

### Go to High School-Go to College

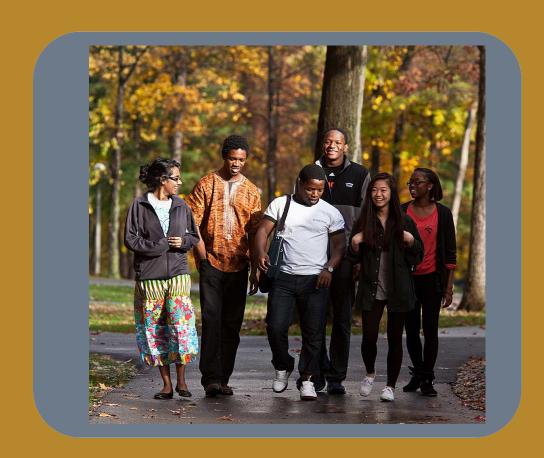




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# Agenda

- What is Go To High School Go To College?
- Common College Questions
- College Admission
- College Prep Classes in High School
- Working with school Teacher / Counselor/ Librarian
- SAT / ACT
- Scholarships
- Tutors
- How to search colleges
- What colleges have the major/ industry you would like to pursue?
- What is FAFSA?
- What are HBCU's?
- How about Maryland's 4 HBCUs!
- Key Takeaways





# What is Go To High School - Go to College?

- One of Alpha Phi Alpha's National Programs
- Established in 1922
- Concentrates on the importance of completing secondary and collegiate education
- School completion is the single best predictor of future economic success.
- Provide information and learn strategies that facilitate success.

# Common College Questions

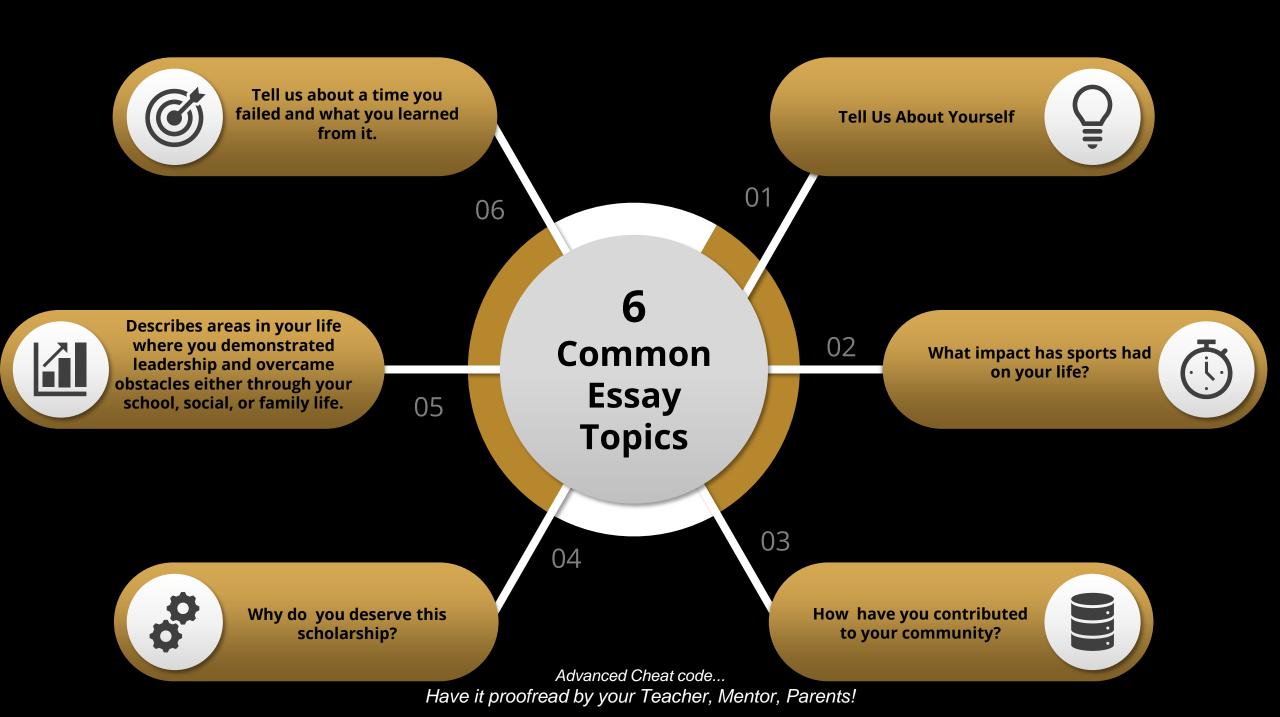
- What is the difference between a College? University? Community College?
- What is the difference between a Public College and Private college?
- What is a Major? A Minor?
- What is a Semester, Quarter, Trimester?
- What does undergraduate mean?
- What is Grad School? Law School? Medical School?
- How long is Undergrad? Graduate School?
- How big are they?
- How much do they cost?



# **College Admissions**

- Application
  - Turn in on time
  - Legible
- SAT / ACT
  - Prepare
  - Inexpensive study guides
  - Practice
- Essay
  - Write at least 3 base essays
  - Adjust essay for Application / Scholarship
  - No need to wait until Senior year. Start now.
- Schools have an acceptance rate
  - Space is limited
  - Cannot accept everyone





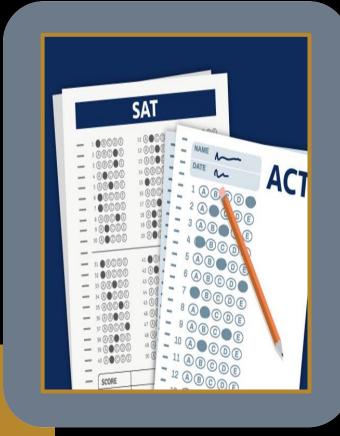
## **Preparation is the KEY!**



#### **WE WANT YOU TO SUCCEED!**

- Tap in with your school Counselor and Librarian.
- Help you match your interest with a major
- Help you find the right group of colleges to apply to.
- Put you in touch with prep classes for these tests
- Provide assistance with completing the college application process.
- Inform you about community programs (For

# Standardized Testing



- Important for College Admission
- Important for Scholarships (\$\$\$)
- Important to Take Seriously
- Important to take many practice tests under test conditions
- Take advantage of SAT Prep Classes at your school
- Start Early. PSAT
  - Take the PSAT once a year.

## How to Search For a Scholarship



#### Are You ...

- A football player?
- A basketball player?
- On the chess team?
- Good at bowling?
- In the band?
- On the swim team?
- A piano player?
- An B+ student?
- Community helper?
- Scholarships are available for





## **Tutors**



- Ask for a tutor AND use your tutor.
- Sources for a free tutor:
  - o School.
  - Church,
  - Fraternity/Sorority,
  - Mentor,

# Finding the Right College/University

Where do you want to attend college?

In State?
Out of State?

Would you be more successful in a major city?

Can you be successful in a College Town?

Are there any organizations that you want to be a part of, and is it offered at this college?

Big State
University with
over 50,000
students

Or a small private college with 10,000 student

How much financial assistance are they offering?

# What Colleges Have the Major/ Industry You Would Like to Pursue?

- What do you have a passion for?
- What are you good at?
- Is there a market for this?
- Some skills translate to many industries
  - Marketing, Communication, etc.



#### Income Potential:

#### 10 Popular College Majors

Business	Social Science / History	Biology / Biomedical	Communication / Journalism	Education
Health Profession	Engineering	Psychology	Visual / Performing Arts	Computer / Information Science

#### What is a FAFSA?



- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Before each year of college, apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.
- Your college uses your FAFSA data to determine how much your family should be able to contribute and your federal aid eligibility.
- After submission, you'll receive your
   Student Aid Report.

#### What is an HBCU?

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were established in the United States early in
  the 19th century, to provide undergraduate and graduate level educational opportunities to people
  of African descent. Black students were unwelcome at existing public and private institutions of
  higher education (IHEs), even after the passing of specific legislation, resulting in a lack of higher
  education opportunities.
- In 1799, Washington and Lee University admitted John Chavis who is noted as the first African American on record to attend college.
- Oldest: African Institute (now Cheyney University) in 1837 in Pennsylvania
- The majority of HBCUs originated from 1865-1900, with the greatest number of HBCUs started in 1867,
  - Alabama State University,
  - Barber-Scotia College,
  - Fayetteville State University,
  - Howard University,
  - Johnson C. Smith University,
  - Morehouse College,
  - Morgan State University,
  - Saint Augustine's University



# Maryland's HBCU's

- Many of your mentors went to (or are still going to)
   one of these HBCUs
- Bowie State University is ranked #10 among the nation's HBCUs (BestColleges.com) - 2021
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore offers 38
   undergraduate, 15 master's and 8 doctoral programs.
- Morgan State is ranked 1st in Engineering Degrees to African Americans
- Coppin State is also known for producing some of



# **Key Takeaways**

- Get good grades. Do your best to avoid C's!
- Take the SAT/ACT seriously. Can save you (and your parents) many many many thousands of dollars!
- Spend time writing 3 good Essays massage them for college application / scholarchine Start Farly
- Use all your resources. Especially your school Team
  - Librarian
  - Principal
  - School counselor
  - Teacher
- Choose colleges that 'feel right'.
- Choose a major that matches your passion and skills
- Seriously consider "taking your talents" to an HBCU.





# **Questions?**



