

# ***Junior Parent College Planning Workshop***

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# Take the ACT

- Juniors take the ACT at CCC (February 27, 2024)
- Sign up for and take the ACT again during second semester.
  - April 13
  - June 8
- Go online to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to sign up.
- See your counselor if you are eligible for a Fee Waiver.

# Begin to Research Colleges

- 1. Use the Naviance website to do college searches based on interests/profile.**
- 2. Use Naviance to find information on college rep visits to CCC.**
- 3. During Junior Jump-Start, students begin to develop their college list on Naviance link “Colleges I’m Thinking About”.**
- 4. Use Naviance account to research colleges and update resume.**

# **Continue to strive to do your academic best**

- 1. College admissions look at three main factors: GPA, coursework, and ACT score.**
- 2. Junior year grades are important- upward trend/impact cumulative GPA.**
- 3. Mid-year & final transcripts are sent to the colleges during senior year.**
- 4. After-school tutoring is available.**

# **Counselors meet individually with each junior in spring**

- **Course selections for senior year are discussed as well as ACT testing & plans for the future.**
- **Students submit to Guidance their student/parent questionnaire as well as a copy of their resume.**

# In the summer between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade ...

- Visit college campuses.
- Do more college searches online.
- View college applications on college websites.
- Work on college application essays.

# Fall of Senior Year

- **Attend Senior College Night in September (for student and parent).**
- **Counselors work with seniors through English class to update Naviance account, update resume, begin to list colleges on the link “Colleges I’m Applying To”.**
- **Seniors meet with their counselor individually in September to finalize future plans, college list, decisions regarding retake of ACT.**
- **Apply to colleges by October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

# **Remember what is most important in college admissions**

## **Top three factors that “open the door”:**

**Grades**

**Test Scores**

**Strength of Curriculum**

## **Next three factors that can help make the final decision:**

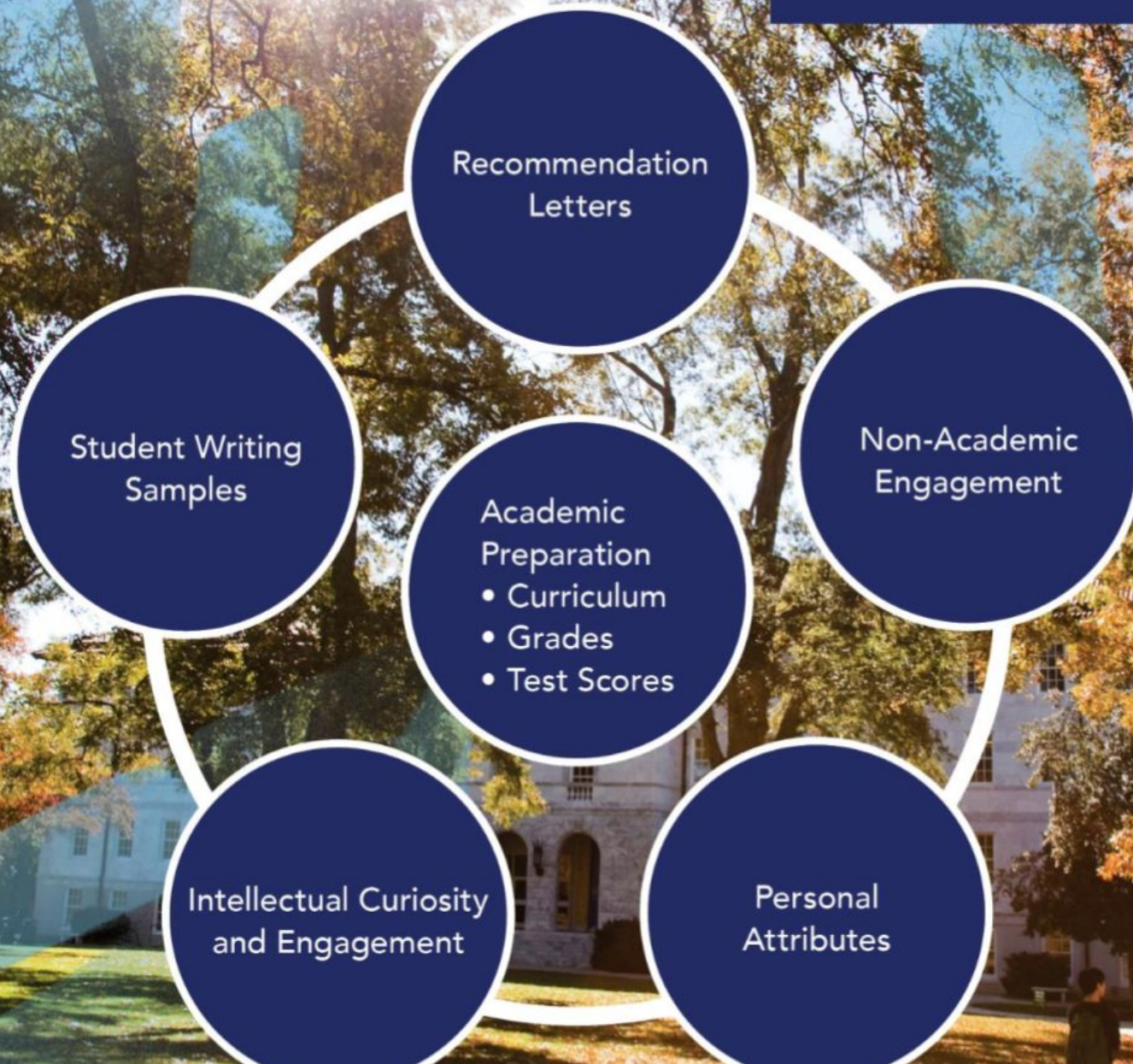
**Essay**

**Letters of recommendation**

**Extracurricular activities/leadership**



# HOLISTIC REVIEW



**“Finding the right college is  
about finding *the right  
match.*”**

***Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the  
Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you  
hope and a future.”***