College is Not a Dream…
It’s a Plan
How many colleges are in North Carolina?

133
How many colleges are in the U.S.? 5,300
What do you think of when you hear the word “college?”
College Myth Busting
True or False?

Most schools require you to take both the SAT and ACT.

False
True or False?

SAT and ACT test scores are more important than the grades you receive in high school.

False
True or False?

It’s better to get all A’s in standard level courses than it is to get lower grades in AP or Honors courses.

False
True or False?

You must decide on a career and/or major before you apply to college.

False
True or False?

Only the top academically performing students or the most talented athletes receive money for college.

False
True or False?

Colleges only take into consideration my grades from 11th and 12th grade.

False
Types of Colleges

- College or University
  - Bachelor’s Degree
    - Teacher, Accountant, Business Manager, Engineer

- Community College
  - Associate’s Degree
    - Police Officer, Dental Hygienist, Welder

- Vocational or Trade School
  - Certificate/Diploma
    - Cosmetologist, Massage Therapist, Pharmacy Technician
How Do I Get to College?

• Ask Questions
  – Teachers, counselors, parents and other adults can help you stay on track for college

• Get Involved
  – Try out for a sport, join a club or participate in community service

• Push Yourself
  – Take challenging courses! Don’t be afraid to take those Honors, AP, IB or dual-enrollment classes
Research

- What major are you interested in?
- Would you prefer a small or large campus size?
- How far from home are you willing to go for college?
- What is the cost of tuition?
- Is the school a good social fit?
Likely, Target, Reach!

• Likely
  – Your academic information falls above the academic averages of the university
• Target
  – Your academic information falls within the academic averages of the university
• Reach
  – Your academic information falls below the academic averages of the university
Apply

- CFNC
- Common Application
- Coalition Application
- University/College Website
Application Deadlines

- Early Decision
  - Applications are binding
- Early Action
  - Earlier deadline, not binding
- Regular Decision
  - Later deadline, not binding
- Rolling Admissions
  - Applications are accepted until the program spots are full
What Do I Need to Submit an Application?

- Application
- Application Fee
- High School Transcript
- SAT/ACT Test Scores
- Essays
Questions?