



The College Search

**Steps to help you student make
their choice.**

Life After High School...

Work/Apprenticeship?

Military?

Gap Year?

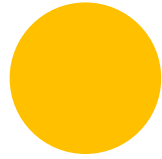
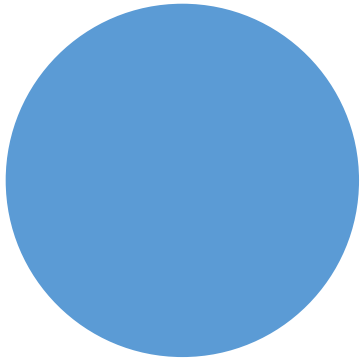
College?

- University?
- Community College?
- Conservatory?
- Technical School?



College: Where Do I Start?
*Every path is unique





Factors to consider?

What makes a good “fit?”





Finding the Right College

Factors to consider:

- Cost
- Public or Private
- Two-year or four-year
- Location
- Available Majors
- Size
- Admissions Requirements
- Selectivity of Admissions
- Support Services
- Opportunities – academic and more
- Diversity
- Learning Environment

College Research Words



Types of Colleges

Historically Black College: college that primarily serves black students

Hispanic Serving Institutions: a college where 25% of the students are Hispanic

Tribal College: colleges located near or on Indian reservation with core mission to strengthen tribal nations

Public University: a college that is funded through the government

Private University: a college that relies on private donations for funding



Greek Life: fraternities and sororities are social organizations students can in college



Fit Score: refers to how a school aligns with the different choices a student selected when searching for a school

Match: GPA and test scores match the college's average

Reach: GPA and test scores are below the colleges average

Safety: GPA and test scores are above the colleges average



High graduation rate: a school where at least 33% of students graduate in 4-years

High retention rate: school where 87% of students come back the next year

High job placement rate: schools where a high percentage of students get jobs related to their major



ROTC: a program where you train to join the military while earning a college degree

Keep in
mind....

College
is a *match to be made*
not a prize to be won.

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Timeline: “Typically” Spring 11th Grade

- Decide if/when you will take the SAT and/or the ACT.
- Select a challenging course load for senior year but keep balance in mind
- Attend College Fairs
- **Visit college campuses, if possible**
- Ask teachers about recommendations
- Create a commonapp.org account





Timeline: Summer Before 12th Grade

- Continue to research and visit colleges
- Know your application deadlines – create a calendar to follow
- Review prompts and work on college essays
- Participate in a summer internship program or job, or work on service learning
- Research and apply for scholarships



Senior Year

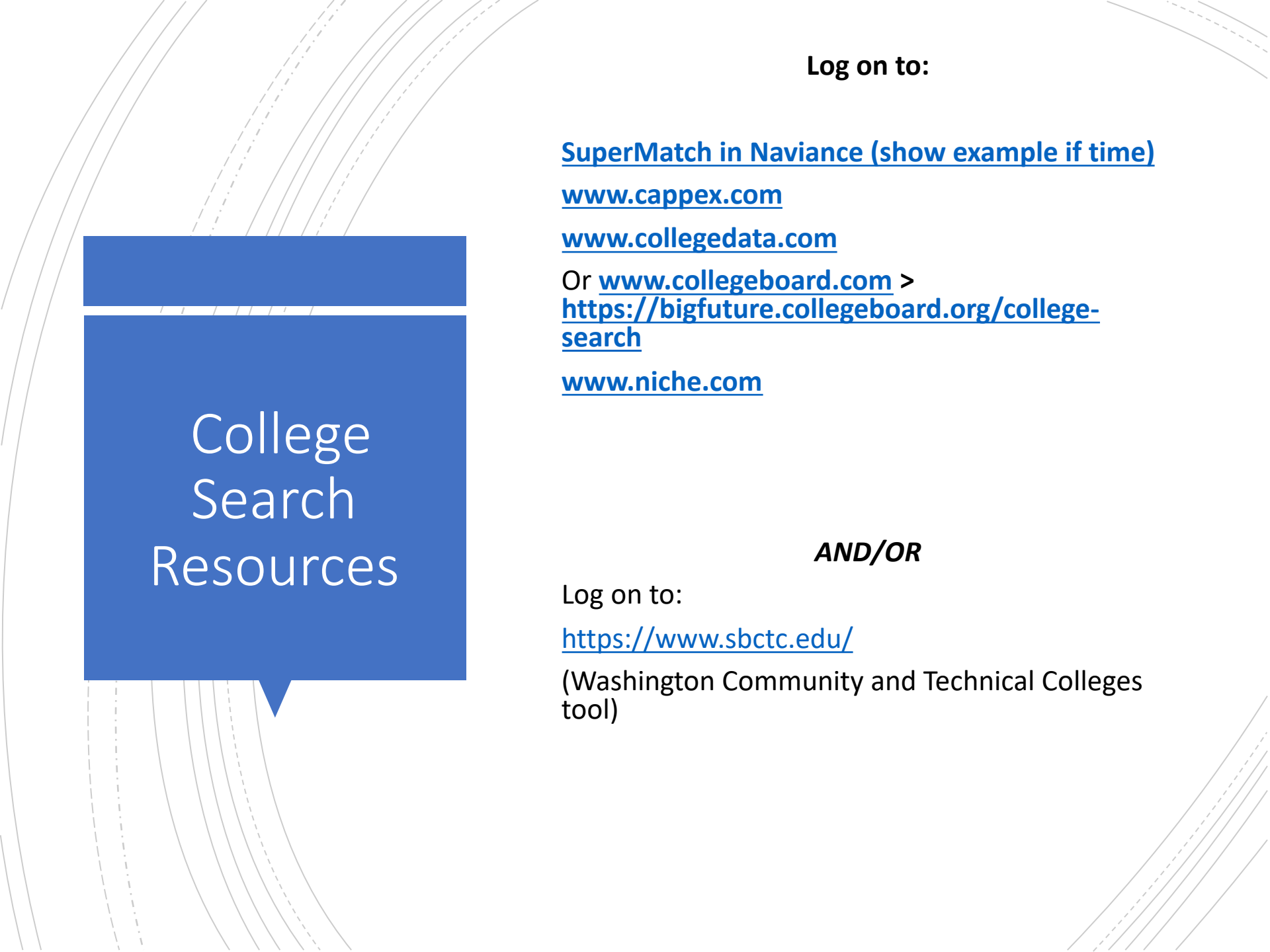
Finish Applications – watch those deadlines!

Look for Scholarships!

- Visit the scholarship bulletin, updated monthly on your School Counselor Schoology page and posted on the RHS website

Complete FAFSA/WASFA any time after ???

- You can download the FAFSA App: myStudentAid



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Log on to:

[SuperMatch in Naviance \(show example if time\)](#)

www.cappex.com

www.collegedata.com

Or www.collegeboard.com >

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

www.niche.com

AND/OR

Log on to:

<https://www.sbctc.edu/>

(Washington Community and Technical Colleges tool)

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