

Welcome to the Junior Parent- Student College Planning Meeting



**Please sign-in on one of the sheets.
(both student and parent)**

**Parent and student may want to sit
together for discussion.**

October 10, 2018



Countdown2 College

Junior | Senior | Parent

Tonight's Topics

At-a-Glance

Junior year focus

creating a college list, campus visits, selecting a program of study, service requirements, testing (ACT / SAT), *etc.*

ACT (April and June) & **SAT** (March and May)

Senior retakes August-October

College campus visits

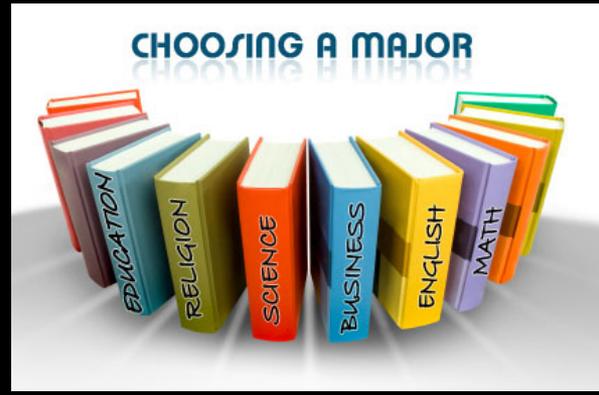
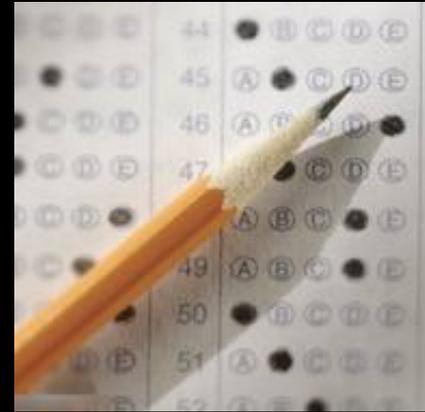
Gr. 11-12 checklists

DSA College Counseling web page



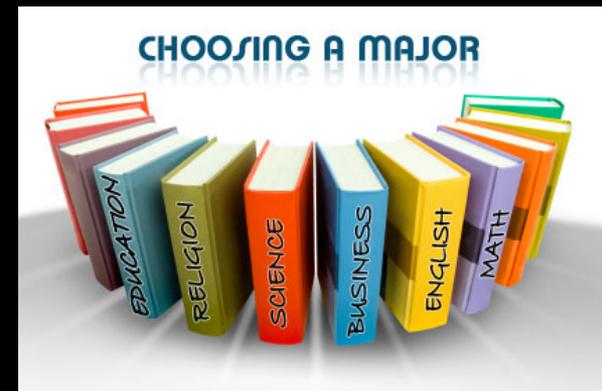
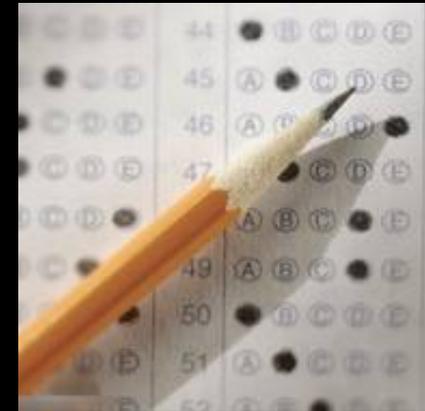
Focus for junior year

- career interest areas
- course rigor (>GPA)
- community service requirements
- standardized tests (ACT and/or SAT)
- creating a college list (programs / majors, schools / degrees, etc.)
- campus visits (app. fee waivers)
- early decision





Many of these items are available to print from the CC's *Forms and Resources* section.



Academic Progress

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graph TD; A[Academic Progress] --- B(graduation requirements); A --- C(college admissions); A --- D(scholarships); D --- E[GPA]; E --- F[2.50]; E --- G[3.00]; E --- H[3.50];
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**graduation
requirements**

**college
admissions**

scholarships

GPA
2.50
3.00
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Specialized Admissions Considerations

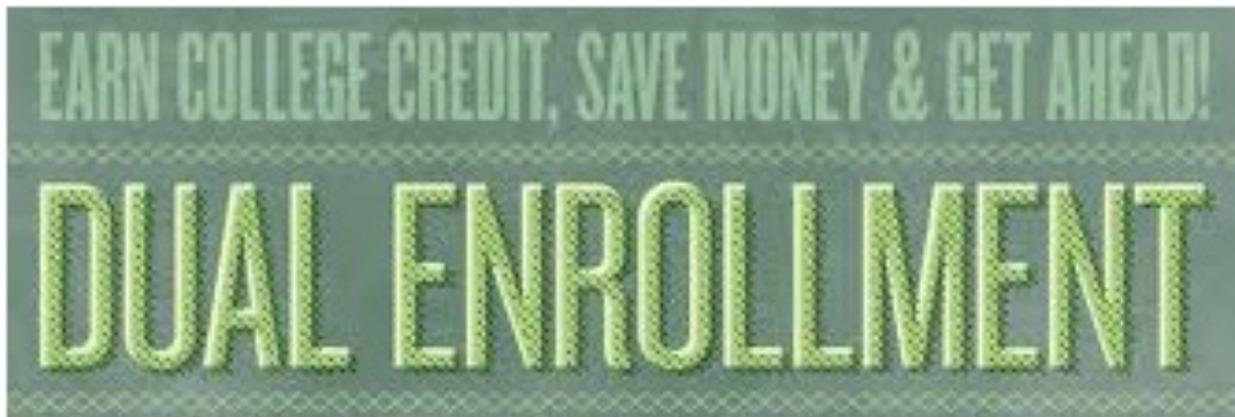
1. SAT subject tests
2. Major-specific requirements/preferences
 - portfolios** (digital, physical, artistic, *etc.*)
 - volunteer service**
 - performances** (music, theater, *etc.*)
 - achievement / involvement**
 - leadership positions**

Florida Graduation Requirements for a **24-credit** Program, p. 1

- English (4 credits)
- Mathematics (4 cr.) – to include Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2
- Science (3-4 cr.) – two of which must have a laboratory component
- Social Studies (3-4 cr.) – 1.0 World History, 1.0 U.S. History, .5 U.S. Government, .5 Economics)
- Foreign Language – 2 credits of same foreign language required for accelerated graduation requirements and admission into state universities

Florida Graduation Requirements for a **24-credit** Program, p. 2

- Fine/Performing Arts (1 cr.) – Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or specified Practical Arts
- Physical Education with a health component (1 cr.)
- Electives (8 cr.) – four of which DSA associates with religion
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale



- **expectations / requirements**
 - **January vs. summer**
 - **day vs. evening**
 - **transportation**
- (Mrs. Jimenez)**

PSAT/

NMSQT™

Preliminary SAT® / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

That exam was completed today.

SAT

vs.

ACT

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

SAT Assessment

The ***new*** SAT began March of 2016.

Changes:

- All-new essay — and it's optional
- No penalty for guessing
- No vocab that will never be used again

Quick Facts

- 4 parts: Reading, Writing and Language, Math, and the optional SAT Essay
- 400–1600 score scale
- 3 hours and 50 minutes with the SAT Essay (3 hours without it)
- 4 answer choices

ACT Assessment

- 1. Why? (to predict likelihood of success in college)**
- 2. What? (assess basic skills in English, reading, math, science reasoning, and writing)**
- 3. Who? (juniors in spring and senior retakes in fall)**
- 4. When? (juniors – February, April, and/or June; seniors – September or October)**
- 5. Where (area school – register beginning **2-3** months in advance to get 1st choice of test site)**
- 6. How? (know test dates and registration deadlines; REGISTER ONLINE www.actstudent.org)**
- 7. Writing Test!**

Resource Review

College Counseling [web page](#)
Gr. 11 College Planning Checklist
Junior Fall Meeting agenda
Testing – ACT and SAT
Campus Visits (see links on *How To's*)
college lists
campus visits
“Reach / Target / Safety”

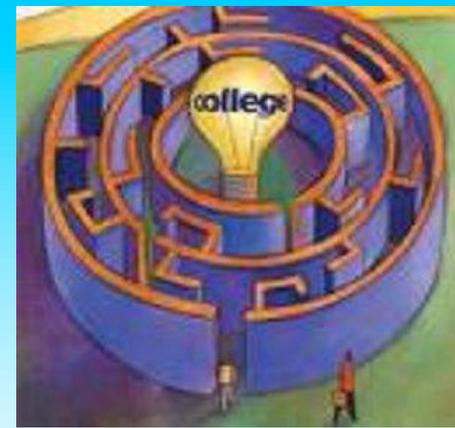


Campus Visits

Five Topics to Discuss During a Visit

- **Admissions**
- **Academics**
- **Cost and Financial Assistance**
- **Campus Setting**
- **Employment assistance**

Planning Ahead



Recommendation letters

DSA Senior-year College Planning
Timeline [link](#)

Students on a “Tourist or visitors’ visa”
Get changed to F-1 visa **ASAP!!**

BY END OF SUMMER 2019:

1. Finalize college list (*Reach – Safety – Target*)
2. SAT/ACT each taken at least once

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www.sss.gov

MEN

DO THE RIGHT THING

18 through 25

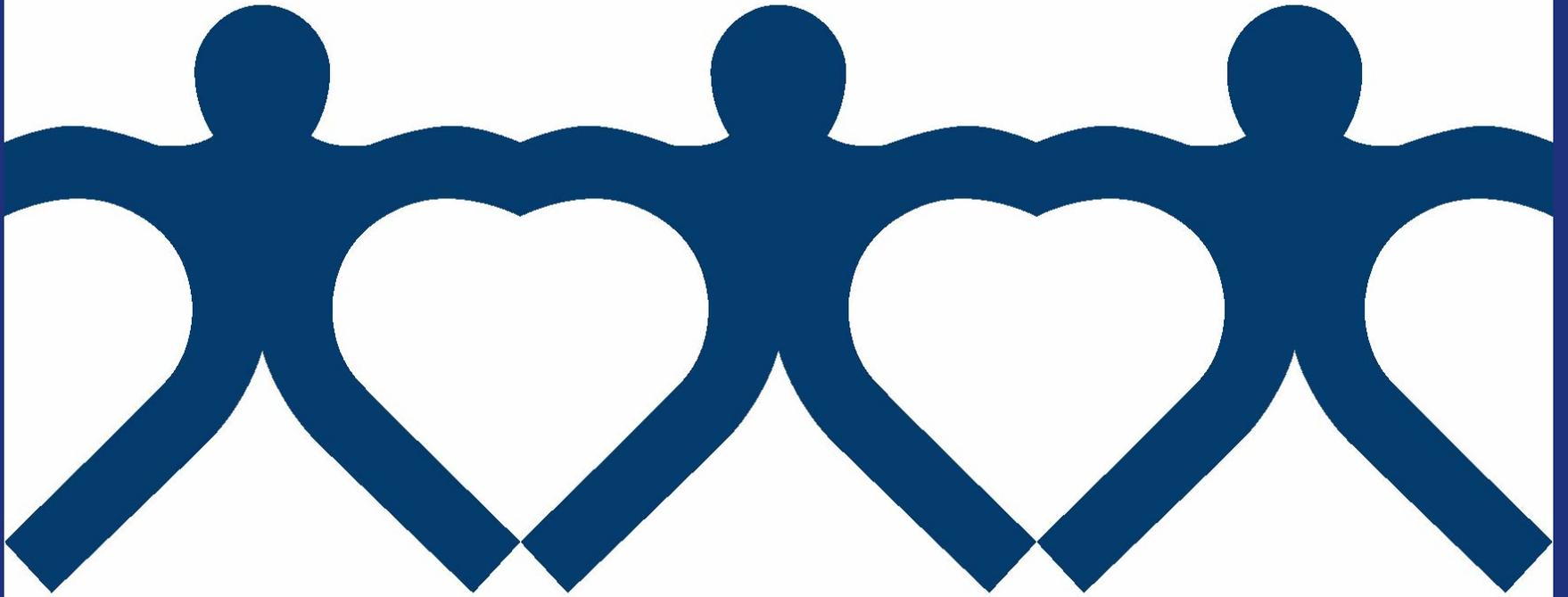
REGISTER

It's Quick - It's Easy
- It's The Law -



SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Community



Service

[link](#)



College Rep Visits to DSA

Florida Atlantic University

Tuesday, Sept. 19
9:23-10:03 am (2nd hour)

Full Sail University

Thursday, Sept. 21
10:03-10:46 am (3rd hour)

Bryant University

Thursday, Sept. 28
2:35-3:25 pm (8th hour)

New York University (NYU)

Monday, Oct. 9
8:30-9:10 a.m. (1st hour)

Suffolk University

Tuesday, Oct. 10
8:30-9:10 a.m. (1st hour)

Florida Institute of Tech (F.I.T.)

Tuesday, Oct. 10
9:23-10:03 am (2nd hour)

Boston University

Tuesday, Oct. 10
2:33-3:26 pm (8th hour)

Penn State University

Thursday, Oct. 12
8:30-9:10 am (1st hour)

University of Tampa

Thursday, Oct. 12
1:45-2:28 pm (7th hour)

Florida State University (FSU)

Tuesday, Oct. 24
1:45-2:28 pm (7th hour)

*Students please remember that you must get the permission form signed by your teacher if you would like to attend any of these information sessions. Permission forms are available in the college center.

PARENT RESOURCES

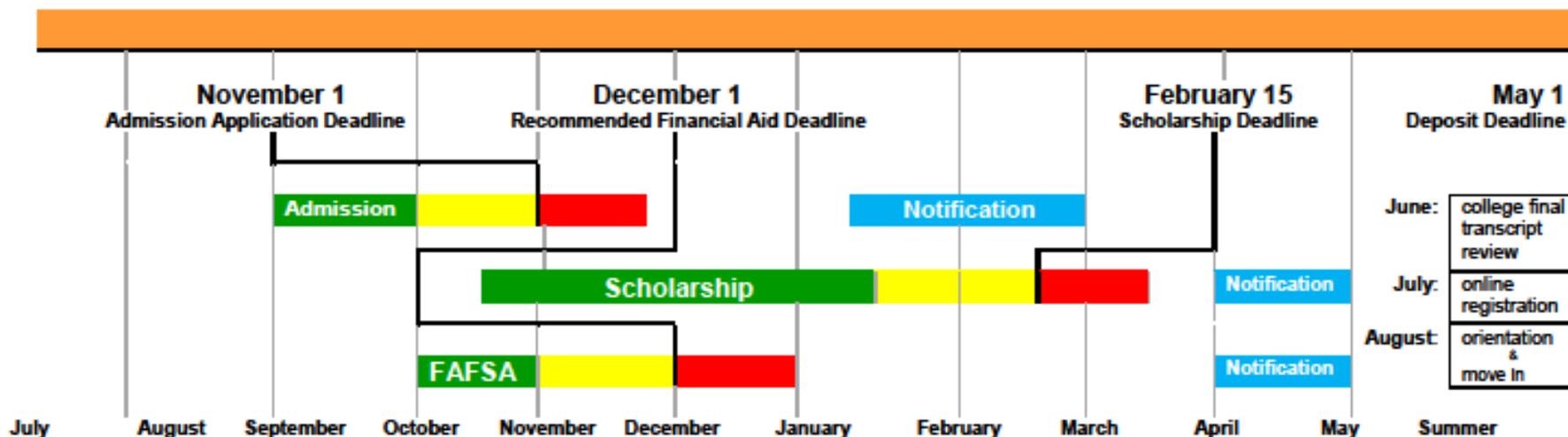
- college counselors

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- College Counseling web page
- weekly **Academy Dispatch**
- campus visits on school days off
- college rep. visits to DSA
- College Center resources

DSA's Senior-Year College Admissions Timeline



Step 1: Application for Admission

- Prepare your writing sample.
- Prepare your extracurricular activities.
- Send ACT/SAT score reports.
- Apply online (highly-organized DSA students will submit all applications between mid-September and the end of October)
- Submit school counselor form & transcripts.

Step 2: Scholarship & Scholar Programs

- Review programs online.
- Complete necessary applications (details online).
- Submit required materials together.
- Search outside scholarship sources (fastweb.com, College Center, etc.).

Scholarship and scholars program notifications typically begin in mid-March and continue through mid-April.

Step 3: Financial Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Visit www.finaid.org to learn about the process
- File the FAFSA as early in October as possible.

Keep regular communication with each school's financial aid office. Submit information requested of you **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** (never just before deadlines)

Final Step: Secure Your Space

Submit tuition and housing deposits *before* deadlines.

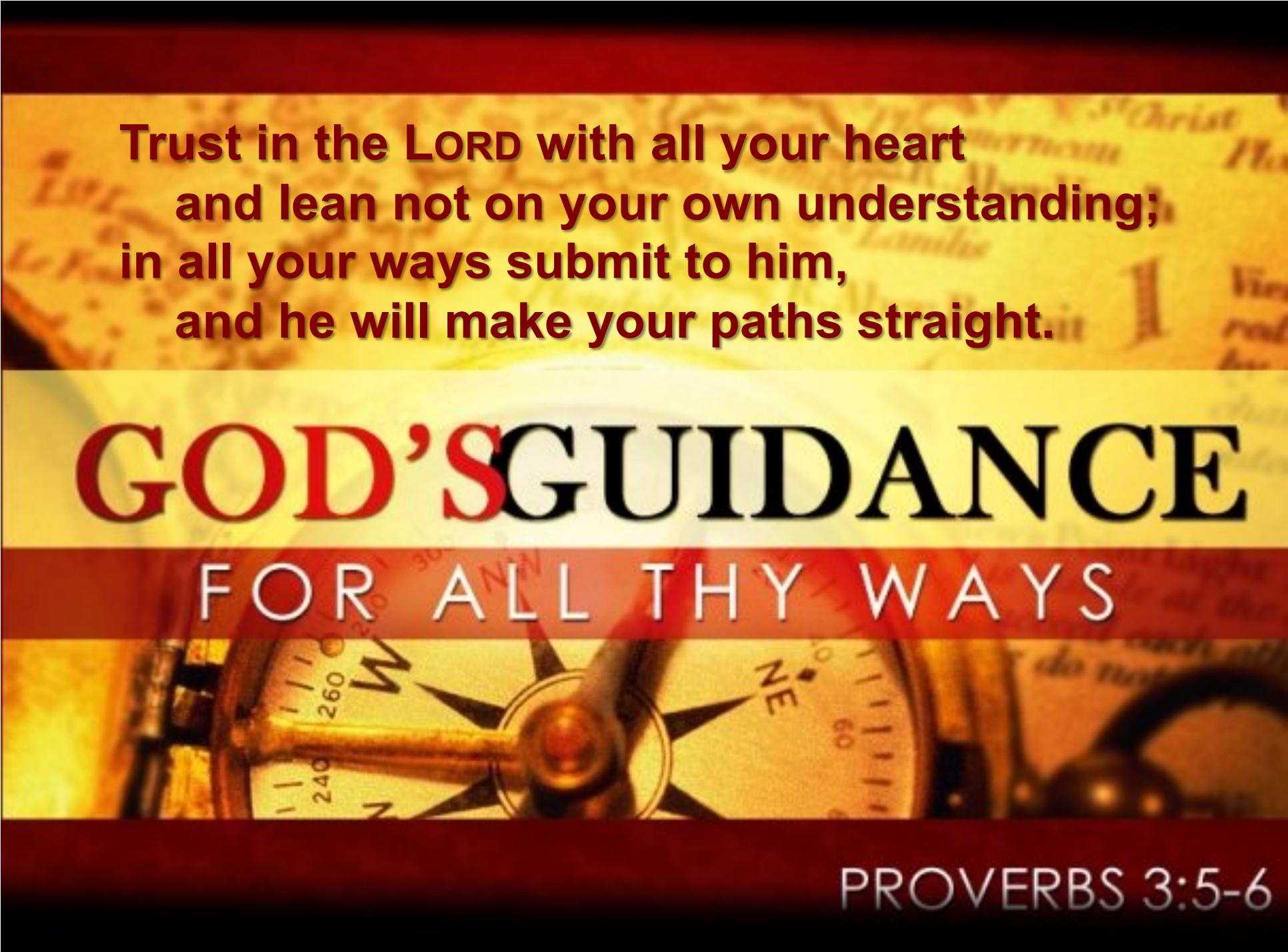
What Is Your Plan To Pay For College?



Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.

Participants will leave knowing . . .

- What to expect when transitioning from high school to college.**
- Why published costs may not be as important as you think.**
- Tips about the FAFSA and its importance to you.**
- About cost of attendance, out of pocket, expected family contribution, need-met and gift-aid ratios, and how they apply to you.**
- How to improve your student's odds of graduating in four years.**



Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

GOD'S GUIDANCE

FOR ALL THY WAYS

PROVERBS 3:5-6