apply to other schools under this decision plan
Early Action	✓	✓		✓
Early Decision	✓	✓	✓	
Regular Decision	Optional			✓

- **Applying by a school's early action deadline may qualify you for scholarship opportunities or give you a higher chance at admission**
- **It is imperative that you meet all of your deadlines**

Transcript Request Forms

- Transcript Request Forms need to be filled out.
- Forms are available in the Guidance Office and should be given to a guidance secretary.
- Include details of college names, deadlines, the type of application, and fee waiver status.

Deadlines

- The deadline to submit transcript request forms to the guidance department is **two weeks prior to your earliest college deadline**. This is the rule for all applications except for colleges with a January 1st deadline. **All transcript request forms for colleges with a January 1st deadline are due November 1st, 2023**.
- You should submit transcript request forms as soon as you add colleges to your Common Application and then Naviance.

Naviance

- When you add a college to your Common Application, you must also add it to “Colleges I’m Applying To” on Naviance in order for your transcripts and letters of recommendation to be sent successfully.
- Schools in Naviance must match the schools in your Common App. If you decide not to apply to a school, delete from both Naviance & Common App.

On-Site Admissions and College Visits

- Local Colleges will meet with and interview eligible Seniors, waive the application fee, and render a decision on the spot.
- Listen for the announcements on when to sign up in the Guidance Office.
- You must meet the individual school's onsite criteria and complete their application.
- If FAFSA application is complete, some schools may be able to offer financial aid packages on the spot.

Opportunity Programs

- Questbridge is a program for high achieving, low income students. Visit their website for details: www.Questbridge.org
- HEOP, EOP, and SEEK are financial assistance programs for students who are educationally and economically disadvantaged

Scholarships

- Monthly scholarship bulletins will be posted by guidance.
- In the spring, the local scholarship directory is available on the Guidance website.
- www.fastweb.org is a comprehensive scholarship database.
- The Excelsior Scholarship is available for students attending a CUNY or SUNY school. More information can be found at hesc.ny.gov.
- Look at your colleges to see what scholarships they offer.

Jose Peralta NYS Dream Act

Allows undocumented and other students access to New York State grants and scholarships that support their higher education costs.

https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/

Financial Aid

- You and your family must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to be considered for any financial aid.
- The application opens on December 1st, 2023, www.fafsa.gov.
- CSS Profile is an additional financial aid form required by some schools. Check with colleges for verification of required forms. A link can be found at www.collegeboard.com.
- Hicksville High School Financial Aid Night September 26th, 7pm

College Fair

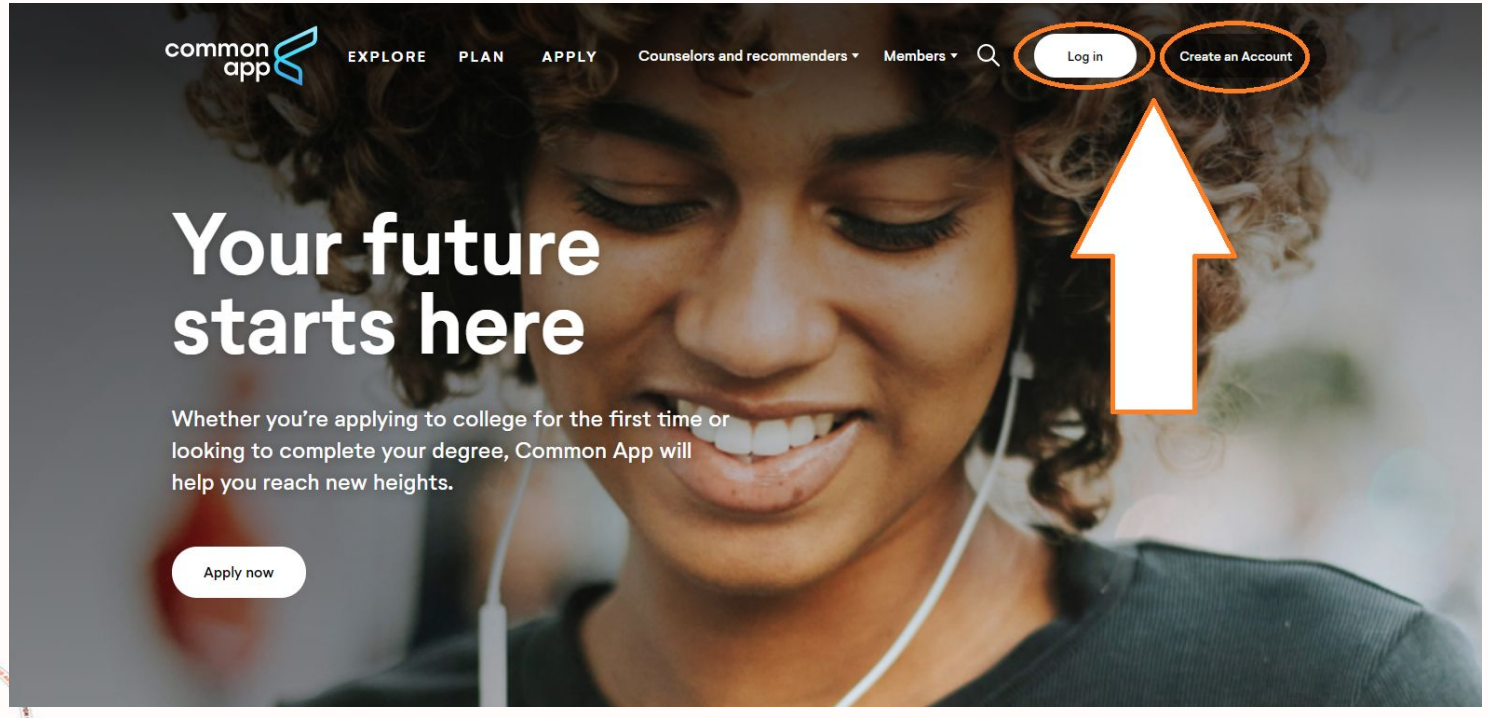
Many college fairs are available virtually through NACAC, SUNY, CUNY, individual college groups and other organizations.

- Hicksville High School College Fair October 23rd, 7pm
- SUNY College Fair @ Farmingdale State College
  - October 1st, 12:00 pm
- NCA College Expo @ Adelphi University
  - October 3rd, 5:00 pm

Naviance-Common App Connect

1. Select Naviance in your Google Account(on school e-mail)
2. In a new tab, Go to www.commonapp.org and create an account if you do not have one.
3. Use your personal e-mail for the common application and make sure it is appropriate for that purpose.

New tab: CommonApp.org



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Dashboard | My Colleges | Common App | College Search | Financial Aid Resources

Welcome, Veronica!

Congratulations on taking this first step in the college application process!

Here are some tips to get you started:

- This tab is your Dashboard. After you add a college to your list, you will see your application progress here.
- All colleges will need you to answer the common questions under your Common App tab.
- To apply to a college, head over to the College Search tab.
- Once you have added a college, you can complete and submit your application in the My Colleges tab.

We are here to help you every step of the way! If you run into any questions or you need some help, check out our 24/7 Applicant Solutions Center or contact us at any time.

Instructions and Help

I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?
You can return at any time and change your answer to
Read more

How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?
The Common Application member colleges have
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How can I view a college's Writing Supplement, if they have one?
There are two ways you can access a college's Writing
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- Profile
- Family
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- Activities
- Writing
- Courses & Grades
  0 college(s) require

Education

Video Tutorials | Preview

Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

Current or most recent secondary/high school *

Find School

Date of entry*

Example: August 2002

Date should be entered in the Month Year format.

Is this a boarding school?*

- Yes
- No

Clear Answer

Instructions and Help

Why can't I find my school in the high school search screen?

When searching for your high school within your Common App, you may not

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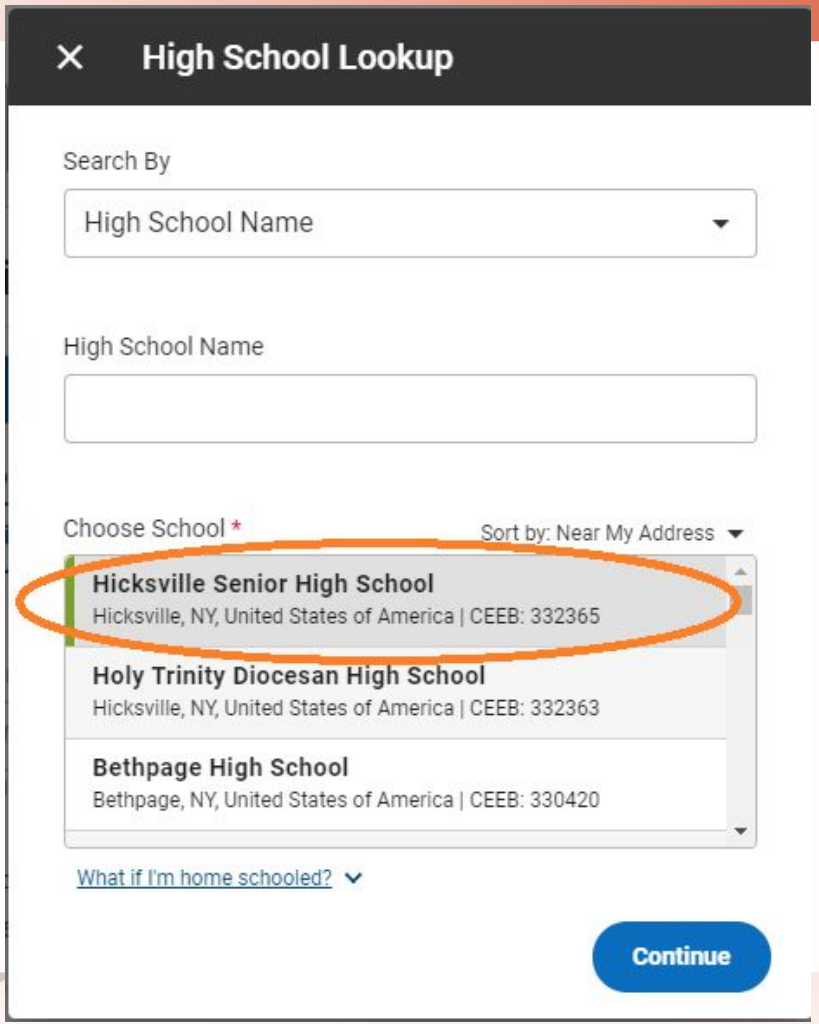
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Bethpage High School
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What if I'm home schooled?
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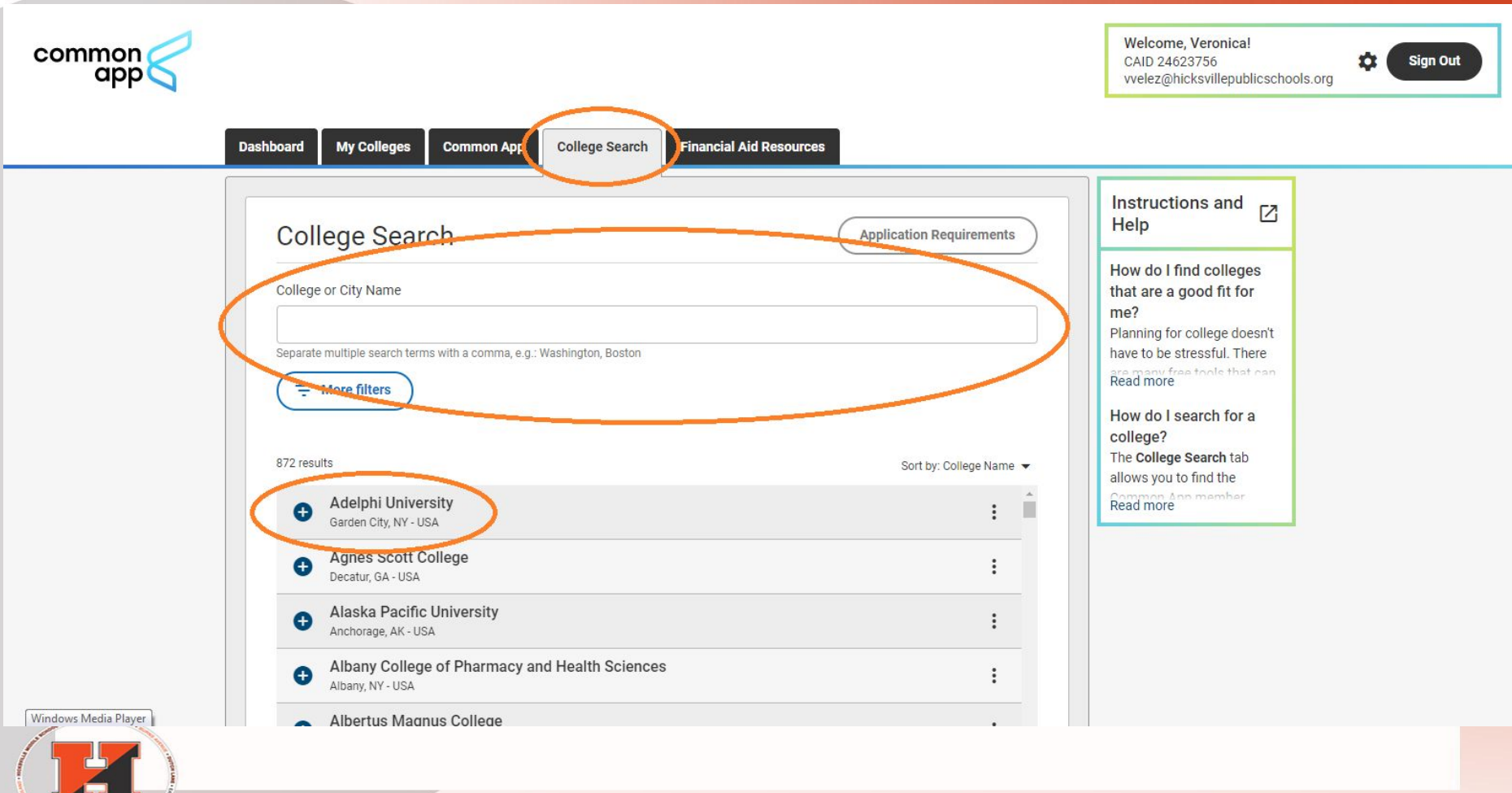
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Application Requirements
College or City Name
Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston
More filters
872 results
Sort by: College Name
Adelphi University
Garden City, NY - USA
Agnes Scott College
Decatur, GA - USA
Alaska Pacific University
Anchorage, AK - USA
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Albany, NY - USA
Albertus Magnus College
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Planning for college doesn't have to be stressful. There
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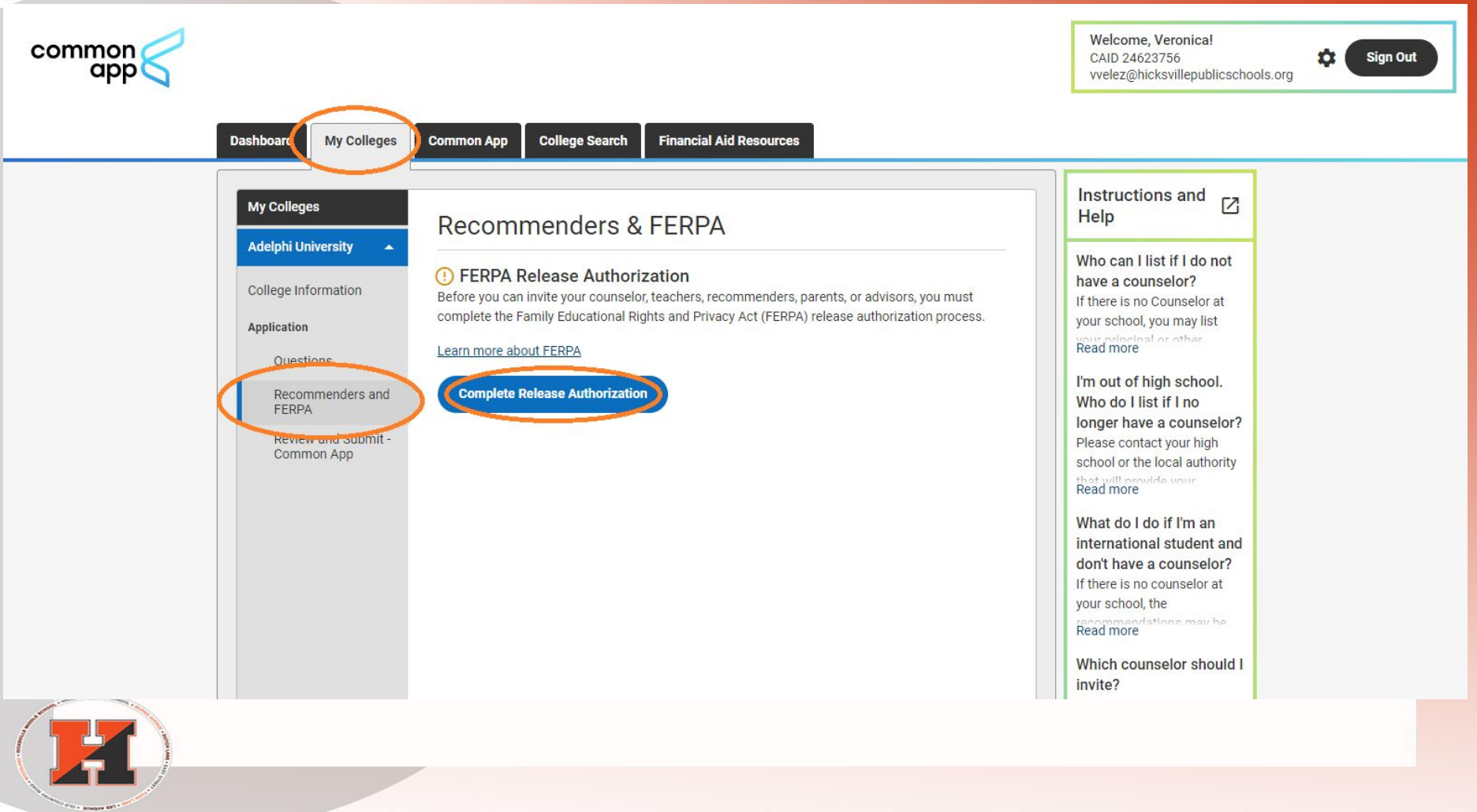
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Recommenders and FERPA
Review and Submit - Common App
Recommenders & FERPA
FERPA Release Authorization
Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.
Learn more about FERPA
Complete Release Authorization
Instructions and Help
Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?
If there is no Counselor at your school, you may list
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I'm out of high school. Who do I list if I no longer have a counselor?
Please contact your high school or the local authority
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What do I do if I'm an international student and don't have a counselor?
If there is no counselor at your school, the
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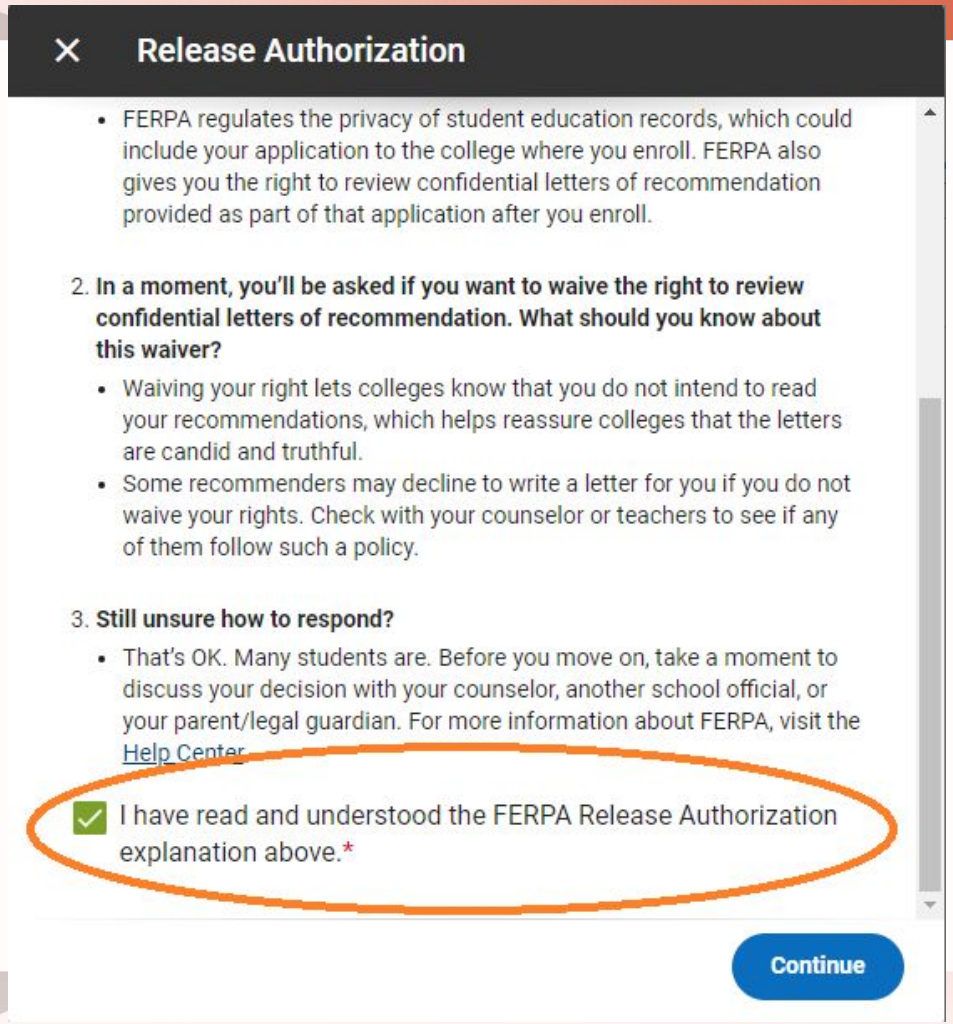
Which counselor should I invite?


Release Authorization
• FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.
2. In a moment, you'll be asked if you want to waive the right to review confidential letters of recommendation. What should you know about this waiver?
• Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
• Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.
3. Still unsure how to respond?
• That's OK. Many students are. Before you move on, take a moment to discuss your decision with your counselor, another school official, or your parent/legal guardian. For more information about FERPA, visit the Help Center.
I have read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.*
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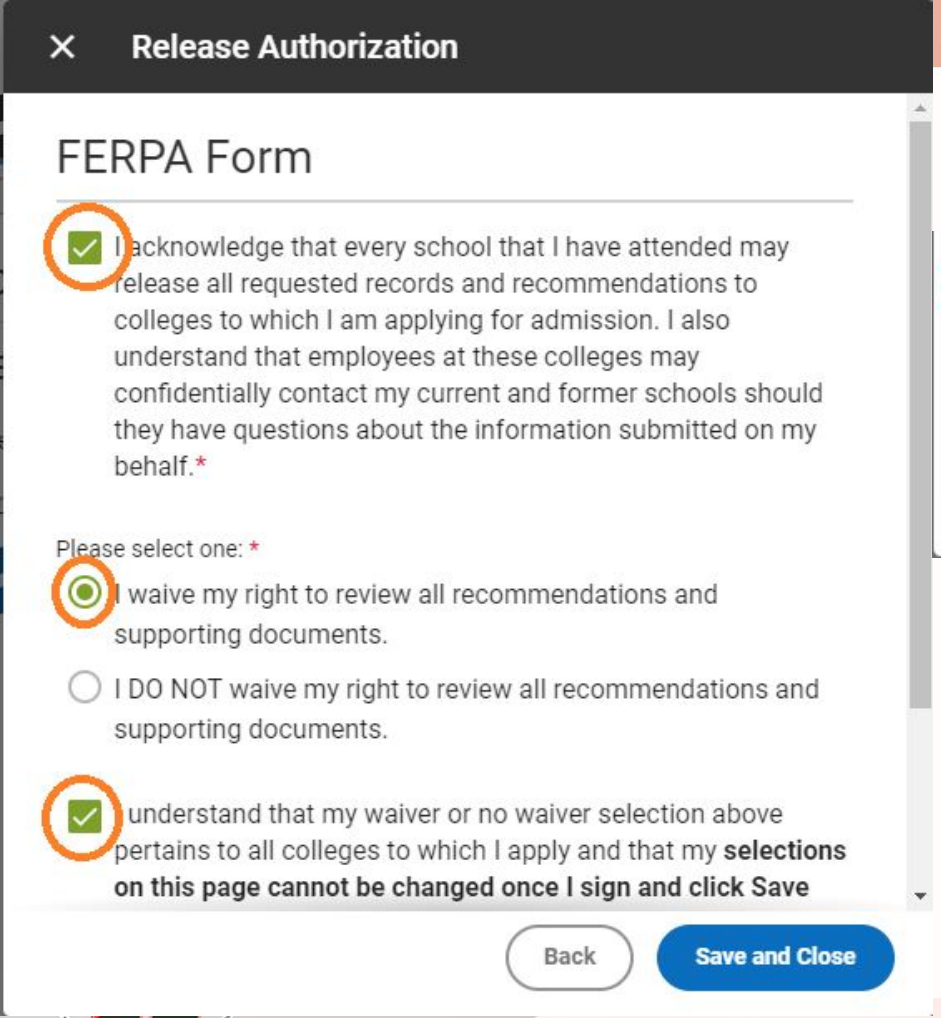
Release Authorization
FERPA Form
I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should 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 pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save
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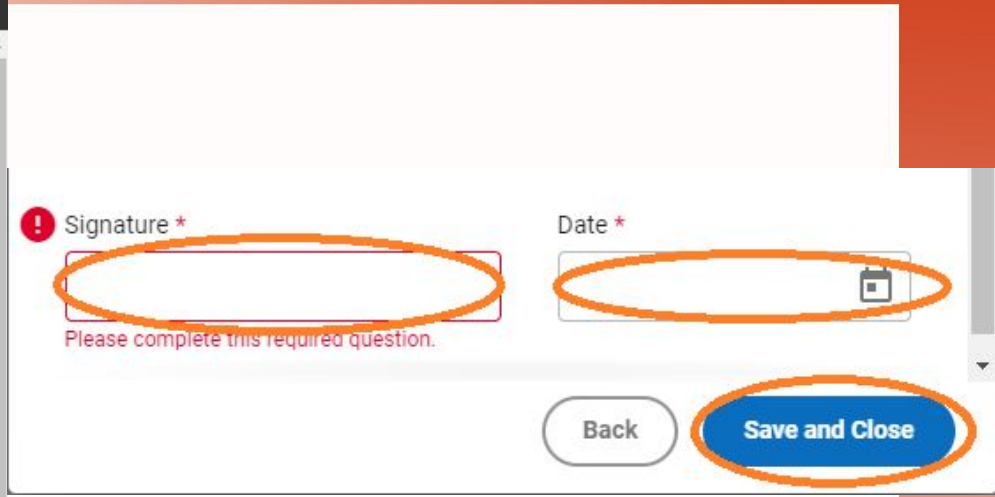
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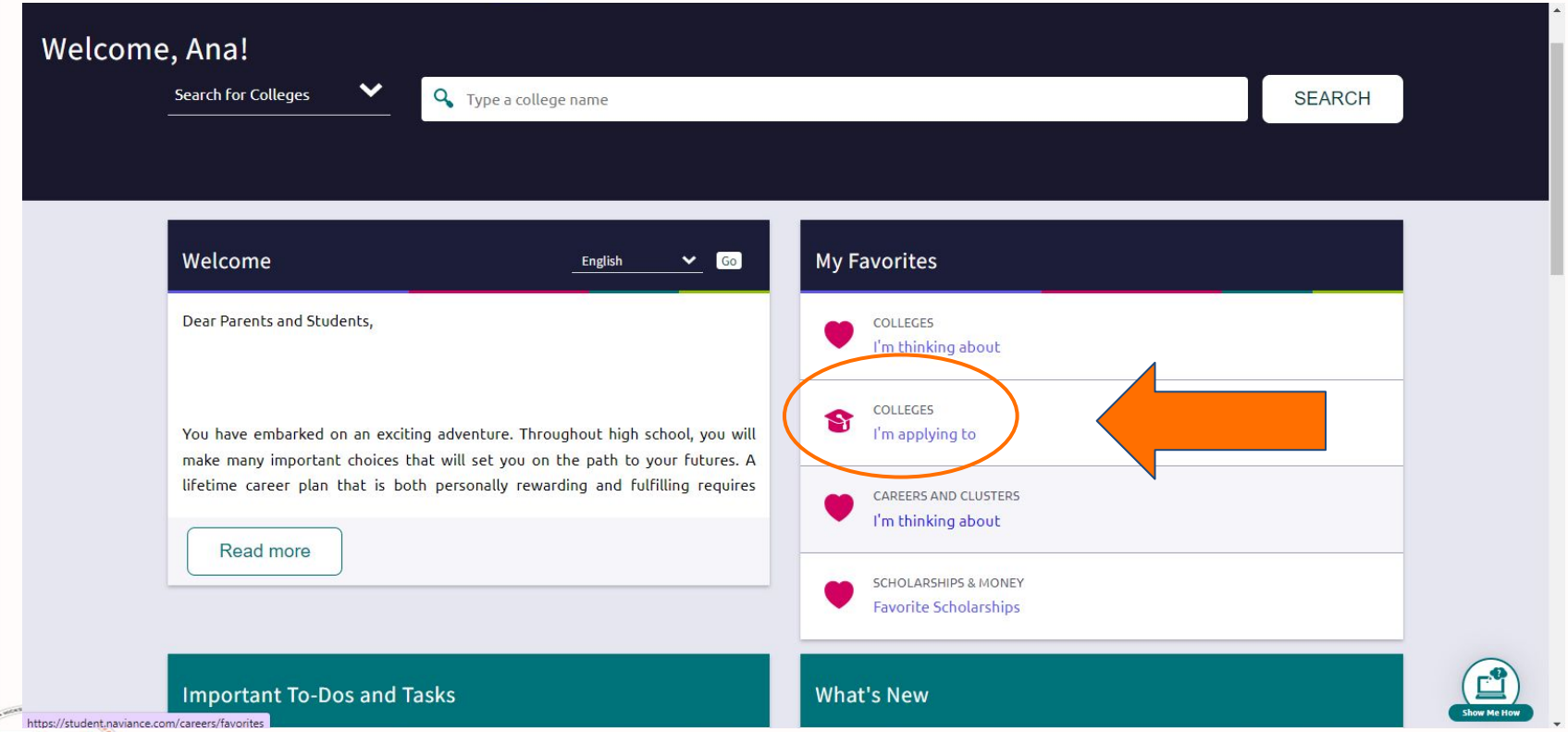
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Dear Parents and Students,
You have embarked on an exciting adventure. Throughout high school, you will make many important choices that will set you on the path to your futures. A lifetime career plan that is both personally rewarding and fulfilling requires
Read more
My Favorites
COLLEGES
I'm thinking about
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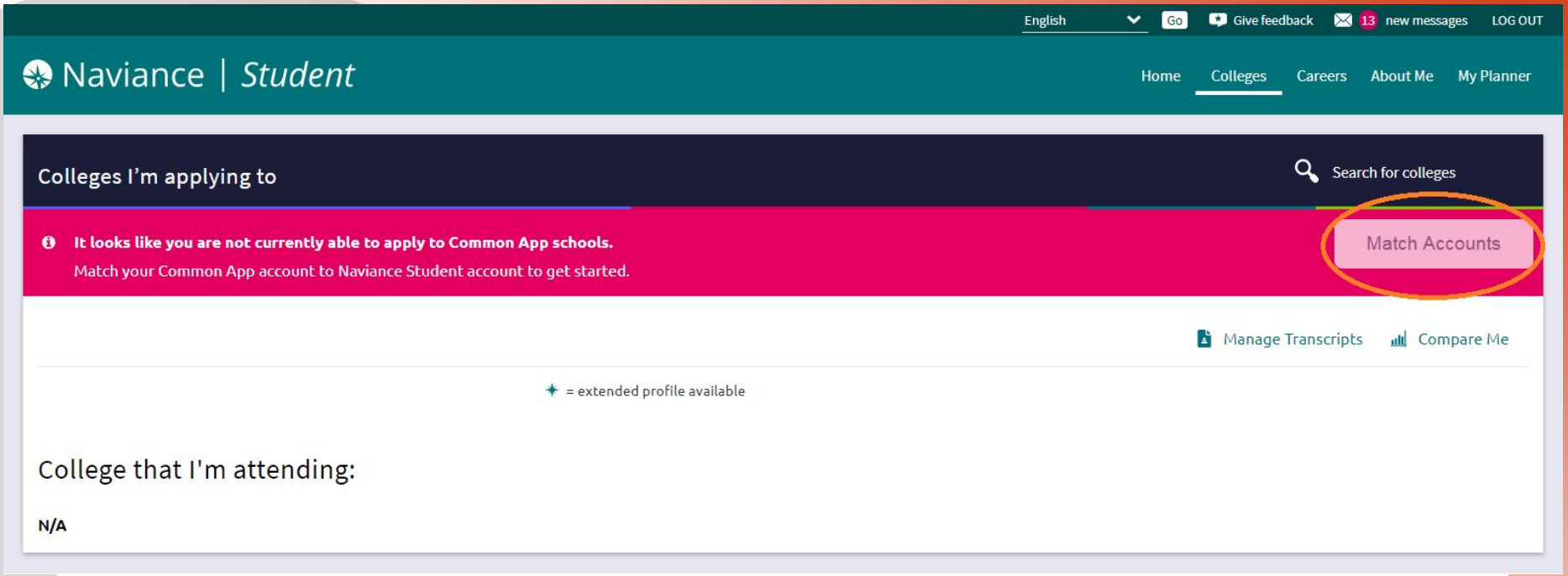
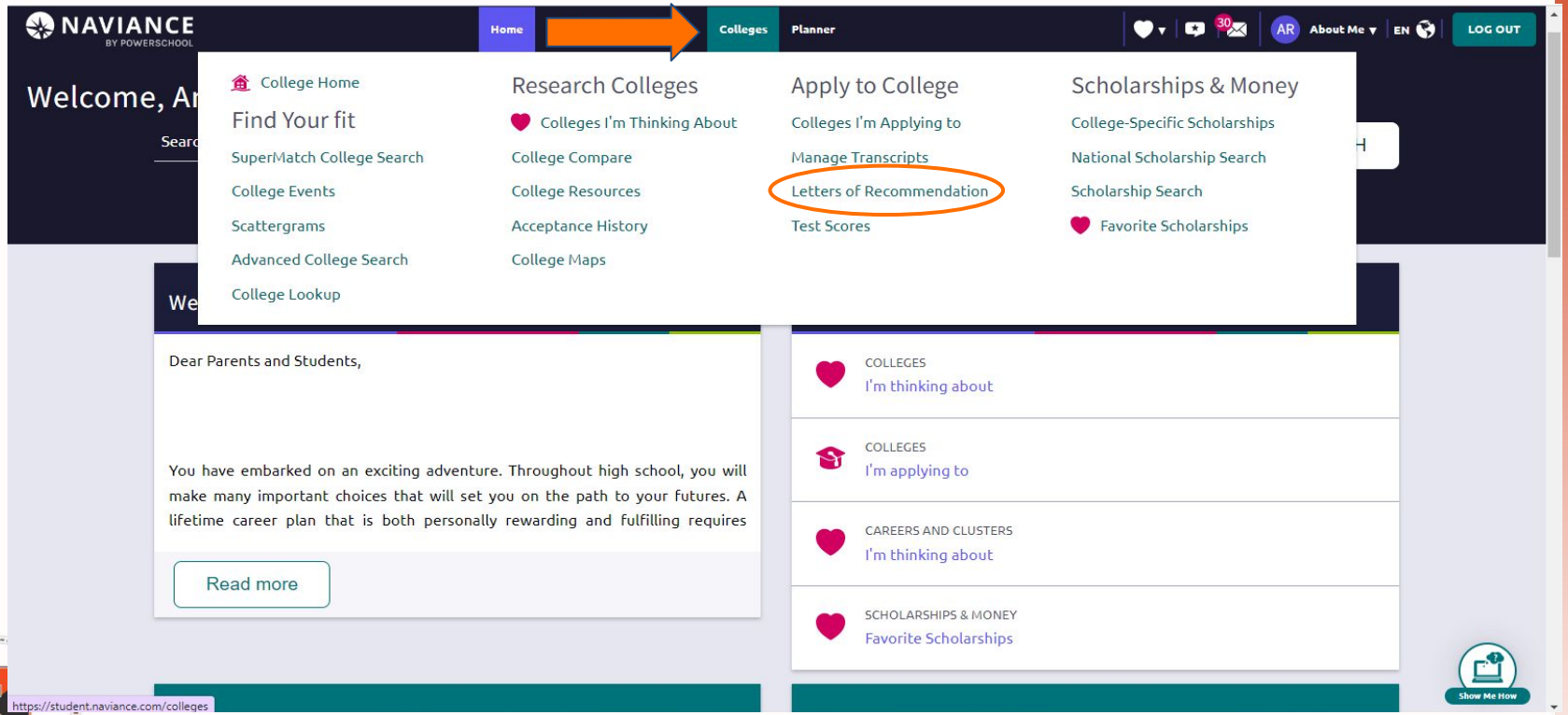
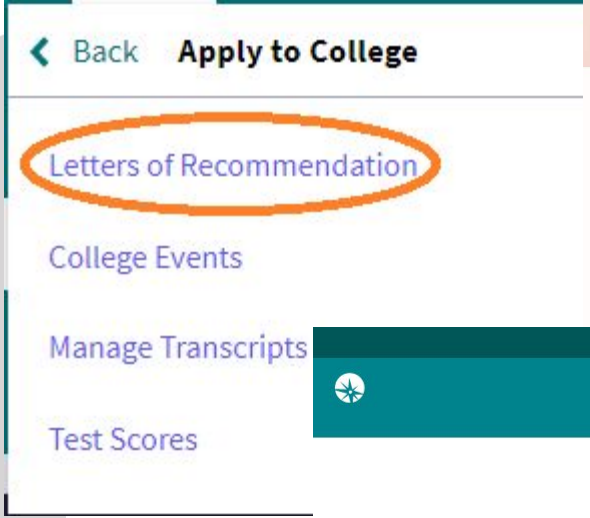
https://student.naviance.com/careers/favorites



You will be prompted to enter your CommonApp login information. If you successfully match your accounts, the red bar turns green.

Letters of Recommendation Request





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Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

Add Request

Recommendation For	Deadline	Recommender(s)	Status	Cancel Request

Your recommendation requests will show up here.

Add Request

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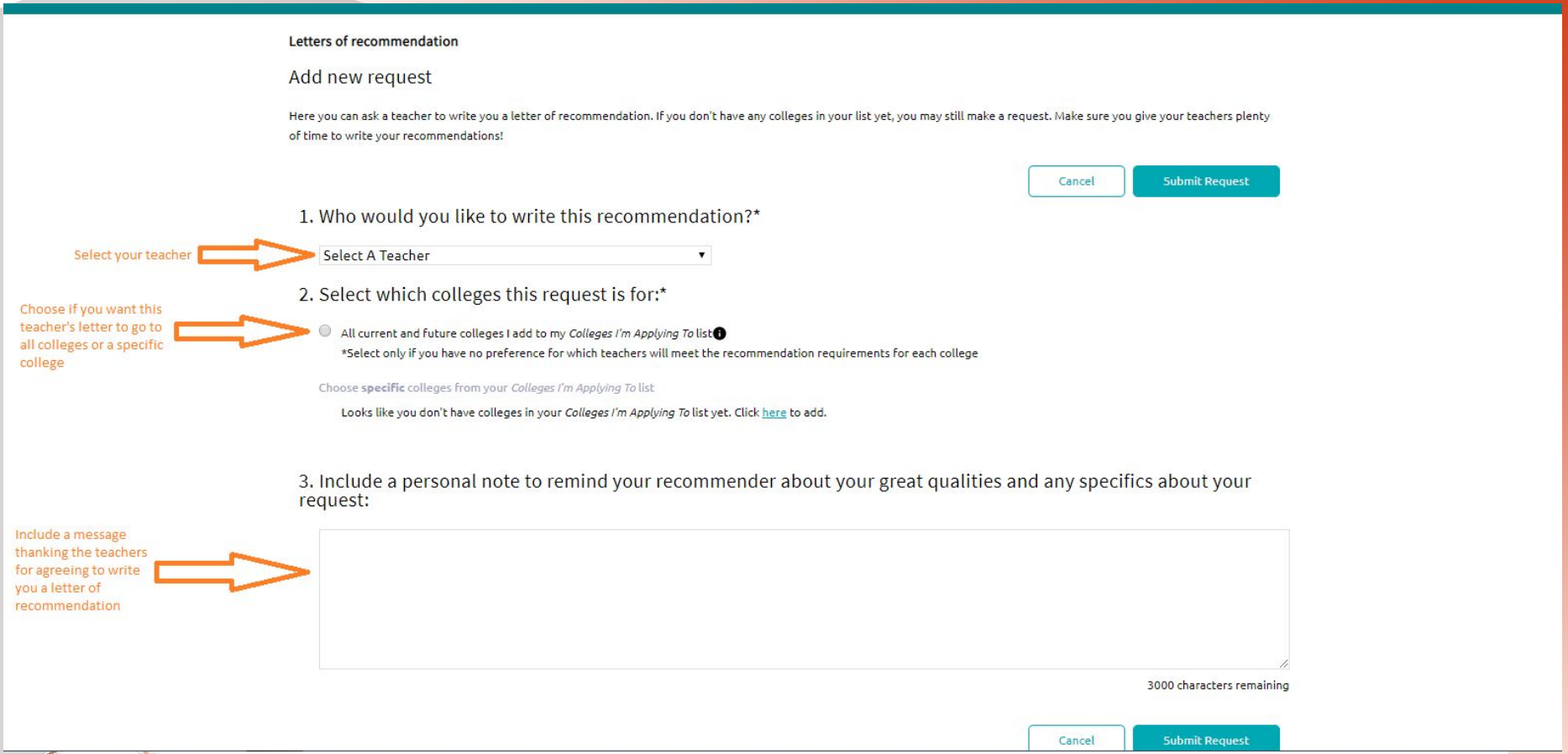
Letters of recommendation
Add new request
Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. If you don't have any colleges in your list yet, you may still make a request. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!
Cancel
Submit Request
1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*
Select your teacher
Select A Teacher
2. Select which colleges this request is for:*
Choose if you want this teacher's letter to go to all colleges or a specific college
All current and future colleges I add to my Colleges I'm Applying To list
*Select only if you have no preference for which teachers will meet the recommendation requirements for each college
Choose specific colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list
Looks like you don't have colleges in your Colleges I'm Applying To list yet. Click here to add.
3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:
Include a message thanking the teachers for agreeing to write you a letter of recommendation
3000 characters remaining
Cancel
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See the Guidance Google Classroom of 2024 to access this PowerPoint and other updates from the counseling department

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