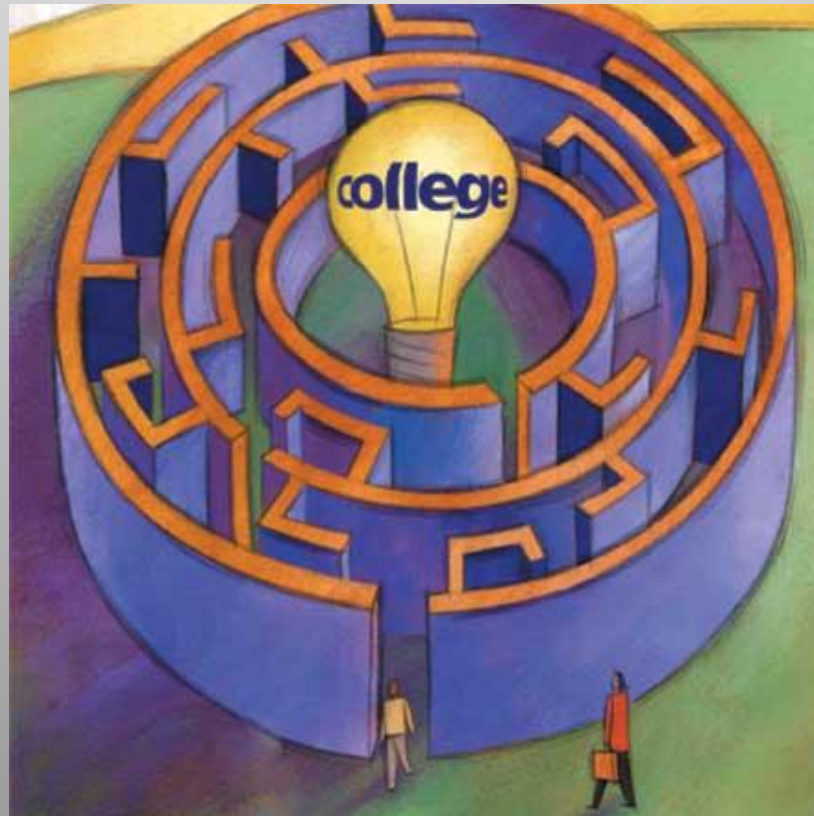


WELCOME TO SENIOR PARENT NIGHT!!!

**COLLEGE APPLICATION &
DECISION PROCESS**



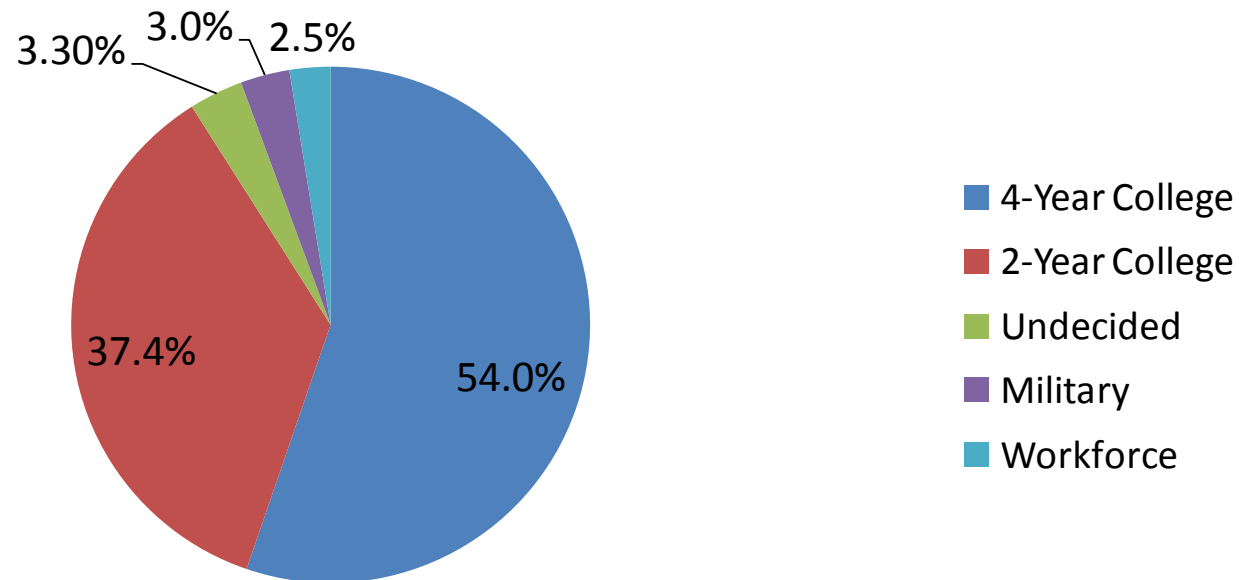
SENIOR COUNSELING CURRICULUM

- **August 28:** College Application & Decision Process Presentations during Senior English classes
- **September 3-6:** Senior Seminars
 - Highly Selective Colleges and Universities
 - Common Applications
 - College of DuPage
- **September 10-November 14:** Warrior Time drop-in College Application assistance in College and Career Center
- **September-October:** Senior Interviews with the School Counselor
- **September 25-**Application Madness

WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2013 GO?



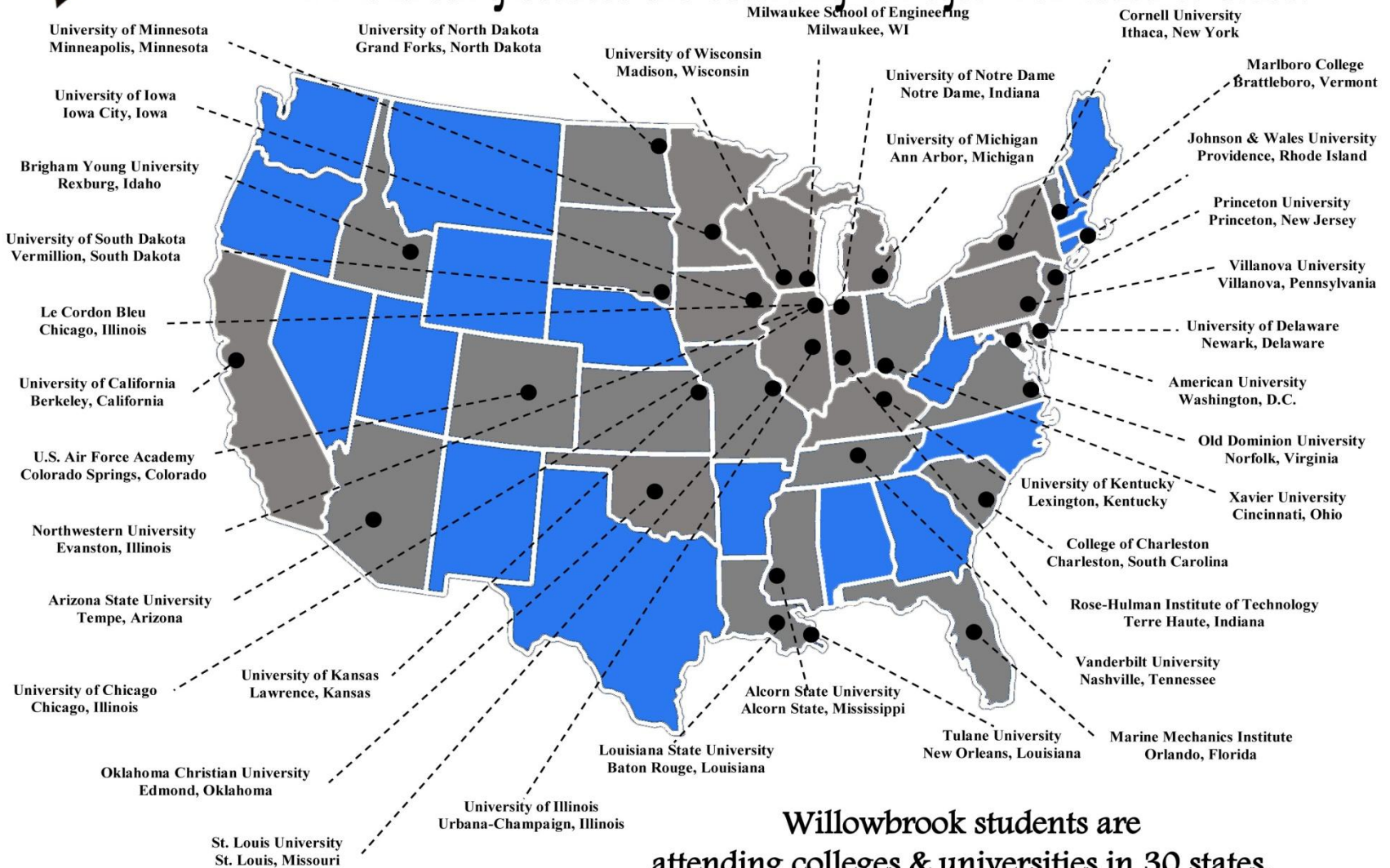
Class of 2013





WARRIORS ACROSS AMERICA

Willowbrook graduates are attending colleges from coast to coast.



Willowbrook students are
attending colleges & universities in 30 states.

WHERE ARE OUR WBHS GRADUATES?



4-Year Public (State) Colleges/Universities

- AZ State U., Eastern IL U., IL State U., IN State U., Mich. State U., Northern IL U., OH State U., Purdue U., So. IL U., U. of IL at Chicago, U. of IL at Urbana-Champaign, U. of IA, U. of Missouri, U. of WI., Western IL U.

4-Year Private Colleges/Universities

- Augustana Col., Aurora U., Benedictine U., Bradley U., Butler U., Carthage Col., DePaul U., Elmhurst Col., IL Wesleyan U., Howard U., Le Cordon Bleu Col., Lewis U., Loyola U., Marquette U., North Central Col.,

Selective Colleges/Universities

- Cornell U., New York U., Northwestern U., Princeton U., Stanford U., U. of Notre Dame, U of Chicago, U. of CA at Berkley, U. of PA

2-Year Colleges/Technical Schools

- College of DuPage, Illinois Technical Institute, Triton College, U. Technical Inst., Wyo Tech,

Military

- Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy

SO WHAT IS THIS PRESENTATION ALL ABOUT???



- Discuss the nuts and bolts of the college application and decision process
- Provide handouts as helpful guides
- Review upcoming seminars/presentations
- Answer questions regarding choosing a college and the application process

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR SON/DAUGHTER CHOOSE TO THE RIGHT SCHOOL

- 1/3 of college students leave after their first year in college
- Almost 50% of college students never graduate
- Over 50% of adults are unhappy in their jobs
- Job outlook
- Debt

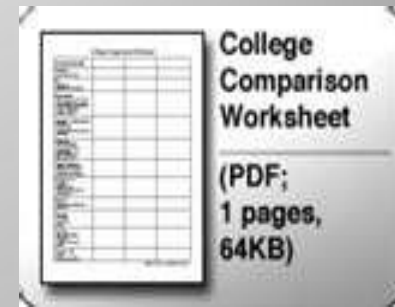
– Careervision.org



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN EXPLORING COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

- Type (Public/Private)
- Academic Rigor
- Admission Requirements
- Size
- Location
- Student Body
- Alumni Network
- Housing

- Field of Study
- Activities
- Cost
- History of School
- Yearly Calendar
- Graduation Requirements
- Student/Teacher Ratio
- Safe School vs. Dream School



Use **Naviance** Supermatch for college search

FINDING THE RIGHT COLLEGE FIT



- Academic Fit
- Financial Fit
- Individual Student Fit

College Application Process

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Student

Application

Test Scores

Resume

Recommendation Letters

Payment

Transcript Request

School Counselor

Transcript

Secondary School Report (if required)

Letter of Recommendation (if required)

Final Selection (as needed)

Financial Aid (as needed)

Registrar

Transcript

Teacher

Recommendation Form

Recommendation Letter

Essay Review

APPLYING TO COLLEGE:

STEP 1

Review application requirements

- ✓ Essays
- ✓ Test Scores
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Letters of Recommendations



Essays:

- Answer the essay question
- English teachers or the Writing Center can be used for essay writing assistance
- If sending same essay to different schools, remember to **CHANGE** the **School Name**

STEP 1 CONTINUED

- Test Scores
 - Go to www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com and send scores directly to college/university (fee required)
 - Should I retake the ACT?
 - Not if you fulfill the requirements of the schools you are considering
 - Retest Statistics:
 - 55% increased , 22% no change, 23% decreased
 - Upcoming ACT test dates
 - **September 21 (Registration Deadline: August 23)**
 - **October 26 (Registration Deadline: September 27)**
 - Test Optional Colleges/Universities (www.fairtest.org)
- Have I taken the appropriate exams? Do I need to take the SAT or SAT Subject Tests?
 - Check admission requirements as many highly selective schools recommend or require two or more SAT Subject Tests
 - Upcoming SAT Test Dates
 - **October 5 (Registration Deadline: September 6)**



STEP 1 CONTINUED



- Resume
 - Use Naviance to assist with creating resume
 - Include all academic, athletic, music, club honors/activities
 - Work and Volunteer experience are important also!
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Review admission requirements and determine if letters are required
 - Complete Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form
 - Submit Teacher/Counselor Recommendation request on Naviance
 - Ask teacher(s) for letter in person. **Hand them Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form AND Resume**
 - Give Teachers/Counselors ample time to complete letter-
-2 weeks minimum

APPLYING TO COLLEGE:

STEP 2



- Review admission options (Early Decision, Early Action, Rolling Admission) and requirements
- Complete application-online or by paper (***REFER TO APPLICATION PROCESS HANDOUT***)
- If applying online (not including Common App), do not forget to print off confirmation page or “**Secondary School Report or Counselor Signature Page**”
- Submit application fee (**Fee waivers** *available through counselor*)
- Be aware of application deadlines
 - State Schools and Highly Selective....Apply Early!
(Nov. 1-UIUC, Nov. 15-All other State Schools)
- Apply now, decide later (May 1st)
- Record information in Naviance!!!



STEP 2 CONTINUED



- Transcript Request

- Ensure application is complete, collect all letters of recommendation, and send test scores if necessary
- **Request transcript on Naviance (no fee) and track date of submission**
- If you do not use Naviance, you must complete a **Transcript Request Form** (Forms can be located in the Guidance Office) and bring **\$3.00/transcript** to the Registrar or your Counselor for transcript to be processed and mailed
- In order to guarantee transcripts will be mailed out by application deadlines-please allow **3 Business Days for processing** (Example: Deadline=November 1, Request=October 30)

DuPage High School District 88

Addison Trail High School

Ph: (630) 628-3319 Fax: (630) 458-4587

Willowbrook High School

Ph: (630) 530-3965 Fax: (630) 530-3401

Student Name: Willie T. Warrior

ID: 208112 Birth Date: 1/1/91 Gender: M

Address: 1250 S Aramore
Villa Park, IL 60181

	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2		SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
07-08 Willowbrook High School					
AP Biology	A 1.00	B 1.00			
AP English Language & Composition	A 1.00	A 1.00			
Concert Choir Honors	A 1.00	A 1.00			
German 1	A 1.00	A 1.00			
PE 11/12 S1	A 1.00				
Precalculus Honors	B 1.00	B 1.00			
U.S. History	A 1.00	A 1.00			
Weight Training S2		A 1.00			
06-07 Willowbrook High School					
Adv Algebra & Trig Honors	B 1.00	B 1.00			
Adv Sop/Alto Choir, Adv Tenor/Bass	A 1.00	A 1.00			
Chemistry Honors	B 1.00	B 1.00			
Classroom Driver Ed/CPR Training/D	B 1.00				
Consumer Management		A 1.00			
English 10 Honors	A 1.00	A 1.00			
Intro to Speech/Technology	A 1.00				
Physical Education 10 S2		A 1.00			
Spanish 2	A 1.00	A 1.00			
05-06 Willowbrook High School					
+BIOLOGY-H	B 1.00	B 1.00			
+ENG 9-H	A 1.00	A 1.00			
+GEOMETRY 9H	B 1.00	B 1.00			
BEG MIXED CHOIR	A 1.00	A 1.00			
HEALTH		A 1.00			
PHY ED 9	A 1.00				
SPANISH 1	A 1.00	A 1.00			
WRLD GEOGRAPHY	A 1.00	A 1.00			
			ACT - Date: ACT - English: ACT - Reading: ACT - Math: ACT - Science: ACT - Writing: ACT - Composite: PSAE - Date: PSAE - English: PSAE - Reading: PSAE - Math: PSAE - Science: PSAE - Soc Studies: PSAE - Writing: Computer Literacy: PASS Consumer Ed Proficiency: Health Proficiency: Read Proficiency: PASS Constitution Test:		

Total Units Earned: 42.0
 Cumulative GPA: 4.1905
 Class Rank: 23 of 547
 Entry Date: 08/24/2005

9/3/2008

Signature

Date

Official when signed

WHAT MAKES AN APPLICATION COMPLETE?

☐ Online Application

- Proofread application for errors
- Attach or upload essay/personal statement, resume/brag sheet
- Be sure to click submit button



☐ Application Fee submitted with credit card

- If application **fee waiver** is needed, please see your counselor

☐ Test scores submitted from testing agency

☐ Teacher/Counselor letters of recommendation as needed

☐ Transcript request

APPLYING TO COLLEGES-STEP 3

ADMISSION DECISIONS AND FINAL DECISION



- Most schools take 4-6 weeks to process application and respond (Highly Selective will reply in Spring)
- Admission decisions-Admitted, Denied, Waitlist, Under Consideration
- Finish Strong
 - Schools will take all 8 semesters into consideration
 - Schools look for a continued course rigor



MANAGING APPLICATION ONLINE



- Use appropriate email addresses
- Check email regularly as school will communicate via email with application updates and sometimes decisions
- Keep track of usernames and passwords
- Use Naviance to track date transcript mailed
- Update admission decisions on Naviance

WHAT IS THE COMMON APPLICATION?

- Group of colleges and universities that have agreed to honor a single application form
- Many of the colleges and universities have their own supplemental forms that must be completed
- Must create username and password and *add information to Naviance account* so documents can be submitted electronically
- Teacher/counselor recommendations are **REQUIRED** and must be submitted through Naviance
- User-friendly
- Submission online required
- Fees required for each school, waivers available (see counselor)
- See **Common Application Handout** for application steps



HOW CAN PARENTS HELP WITH THE COLLEGE SELECTION AND APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Visit college fairs and campuses with your student
- Narrow down college search (realistic, reasonable options)
- Review application and essays/personal statements for errors *(Parents should NOT complete these portions for students!)*
- Assist/provide application/transcript fees
- Assist with financial aid paperwork
- Assist with making final decision
- Support the student!





FINANCIAL AID



- Financial Aid Night
 - Thursday, December 5
 - 7:00PM in Room C2
- CSS Profile: <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp>
- Net Price Calculator on college/university websites
- Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov and review FAFSA4CASTER
- Scholarships
 - *National scholarships* on Fastweb.com or Naviance
 - College/University scholarships by checking their Financial Aid website (check individual school deadlines)
 - Student/Parent Employer
 - *Local* scholarships by checking daily bulletins, Naviance and the Willowbrook website



WEBSITES



- **www.actstudent.org**
 - ACT Test Dates and Registration
- **www.collegeboard.org**
 - SAT Test Dates and Registration and college and scholarship search
- **www.collegeillinois.org**
 - Financial Aid information for Illinois students and parents
- **www.commonapp.org**
 - Direct link to college application used by 480+ colleges
- **www.connection.naviance.com/willowbrook**
 - Willowbrook High School Naviance website
- **www.fafsa.ed.gov**
 - Direct link to the FAFSA Application
- **www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov**
 - Direct link to the FAFSA Estimator
- **www.fairtest.org**
 - List of Test Optional Colleges and Universities
- **www.fastweb.com**
 - National Scholarship Search Website
- **www.managingcollegecosts.com**
 - College financial planning
- **www.mymajors.com**
 - Search for college majors
- **www.ncaa.org**
 - Official Website for College Athletics

IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS AND WANT FURTHER INFO:



- Visit the WB College and Career Center
- Contact your son/daughter's counselor
- Contact the admissions counselors at schools of interest
- Encourage your son/daughter to attend Warrior Time college application assistance Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Attend a College Fair with your son/daughter



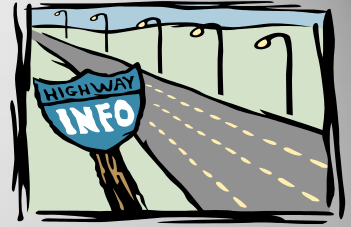
- National College Fair

- **September 28, Navy Pier, 11:00AM-3:00PM**

- College of DuPage College Fair

- **October 22, College of DuPage, 6:30PM-9:00PM**

SENIOR SEMINARS



- The following Senior Seminars will be offered during Warrior Time for students:
 - **Highly Selective Colleges and Universities**
 - Tuesday, September 3
 - **Common Application**
 - Wednesday, September 4
 - **College of DuPage**
 - Friday, September 6
- Every **Tuesday and Thursday** September 10 through November 14, students can visit the College and Career Center during Warrior Time for assistance with Naviance, college applications, creating a list of colleges, financial aid, searching and applying for applying for scholarships and much more!

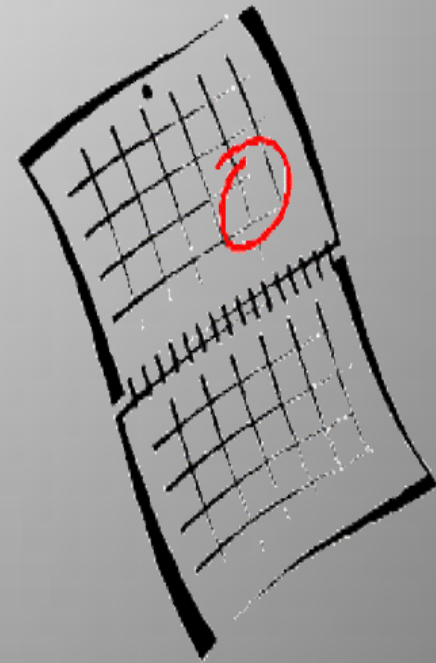


COLLEGE APPLICATION MADNESS

- Wednesday, Sept. 25-Library
–7:45AM-11:00AM

PARENT EVENTS

- Senior Financial Aid Night
 - Thursday, December 6
 - 7:00PM, Room C2
- “*Mad Money*” FAFSA Completion Workshop
 - Saturday, February 8
 - 10:00AM-12:00PM



Questions???