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The Collegiate Matchmaker

So many schools! So many choices! Take it step by step to find the right college for you.

Step 1: Develop your ideal college profile

You can't find your perfect college until you figure out what you want. Start by breaking it down. Make a list of the characteristics you want in a college. Think about:

- **Size:** Large schools can offer diversity, while small schools are more intimate.
- **Location:** Close to home or halfway across the country? Urban or rural?
- **Academic Standing:** Do the school's academic standards match your goals? Sometimes a big name school is not the best option.
- **Social Environment:** What kind of community do you want? Close-knit and slow-paced? Studious and focused?
- **Living Arrangements:** Dorm life is fun, but commuting can be more affordable.
- **Field of Study:** Does the school offer a good program in the major you plan to pursue?
- **Classroom Environment:** Small, intimate classes? Or big lectures?
- **Affordability:** Tuition, room and board, books and supplies—it all adds up. What's

your college budget?

- **Availability of financial aid:** Are you going to need assistance?
- **Selectivity:** How do you measure up to the school's incoming freshman class (average GPA, test scores, etc.)? What are your chances for admission?
Use this list to develop your "college profile"—a description of your ideal college.

Step 2: Finding your match

Now it's time to research your options. Learn more about the colleges that are out there and compare them against your "ideal" college.

- **Consult your guidance counselor.** Ask for college information such as brochures and guidebooks.
- **Attend a college fair.** Bring a notepad and talk one-on-one with school representatives. To find out about college fairs in your area, ask your counselor.
- **Surf the Internet.** Learn more about your favorite schools by visiting their Web sites. Check out CollegeBoard's or FastWeb's college search, or www.coin3 to discover your college matches.

Step 3: Focus in and get more info.

Once you've narrowed your list, go after more in-depth information.

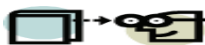
- **Ask for advice.** Discuss your options with parents, friends and your high school counselor. No one will have the "right" answer, but they can give you a fresh perspective.
- **Ask your friends in college.** They can tell you about day-to-day college life. Learn from their mistakes and benefit from their experiences.
- **Visit the campus.** Call the college directly to schedule a tour, or ask your guidance counselor if your school arranges group trips. Take notes during the tour and get the student view by spending some time wandering around and talking to current students.

Find your college match and you'll be ready to make the right decision when the time comes!

Great insight from www.fastweb.com

Do YOU KNOW?

Absegami Guidance Goodies...



Do you know how to apply for local scholarships???

Start by reviewing the list of local scholarships posted on www.absegami.net Go to "Guidance" then click on the scholarship link. Review the list on-line or check out the hard copy on the wall next to Mrs Cipaldo's desk (our guidance secretary) in the Guidance Office. Secure an application for whichever potential scholarships apply to you by seeing Mrs Berret (the secretary on the left as you leave guidance and also Mr Berret's Mom!).

Complete the applications in a timely fashion and submit where directed. Some applications go directly to Mr Quinn others will be mailed by you. Be sure to pay attention to details and ask your counselor should you have any questions or concerns.

Most applications are simple and require little more than an essay and a copy of your academic credentials (transcript). Apply for as many awards as apply to you! The more you apply, the better your chances of getting some cash for college

What do you think...

"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness— you have to catch it for yourself."

Benjamin Franklin

Nov/Dec'07 Guidance Calendar

November 28- Medical Explorers meet at Atlantic Care Regional Medical Center in AC. Call Ed Kyle @441-8086 for more details.

November 28- Youthworks has Career Presentations– a representative from Shore Memorial Hospital will talk about careers in the healthcare industry. Call 407-5042 to register.

November 29 & Dec 13- New Jersey City University has Instant Decision Days. Call 1-888-441-NJCU for a reservation.

November 30 & Dec 7- Richard Stockton College of NJ Instant Decision Days. Call Joanne at 652-4262 to reserve your interview!

December 1 & 2- Fairleigh Dickinson University has “Off Site Interviews” in Atlantic City. Call 1-888-FDU-8803 for a spot!

December 2- Open House at Richard Stockton College of NJ. Program starts at 9:15am.

December 12- Youthworks presents Trump Entertainment Resorts. Call 407-5042 to register.

December 12- ACCC JumpStart First Meeting. ACCC applications due by November 30 to your counselor! Meeting time TBA.

December 18- ASVAB Test at Absegami! Sign up in advance with Ms Stant in the Guidance Office!

PROGRAMS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Did you know that Stockton has a Full Tuition Dean's Scholarship if you are in the Top 20% of your class with an 1150 or better SAT (critical reading and math)???? Apply today!
- Our local Rotary International Club is looking for young people ages 15.5 through 18.5 who are interested in studying in a foreign country for a full year. Call Jack Kammer at 898-9134 for more details.
- NJSP is The New Jersey Scholars Program which awards full scholarship summer enrichment programs for students entering their senior year (current juniors!). Go to www.lawrenceville.org/njsp/ for more details. This year's theme is *India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh– One history, three countries, shared future.*
- LeadAmerica wants you! See your counselor today for Congressional Student Leadership Conference information today!
- “MANNA at the Shore” needs volunteers, call Susan Simon @641-3253 for more information.
- Medical Explorers are back at the AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center in Pomona and Atlantic City! Call Ed Kyle @441-8086 for the details.
- Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point has an active Medical Explorer's Group! Call Miss Jennifer Qualitieri at 653-3724 and start attending this month!
- Shore Memorial Hospital also has a Junior Volunteer Program- Call the Volunteer/Auxiliary Office at 653-3543 and get set up for the summer NOW!
- East Coast Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine is looking for student volunteers to work in their office! Call Kim Rullis at 748-2922 Today!
- Are you into animals? Join the Philadelphia Zoo's Junior Zoo Apprenticeship Program! See your counselor for details or go to www.philadelphiazoo.org today.
- A career in travel? Go to www.thetravelacademy.com

- Help OUR School– Join the Absegami Parent-Teacher-Student Association TODAY– applications available in the Main Office Membership fee is \$6
- www.questbridge.org has a National College Match Program which provides full four year college scholarships– check it out today!
- The Society of Automobile Engineers– SAE– Annual scholarship is available in Guidance or on-line at www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm **December 1 Deadline**
- Interested in Service and Government? The Congressional Awards Program rewards the achievement and initiative of teenagers go to www.congressionalaward.org
- Ithaca College in upstate NY has a Martin Luther King Junior Scholarship Program. Go to Ithaca.edu/admission for more details.
- The Gallery Collection is sponsoring the 1st Annual Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship Contest! Entry forms are available at www.gallerycollection.com/scholarship.htm TODAY!

Personal Care...

- Are you or a friend struggling with substance use? It's not too late to get out... Identifying a weakness and dealing with it in a positive way is a sign of strength! You can do this, you need to do this, and deep down you know that you want to be better– you can get out of the ugly cycle that is addiction! Here is one place for confidential and free help... Atlantic County's **TRYIT– Treating Recovering Youth In Transition.** Call Jake Straughn or Greg Mayer at 645-7700 ext 4331 or ext 4334. Start feeling like yourself again Call TODAY!
- **Do you want to FIGHT someone?** Don't do it! Use Mediation– it's quick, CONFIDENTIAL, and it works! See any teacher, counselor, or mediator for a request form.
- Issues with eating or body image? Learn more at www.renfrewcenter.com and start helping yourself or a friend.

ACADEMIC Help is AVAILABLE...

- **TUTORS Available in the Guidance Office...** Submit a National Honor Society Tutor Request Form TODAY!
- **WEEKLY Progress Reports are available in the Guidance Office and offer great teacher feedback.**
- **Late Study Tuesday and Wednesday for Math 4:30 to 6:30pm & Thursday for Math and Science 4:30 to 7:30pm in the 'Gami Library.** Also Egg Harbor City students can go to FD Rittenberg Mon through Fri from 5 to 8pm for English, Math, a & Science!
- Make sure your parents are on ParentConnect! Go to www.absegami.net for registration details!