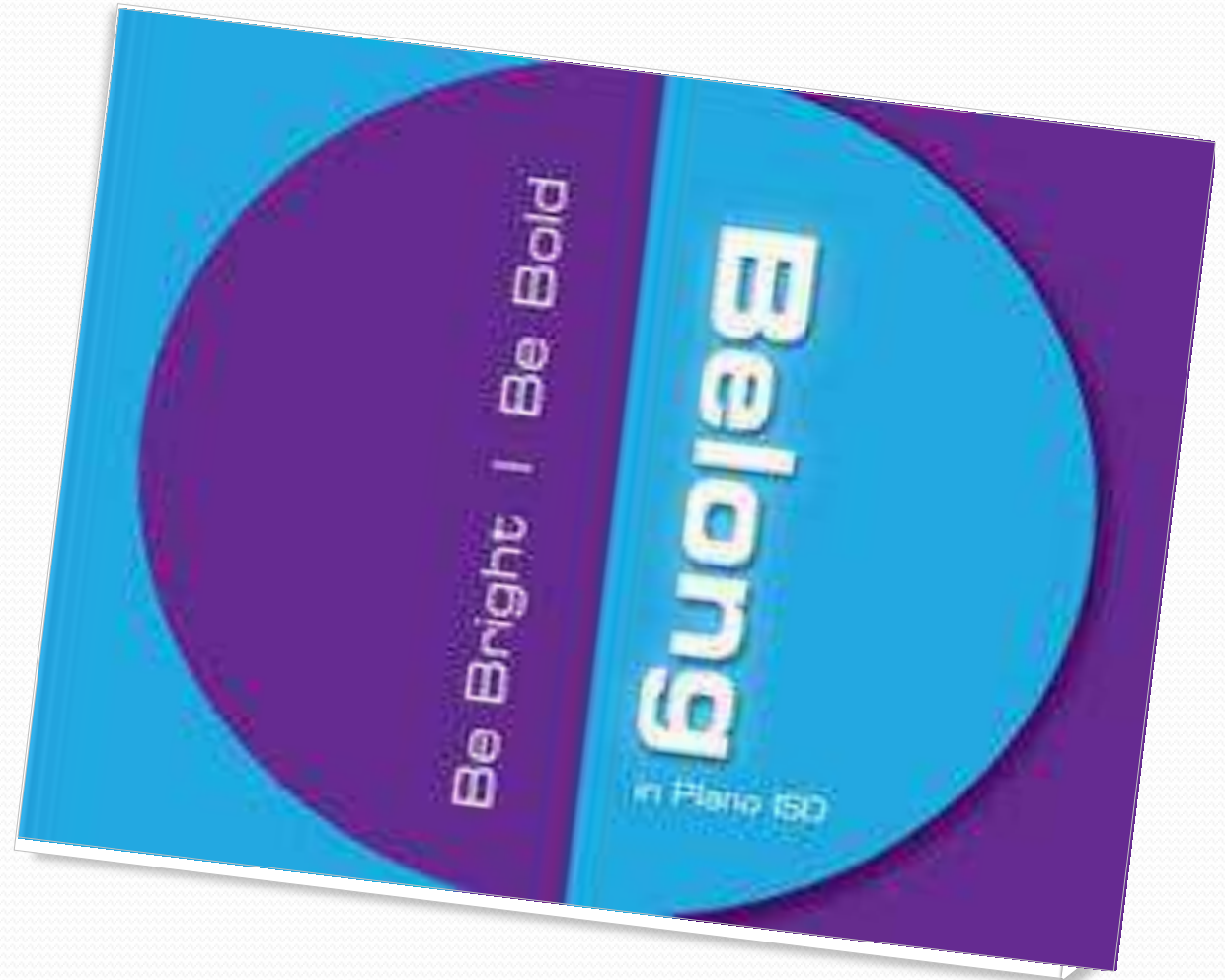
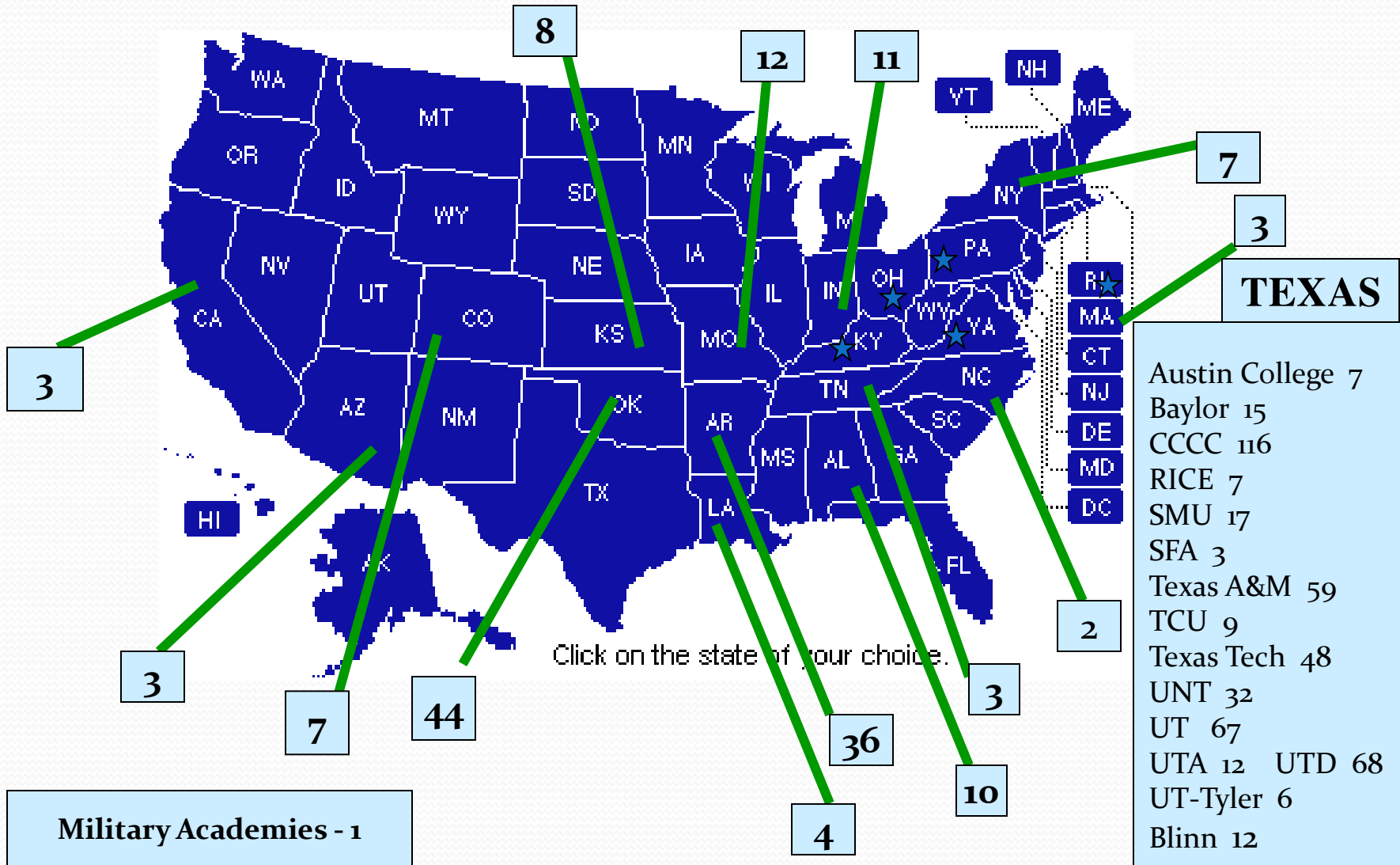


**PLANO
WEST
PRESENTS**

NAVIANCE
AND
COLLEGE
101



Class of 2013



College Application Process

- Finalize SAT/ACT scores
- Visit & select colleges for application
- Create a NAVIANCE account
- Access college applications
- Prepare resume/write essay
- Complete Application
- Request recommendations
- Request transcripts

College App. Process (cont.)

- Send applications through NAVIANCE
- Schedule college interviews if required
- Submit NCAA form (if applicable)
- Apply for scholarships/grants
- Submit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR ?

Difficulty of high school courses

High School GPA / Class Rank

SAT / ACT scores

Insights from written essays

Community Service involvement

YOUR List of Colleges

Dream School?

Reality School?

Find your “fit”:

Academically

Personally

Socially

Financially

The College Essay

- DO NOT PROCRASTINATE

.... it leads to a rushed effort that is evident to the reader

- ANSWER THE QUESTION

.... use a reasonable progression of ideas

.... focus on quality not quantity of words

The College Essay (cont.)

□ MAKE IT ERROR FREE

... do a draft, then rewrite... rewrite...

□ USE YOUR VOICE

... do not over-use a thesaurus or a proofreader

... remember you are writing to an adult not a peer

... do show your personality

□ AVOID EXPRESSING EXTREME OPINIONS OR EXCESSIVE SARCASM

College Visit and NCAA

- Schedule appointment with college
- Obtain **College Visit Form** from sub school
- Return **signed** College Visit Form
- **Visits count against Senior Exemption in the Spring.
- If you are an athlete you must complete the clearinghouse at

www.ncaaclearinghouse.org



NAVIANCE

What is it?

- ❖ **Naviance** is a web-based planning and advising system for schools, with resources for counselors, teachers, administrators, students and parents.
- ❖ **Family Connection** is the family component of Naviance that allows users to access online resources, communication and planning tools.
- ❖ Naviance links parents, students and the counselors.

EXPLORING NAVIANCE

- ❖ Compare colleges
- ❖ Complete college applications and track college deadlines
- ❖ Career Exploration – **Do What You Are** (Personality Profile)
- ❖ Request Recommendations and Transcripts
- ❖ Link to selected scholarships
- ❖ Complete surveys

HOW DO YOU ACCESS IT?

Go to:

<http://connection.naviance.com/pwsh>

- ❖ Username: first name.last name.1
- ❖ Password: PISD student ID

search for colleges:

colleges I'm thinking about

Use this page to indicate colleges that you are considering.

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

my colleges

- > [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- > [colleges I'm applying to](#)
- > [college visits](#)

college research

My Interest	College	
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College	Delivery type	Added By	My Interest	Application Deadlines†				Actions		
				Early Decision	Early Action	Priority	Regular Decision	CONTACT	GRAN	MM
U of AL Tuscaloosa		student	Low	-	-	2/1	-			
U of Arkansas		student	Medium	-	11/15	11/15	3/20			
Boston Univ		student	First Choice	11/1	-	-	1/1			
Chapman Univ		student	N/A	-	11/15	-	1/15			
Clemson Univ		student	High	-	-	12/1	5/7			
Oklahoma State Univ		student	Medium	-	-	-	2/1			
St. Edwards Univ		student	Low	-	-	2/1	5/1			



Update Interest

Remove from List

College information is provided by the colleges themselves. Costs, dates, policies, and programs are subject to change, so please confirm important details with college admission personnel.

family connection

home

courses

colleges

careers

about me

my planner

interesting things about me:

- > [personality type](#)
- > [resume](#)
- > [game plan](#)
- > [documents](#)
- > [journal](#)
- > [survey history](#)

personality type



official things:

- > [profile](#)
- > [inbox](#)
- > [account](#)
- > [test scores](#)

Introduction

You are about to begin the Do What You Are[®] Self Discovery Personality Type assessment. Successful completion of the assessment will generate a report that will provide you with important information about your personal characteristics. You will learn about careers that are matched to you, your personal strengths and blindspots, how you negotiate in your daily life, and a host of other useful information.

It is important to remember that the science of personality type is not an exact science. However, an understanding of your type can guide you in making better decisions for your future.

At the top of each page, a progress bar will indicate how much of the survey you have completed. Please follow the instructions carefully so your results reflect who you are as accurately as possible. Also, remember you can stop the survey at any time by clicking the stop sign. The next time you return to this section, you will pick up where you left off.

surveys to take:

- [survey history](#)

EXPLORE CAREERS

Explore Careers :: Orthodontists

[+ add to my list](#)

Overview

Knowledge & Skills

Tasks & Activities

Wages

Job Description

- Examine, diagnose, and treat dental malocclusions and oral cavity anomalies. Design and fabricate appliances to realign teeth and jaws to produce and maintain normal function and to improve appearance.

Interests

- **Holland Interest Code: IRS**
- **Investigative**
Investigative occupations frequently involve working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking. These occupations can involve searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.
- **Realistic**
Realistic occupations frequently involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They often deal with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery. Many of the occupations require working outside, and do not involve a lot of paperwork or working closely with others.
- **Social**
Social occupations frequently involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. These occupations often involve helping or providing service to others.

Related Occupations

- [Chiropractors](#)
- [Dental Assistants](#)
- [Dental Hygienists](#)
- [Dentists](#)
- [Optometrists](#)

search for careers:

my career interest profiler

Here are your results:

[MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>](#)

- **Realistic: 25**
- **Investigative: 23**
- **Artistic: 20**
- **Social: 21**
- **Enterprising: 22**
- **Conventional: 21**

[explore careers](#)

> [favorite careers & clusters](#)

> [explore careers & clusters](#)

[what are my interests?](#)

> [personality type](#)

> [cluster finder](#)

Your strongest interests are in **green**. You can think about your interests as work activities you like to do. Your interests can help you find occupations you might like to explore. The more an occupation meets your interests, the more likely it is to be satisfying and rewarding to you.

Are you ready to explore the occupations that match your interests? Just click the button below.

College Application

- ❖ Comparison of average scores for college admission
- ❖ Common Application
- ❖ Requesting transcripts
- ❖ Teacher recommendations
- ❖ Counselor recommendation

Counselor Recommendation Packet ("blue packet")

Counselor Recommendation Packet (Student Information to Counselor)

Plano West Senior High School
Counseling Center
5601 W. Parker Road
Plano, TX 75093
469/752-9600

Dear Student:

Some college applications require a recommendation letter or comments from your counselor. In that event, you must provide your counselor with a resume and a completed Counselor Recommendation Packet.

Turning in a Counselor Recommendation Packet will not automatically result in a letter being written. You must also fill out a yellow "routing form" indicating the colleges for which you need the letter and their applicable deadline. Letters will not be written for any college application that does not require a recommendation, unless there are special circumstances.

Thank you for thoroughly completing this packet and giving the counselor three weeks notice (15 school days). The more information you and your parents provide in your Counselor Recommendation Packet, the better.

Sincerely,
The Counseling Staff at Plano West



- General info (include SSN)
- Resume
- Student Profile
- Parent input
- Teacher evaluation forms

Counselor Recommendation

- Complete **yellow** form “Colleges I’m Applying To” in the Counseling Center to outline your plan
- **Completing the blue Counselor Recommendation Packet** alone does not start recommendation process
- Include an addressed and stamped envelope for each school that does not use electronic forms
- Request recommendation letters at least 3 weeks before needed

Requesting Transcripts

- Select the **request transcript tab** above the list of colleges
- Check the box for the college where the transcript needs to be sent. Then, select **request transcripts** at the bottom of the page
- See the registrar and complete the white transcript request form and pay \$2 per transcript
- Payment is required **PRIOR** to the transcript being sent to the college(s)

Local Scholarship Resources

- Look in:
 - Counseling center
(Wall display)
Announcements
 - Online (e.g. www.fastweb.com)
 - Books (Plano West Library)
- Majority of scholarships arrive in the **spring semester**



Scholarships and Grants

Merit Based Aid

- Check college financial aid department.
- Many schools have separate scholarship applications.
- Be aware of due dates.



Scholarships and Grants

- Need based aid
 - www.collegeforalltexas.com
 - T.E.X.A.S. Grant Program
 - Top 10% Scholarship Program
 - Teacher grant/loan payment programs
 - www.fastweb.com



FAFSA

- Required for most need-based scholarships and grants
- Based on family income in the year prior to college entrance
- Complete FAFSA in January
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov

NAVIANCE – LINK TO THE FUTURE

- ❖ Shared resource linking home to school
- ❖ On-line tool for collaboration among counselors, students and parents
- ❖ Career exploration
- ❖ Completion of college applications and ordering transcripts.

Important Upcoming Events

Senior Classroom Visits Sept. 4-5

College Night Sept 09 PESH

College Night Sept 10 PWSH

Paying for College October 24th

For full Parent Presentation - link to:

**[http://k-12.pisd.edu/Schools/pwsh/
counseling/counselors.html](http://k-12.pisd.edu/Schools/pwsh/counseling/counselors.html)**

Click on the NAVIANCE tab on the left.

COMING SOON

Complete records
about student choices
from our school

College
comparisons

Personalized
to our school

Scattergrams

Realistic
assessments of your
child's chances of
admission at
colleges