The junior year ‘to-do’ list may look a little different now...

This time has reminded us all of what’s most important - taking care of ourselves and our loved ones.

You may have new responsibilities or opportunities at home helping your family or neighbors.

Maybe you have always wanted to learn an instrument, try your hand at coding, brush up on a language, create art, write that short story, read ....or, find new ways to volunteer.
Course Selection

While the deadline may have passed to make changes, there is still some flexibility to make changes.

Reach out to your counselor with any questions and check out the Course Selection Guide for course descriptions and more information.
Testing, testing....who, what, when and how

*It needs to be said - plans are changing on a daily basis.*

The College Board and ACT continue to offer updates, so bookmark the [SAT](https://www.collegeboard.org) and [ACT](https://www.act.org) pages. Right now, plans are underway to offer summer testing options and they are exploring online testing, as well.

**BUT** this can change tomorrow, next week, you get the picture.

You can continue to practice for the SAT.

ACT also is offering practice and free on-line sessions on **April 18th, 2-3:30pm** and **April 29th, 7-8:30pm**.
AP Exams - what to expect

The College Board continues to provide [updated information](#) on opportunities to prepare for the [revised exams](#) on their [AP YouTube Channel](#).

Reach out to your AP teachers and counselor with any questions.
There is good news, though….

Colleges know the impact school closures have had on students, and they’re adjusting their expectations.

A record number of colleges and universities are going test-optional, including more than 400 selective schools. And the list grows daily.

Some PA schools include:

- Albright
- Bucknell
- Cabrini
- Delaware Valley
- DeSales
- Dickinson
- Drexel
- Duquesne
- East Stroudsburg
- Elizabethtown
- Franklin & Marshall
- Gettysburg
- Haverford
- Immaculata
- Kutztown
- La Salle
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lycoming
- Mansfield
- Mercyhurst
- Millersville
- Moore College of Art & Design
- Moravian
- Muhlenberg
- Neumann
- Penn College of Tech
- Point Park
- Rosemont
- St. Joe’s
- Scranton
- Susquehanna
- Swarthmore
- Temple
- University of the Arts
- Ursinus
Planning for the future

What you can do now:

- Contact your counselor!
- Create/update your resume
- Think about essay topics, but try not to follow any specific prompt - check out these tips and tell YOUR story

Your plans may take shape on an adjusted timeline.

And, that’s OK!
Next Steps

- Log into your Naviance account and research colleges and their criteria for admission

- **IF** a school requires a recommendation, complete this [survey](#), then reach out to your teachers for a letter

- Once you’ve confirmed with your teacher, formally request a letter
“Visiting” Colleges

Search this AMAZING list to find all of the virtual ways you can explore college campuses and programs.

Additional Websites where you can do virtual campus tours:

- YouVisit
- YOUniversity
- CampusTours
- CampusReel
Attend Virtual Fairs

Verto Education is offering virtual fair with 40+ colleges on April 17, 3-7pm

The Strive for Knowledge Virtual College Fair will be held April 20-23 where students can learn from:

- Experienced college admission officers from 300+ institutions will share tips on what you need to know
- 96 different presentations on a variety of important topics
Upcoming Webinars

Colleges and organizations are offering a number of webinars and sessions on what admissions will look like, in response to the pandemic. There are too many to list, but these may be a nice start.

*Thursday Night Live: Straight-Talk with College Admission Leaders* - April 16th, 7-8pm, hosted by Brennan Barnard, with directors from Bucknell, Elon and Babson.

*Current High School Students’ Perspectives in the COVID-19 World* - April 17th, 1-2pm, webinar hosted by the NACAC President, Dr. Fonash with high school students from across the country sharing experiences during COVID-19.

*Understanding Financial Aid* - April 23rd, 6-7pm, webinar hosted by Pennsylvania Higher Education Agency (PHEAA), providing an overview of the financial aid process, including completing the FAFSA, which is required to determine eligibility for the PA State Grant, Pell Grant, institutional monies, federal student and parent loans.
Important Reminders & Resources

Navigating the college search process in this COVID landscape can create more questions than answers - here's some solid advice to consider.

National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC) has provided this online tool as a real-time central resource for information about changes in college admission events and more.

And REMEMBER, YOU GOT THIS!
Other Trusted Sources of Information

- **College Admissions Decoded** podcast featuring experts that speak directly to students and their families
- **Coping in time of corona** - Director of Admissions, Tulane
- **Being Seen - This one is for the juniors** - Director Admissions, GA Tech
- **Compass Education** - dedicated to deconstructing admissions tests
- **College Essay Guy** - free resources for EVERY possible essay & personal statement
- **Brennan Barnard** - The Derryfield School
- **Jeff Selingo** - author and admissions adviser
Looking forward

Would you like to explore new career interests, and what you’d like to do after high school? Where can you start?

Explore Road Trip Nation to check out videos about career paths you may never have considered from leaders in their fields

Big Future to research where to prepare for your new found career.
Careers in Demand

Technology
Healthcare

60 Companies Hiring Right Now

High Demand Industries
1,100,000

# of nursing professionals needed by 2022, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
MontcoWorks promotes a thriving workforce system by ensuring that businesses have access to skilled workers and that job seekers obtain employment with a sustainable wage. Program offers:

- Career Readiness & Job Search Workshops
- PA CareerLink® Enrollment
- Targeted Recruitment Events and Job Fairs
- Career Counseling & Access to Career Exploration Data
- Career Interests & Skills Assessments
- Training Opportunities (based on eligibility)
- Information On Training Providers
- Access to the Career Resource Center
Look for the helpers

Hatters are AMAZING at helping others....

- TeenLife
- Youth Service America
- Idealist
- Volunteer Match
- Do Something
- Build a Free Little Library
- Make Homemade Face Masks
- Peers & Students Taking Action
- Volunteen Nation
- AmeriCorps