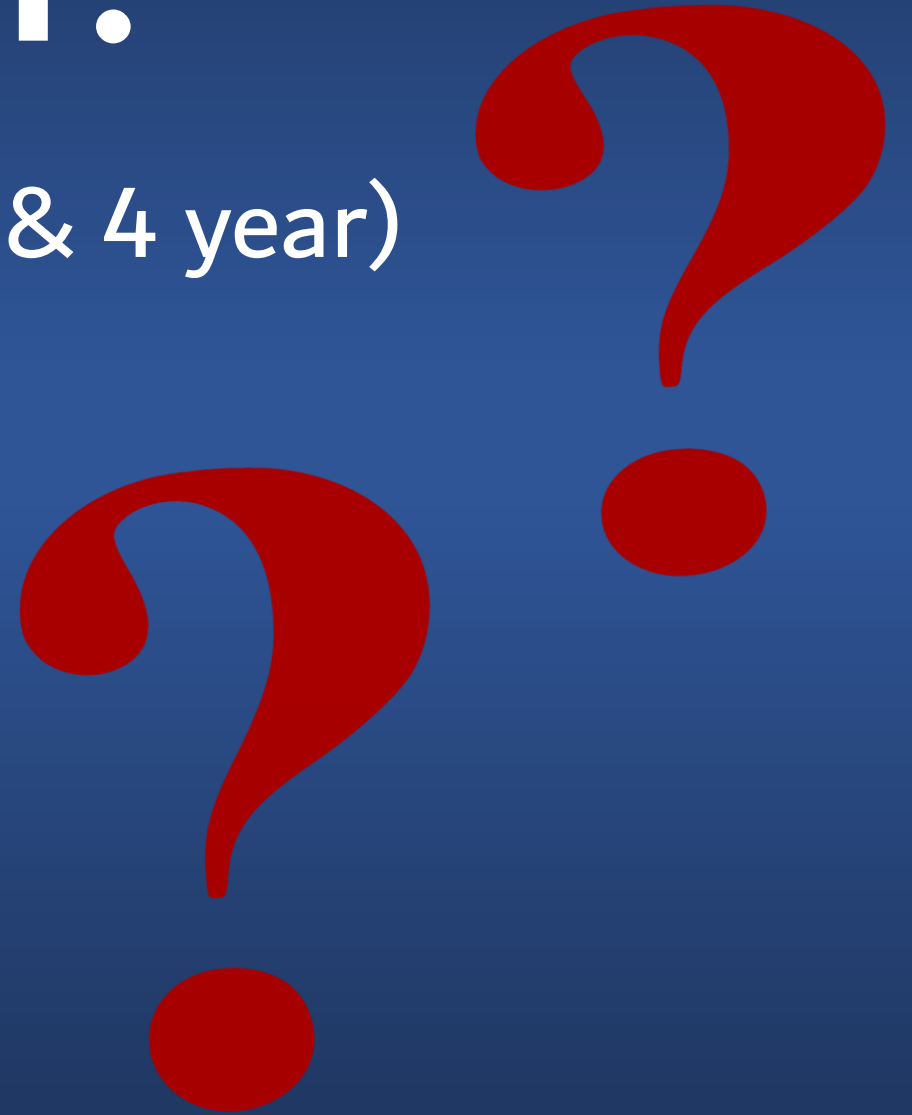


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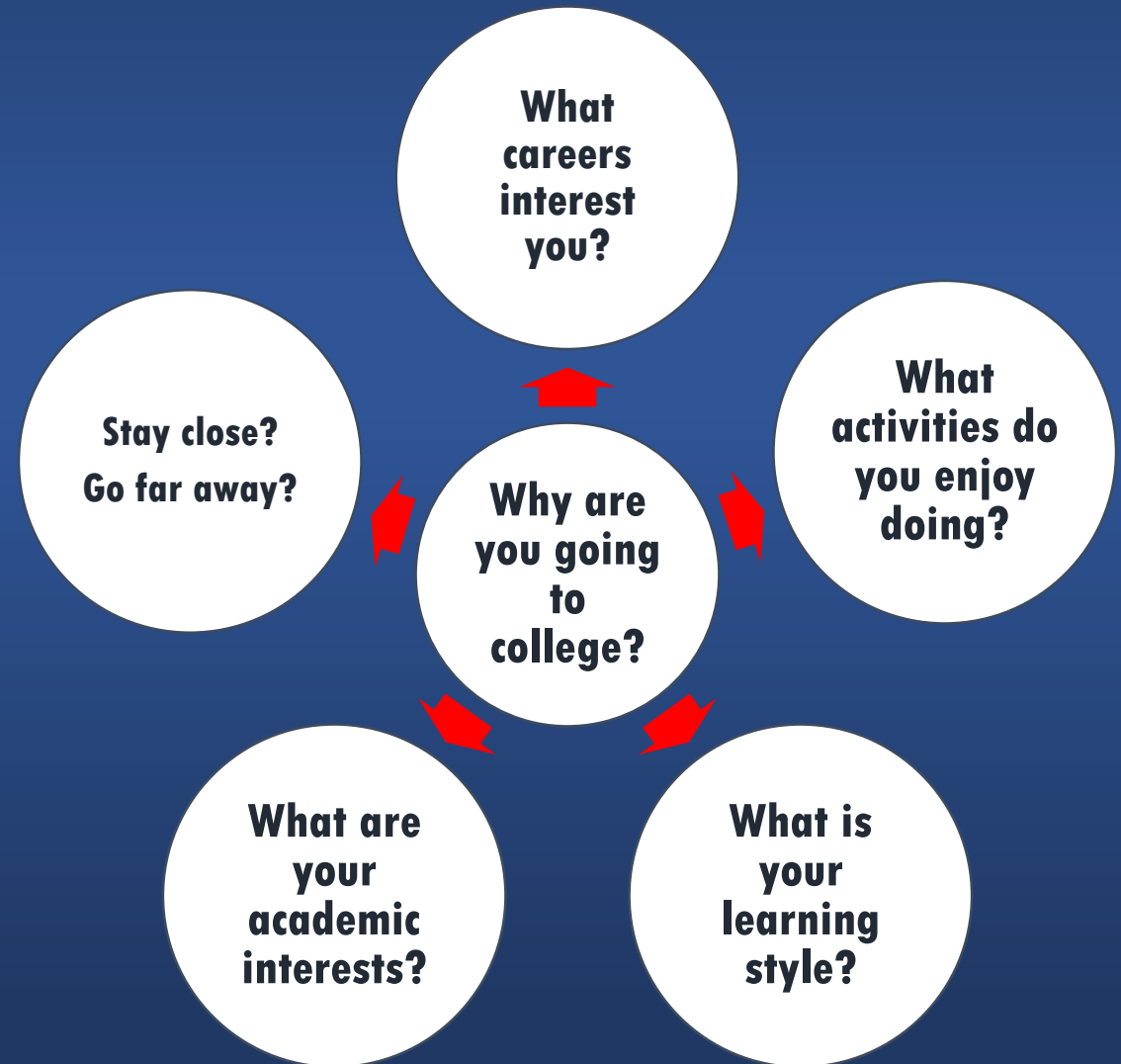
# Consider:

- 4726 college options\* (2 year & 4 year)
- Creating a college list
- Number of schools on list



# Begin with some questions:

Be aware of your **SKILLS, INTERESTS, VALUES** as you search for appropriate college matches.





# DO list:



- Ask questions
- Utilize resources (School Counselor, Naviance, College Board)
- Narrow down list
- **RESEARCH \* VISIT \* INTERVIEW \* EXPLORE** (Campus Tours Open Houses Overnights Discovery Days)
- Narrow down list again (Reach, Realistic/Target, Safety)
- Apply (**deadlines are never OPTIONAL**)

# DON'T list:

- Apply .... because you received free on-line application
- Apply .... because someone told you it was a great school
- Apply ... because parents went there & best friend is applying
- Apply ... to lots of schools .... just because
- **Hope “college application thing” goes away ... it won't**

# FINAL LIST:

- **REACH** (“would love to go, may not get in”)
  - Your academic profile lower than school’s profile
- **REALISTIC/TARGET** (“likely to get in”)
  - Your academic profile in line with school’s profile
- **SAFETY** (“assured of getting in”)
  - Your academic profile above school’s profile



**SENIOR YEAR:**  
Fall >>> Winter

# APPLY

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION

- Deadlines are NOT optional!
- Essay IS important!
- Senior year grades ARE important!

## Application

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**SENIOR YEAR:**  
Winter >>> Spring

# RESULTS

- Accepted at ALL schools
- Accepted at SOME schools
- Waitlisted
- Not accepted anywhere (Parallel Plan?)





# What's Next?

- **Narrow down accepted options**
  - VISIT VISIT VISIT
- **Contact waitlisted schools**
- **Parallel Plan (if needed)**



# REMEMBER

- Colleges should not be on list JUST because of name
- Cost should be considered, but don't eliminate choices because of cost (initially)
- Deadlines are *NOT* suggestions
- Stay organized
- Think “outside the box”

