

Senior Summer Assignment

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL



This assignment allows for the opportunity to think critically and share your voice as a writer and prepare for the rigors of the college application process. This assignment will be collected upon your return to school and will prepare seniors for college. The completion of the summer assignment is mandatory. DUE SEPTEMBER 5, 2018.

There was a mandatory rising senior meeting in the spring and unfortunately many parents and students did not attend. There was a wealth of information and resources shared for navigating senior year and applying to college. We ask that you attend meetings that are catered to your child—we are not responsible for misinformation or lack of information specifically when we make it available for parents and students. While we understand the demands of work and home, we want to help your child prepare for college. Please look over the tasks below, as there is critical information for senior year for your child. Senior dues and activities will be sent out in an additional mailing the first week of September.

Task 1:

Research CUNY & SUNY schools and come prepared with your list of CUNY & SUNY schools to apply to. We have 1 college advisor and over 100 seniors so; you need to come to school prepared. The college advisor and your advisory teachers can only help students who put the effort into preparing. Do not expect folks to figure things out for you. You can only make an appointment to see the college advisor when you do not have a class. First or second period is a perfect time to go to the college office.

Task 2:

Please revise your personal statement (there are 5 choices to respond to). Go to www.collegeboard.org to see the choices to write on for your personal statement (which should have been written already during junior year advisory and should only need to be revised). Your statement should be ready to share with your advisory teacher the week of September 5, 2018.

Task 3:

Visit 3 colleges or research 5 colleges and write a reflection for each detailing what you liked or did not like about the school and what the entrance requirements are each college.

Senior UHHS ROADMAP review: Where are you on the road to graduation? Have you completed your community service hours or taken at least 1 or 2 college courses? How many PBATs do you have left? Please come to school with 3 typed goals for the year and 3 areas that you need to work on.

Task 4:

Read the following articles/resources regarding the college process, and complete a preliminary plan for your application process at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/make-a-plan>. Post your plan on your digital portfolio before September 5, 2018.

3 Ways to Approach Common College Essay Questions

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays/3-ways-to-approach-common-college-essay-questions>

How to Find a College That Fits You

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-to-find-your-college-fit/how-to-find-a-college-that-fits-you>

The Facts About Applying Early: Is It Right For You?

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/the-facts-about-applying-early-is-it-right-for-you>

Timeline: Key Tips For Completing College Applications Successfully

<http://www.usnews.com/education/bestcolleges/articles/2014/05/30/timeline-keysteps-for-completing-college-applications-successfully>

3 reasons college matters for upward mobility

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/social-mobility-memos/2015/02/06/three-reasons-college-matters-for-social-mobility/>

Going to college may cost you.....

<http://www.npr.org/2014/02/11/275297408/goingtocollegemaycostyoubutsowillsskipingit>

College for the masses

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/26/upshot/college-for-the-masses.html>

Is college worth it

<http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2011/05/15/is-college-worth-it/>

Is it still worth going to college

<http://www.frbsf.org/economic-research/publications/economic-letter/2014/may/is-college-worth-it-education-tuition-wages/>

Paying for college

<http://www.teenvogue.com/story/college-financial-aid>

We are really excited to see your mind in action. As you know, University Heights students are the **BEST** students. You may enter your assignment for a chance to win a gift card and or award in the following categories: art, journalism, critical thinking, creative writing and political analysis.

-Hazel Joseph-Roseboro, Principal