



## Class of 2023 College and Career Office Summer Newsletter

### **Class of 2023,**

As you begin the summer before your senior year, we wanted to send information that will help you prepare for submitting college applications in the fall.

### **College & Career Counselors:**

Be sure to use your College & Career Counselor as the counselor of record on all college/university applications.

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### **Required FERPA Release Waiver:**

All seniors are required to login to their SCOIR account to complete the FERPA Release Authorization and Waiver of Rights before any transcripts or other documents can be sent to colleges from LHS. If you have not yet signed in to your SCOIR account, you should use this link: <http://bit.ly/LafayetteSCOIR>. If you have already established your SCOIR account, you can login [here](#).

### **SCOIR- Free College and Career Resource:**

SCOIR is an outstanding college search tool provided free of charge to Lafayette students and families. This site can be used to search, compile, and organize a comprehensive college list. Additionally, SCOIR has partnered with YouScience, a comprehensive career assessment. YouScience involves "brain games" that match users to their best-fit careers, while giving them the confidence and data to make informed decisions about their futures. If you have not yet signed in to your SCOIR account, you should use this link: <http://bit.ly/LafayetteSCOIR>. If you have already established your SCOIR account, you can login [here](#).

### **The Common Application:**

[The Common App](#) is a site that allows you to fill out one generalized application and send it to multiple schools. We recommend using this resource if you are applying to three or more schools on the Common Application. The application for the 2022-2023 cycle will not open up until August 1st, 2022. If you cannot wait to get started, you can create your account right now and begin entering information. Just know that many schools that accept the Common App require supplemental questions that won't be available yet, so just complete the basics! On/after August 1st, you will have to login and roll over the account information entered prior.

\*\*Make sure that you list your College and Career Counselor as your counselor on the application (as well as all college applications), as we will be the individuals responsible for uploading your documents.

**College Application Essays:**

The college essay tends to be the most time consuming and anxiety-inducing portion of college applications. While you don't need to fully complete this component over the summer, it's a good idea to start brainstorming and writing a rough draft or two. Here are the 2022-2023 [Common App Essay Prompts](#) to help you get started.

**Access Your Unofficial Transcript:**

Your transcript includes all classes you've completed, grades you've received, and your weighted and unweighted GPA. The College and Career Office will send your official transcript to colleges as part of your admissions application. To view and download your unofficial transcript, login to your Infinite Campus account and click on "Documents". This document will give you some of the information you need to include on applications.

**Counselor Recommendations:**

Some colleges require a Counselor Recommendation as part of the application process. Counselor Recommendations are NOT the same as teacher/academic recommendations and are typically only required by more selective universities. Please note that we will only write Counselor Recommendations if it is REQUIRED by the school. Check the admission requirements on each school's site to determine whether or not a Counselor Recommendation is needed. If you are applying to a school that requires a counselor specific recommendation, you will need to fill out this [Counselor Recommendation Form](#).

**Create a Resume:**

List all of your activities (inside & outside of school), awards you have received, and leadership positions you have held. Update this all summer as you will keep remembering as you go. Here is a [Resume Example](#) to help you see what sort of things to include. Having a resume will help with scholarships next year, as well as, brainstorming topics for your essays.

**Requesting Documents:**

Most admission applications open up in August. Once you begin submitting applications, you will need to let the College and Career Office know where you applied and what documents you will need us to send to those schools. Please stop by the College and Career Office (Room 121) to pick up a Transcript Request form once you return to school. Additionally, as a reminder, make sure to add your College and Career Counselor (instead of your comprehensive School Counselor) to any college applications. This gives us access to upload/send documents on your behalf.

**College and Career Office Website:**

It would be a good idea to become familiar with the [College and Career Office Website](#) and the different resources we have available. Through our site you can view Scholarships, Out-of-State Tuition Reduction Programs, Job Opportunities, Upcoming College Rep Visits, Student Athlete Information, and so much more.

For additional information and reminders, you can also view our helpful [Summer Guide](#).

**We hope you all have a wonderful summer and  
we look forward to working with you during the 2022-2023 school year!**

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