

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING NIGHT

MARCH 14
6-7 PM

JACKSON MEMORIAL HIGH
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT



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**What do I want to be when I
grow up?**



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What do I want to be when I grown up?

**Career Interest
Inventories
Classes you are
interested in
Job Shadowing
Personality Inventories
College Fairs
Career Fairs**

**What do I like to do in
my free time?**

What skills do I have?

**What type of work
environment is for me?**

**Where are there
opportunities?**



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Tonight's Agenda

Post-Secondary Options

**Key Points to Consider for
post-secondary planning**

Financial Aid Overview

SCOIR

Dual Enrollment



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Post-Secondary Menu



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Trade School and Vocational/Technical and Career Training Programs

A post-secondary institution designed to train students for a specific occupation or trade.

Career and Technical Education that does NOT require a 4 year college degree.

These programs provide intensive and immersive educational experiences in high demand careers.



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AVERAGE TRADE SCHOOL
GRADUATE SALARY •
\$42,000



LOWER DEBT
THAN AVERAGE
4 YEAR COLLEGE DEBT

CONSTANT DEMAND FOR
**SKILLED
WORKERS**

DEMAND
CONTINUES TO GROW

Trade School and Vocational/Technical, and Career Training Programs



**Automotive
Technician Training
Auto body
Diesel
Welding**

**Medical Billing/Coding
Medical Assistant
Dental Assistant**

**Automotive Technology
Electrical/Electronics
HVAC
Computer Networking
Computer Systems Support
Medical Assistant
Practical Nursing
Patient Care
Massage Therapy
And much more...**



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Trade School and Vocational/Technical and Career Training Programs



Shared Time Programs

Adult Accelerated Program:

Automotive Technology

Certified Medical Assistant

Cosmetology

Culinary Arts

New Home Construction

Practical Nursing

Precision Machine Technology



Career Certificate Programs:

**Google IT Support
Professional**

**Culinary Foundations
Certificate**



BROOKDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Career Certificate Programs:

Commercial Drivers License

**Culinary Foundations
Certificate**

Pastry Arts

Computer Repair Technician

And many more...

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JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT **TRADE & JOBS FAIR**

Where: Jackson Liberty High School

When: March 21, 2024 @ 6-8 PM

**CAREER PATHWAYS THAT DO NOT
REQUIRE A 4 YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE**

Trade Schools.Unions.

Apprenticeships

**US Military. Certificate Training
Programs. Employers**

Open to the entire Jackson Community



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Community College: 2 Year



Over 50 Majors Including:

Accounting, American Sign Language,
Biology, Business, Broadcasting, Criminal
Justice, Engineering, Environmental
Science and much much more!

**Associates Degree = Two year college
degree**

**Transfer to a 4 year institution to
complete a bachelor's degree**



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United States Military



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3,700 College & Universities



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NJ State Colleges/ Universities

Private Colleges/ Universities

Liberal Arts Colleges

STEM Colleges

“Ivy League” Colleges

High Acceptance Rates

Low Acceptance Rates



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**SO MANY
OPTIONS!**

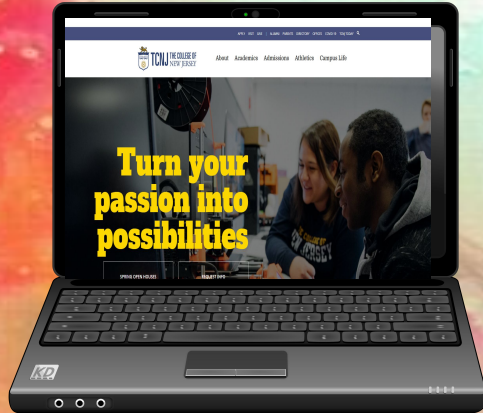


Decision Factors



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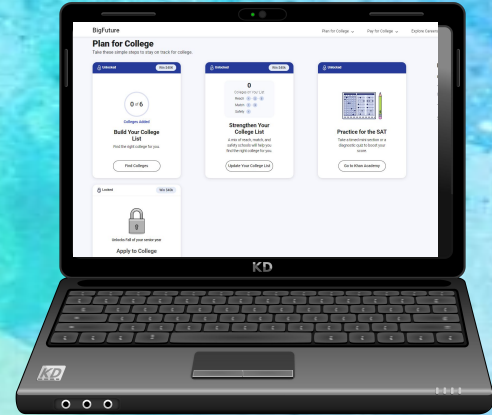
Where do I Begin?



School Specific Websites



SCOIR

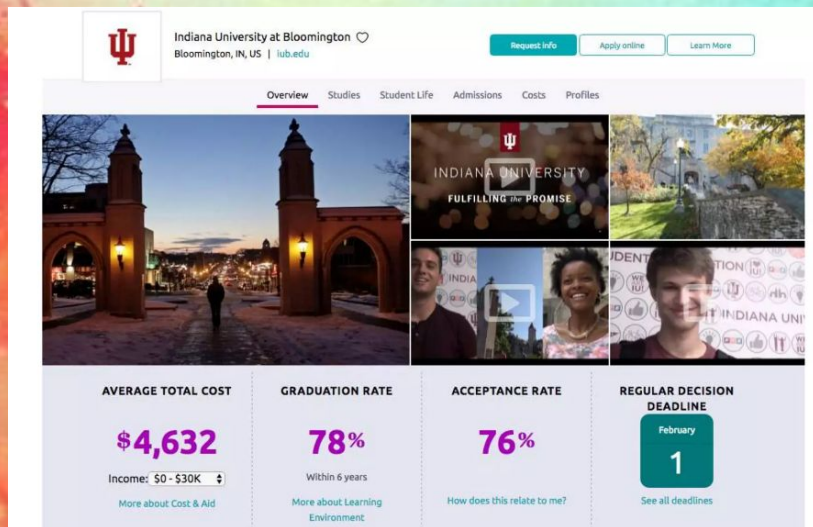


College Board: Big Future



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What am I looking for?



The screenshot shows the Indiana University at Bloomington website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the university logo, name, location, and links for 'Request Info', 'Apply online', and 'Learn More'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Overview', 'Studies', 'Student Life', 'Admissions', 'Costs', and 'Profiles'. The main content area features a large image of the university's entrance arches, a video player with the text 'INDIANA UNIVERSITY FULFILLING the PROMISE', and a grid of four statistics:

AVERAGE TOTAL COST	GRADUATION RATE	ACCEPTANCE RATE	REGULAR DECISION DEADLINE
\$4,632 Income: \$0 - \$30K More about Cost & Aid	78% Within 6 years More about Learning Environment	76% How does this relate to me?	February 1 See all deadlines

Application Deadline
Acceptance Rate
Graduation Rate
Average total cost
Majors
Activities
Financial Aid Deadlines



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Digging Deeper



**College Fairs
Open Houses
Campus Tours
Overnight Stays
Interviews
Special Events**



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More about SCOIR

The screenshot displays the SCOIR website's user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SCOIR logo, a search bar labeled "Search for colleges", and several icons for Home, Discover, My Colleges, Inbox (with a red notification badge showing "11"), and a profile icon labeled "Me". A green button labeled "Apply with Scoir" is also present.

Below the navigation bar, a personalized greeting "Good Afternoon, Jack!" is shown with navigation arrows. The main content area features two primary cards:

- Discover best fit careers for you:** Encourages users to learn more about themselves and careers through assessments. It includes a "Your Assessments" button and a colorful illustration of a hand holding a plant.
- See if you qualify to apply for free:** Promotes a quick qualification process for Coalition fee waivers. It includes a "Find Out" button and an image of two students.

At the bottom, there are two additional sections:

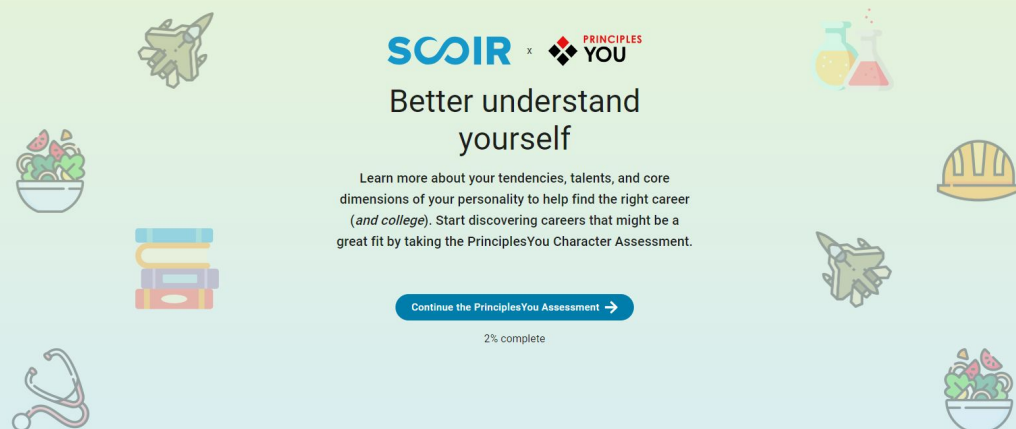
- Apply with Scoir:** Includes a "Learn More" link and a card titled "Your journey to The College of New Jersey" which provides instructions on how to use the application and includes an "Open Application" button and a "Discover Colleges" link.
- New Messages:** A section with tabs for "My Colleges" (5) and "My Matches" (1). It lists two messages:
 - From **Umass Amherst** to **University of Massachusetts (Amherst)** with the subject "What's it like to have the best campus..." and a red notification badge showing "3".
 - From **Bucknell University** to **Bucknell Merit Scholarships: What, w...** with a red notification badge showing "2".

A small circular badge in the bottom right corner of the interface shows the number "24".

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More about SCOIR

Character Assessment powered by PrinciplesYou



SCOIR x **PRINCIPLES YOU**

Better understand yourself

Learn more about your tendencies, talents, and core dimensions of your personality to help find the right career (and college). Start discovering careers that might be a great fit by taking the PrinciplesYou Character Assessment.

[Continue the PrinciplesYou Assessment →](#)

2% complete

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Character Assessment powered by PrinciplesYou - 2% Complete

I always follow through on my commitments



Disagree Strongly



Disagree



Disagree Slightly



Neither



Agree Slightly




Agree








Agree Strongly

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More about SCOIR

 Career Interest Assessment








Finding out about you

Finding the right career (*and college*) starts with learning more about yourself and your interests. Start discovering by taking an assessment. You'll be matched with best-fit careers.

[Begin Assessment →](#)

Estimated time to complete: 5 minutes

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More about SCOIR

< Career Interest Assessment (1 of 60)

How would you like to...

Build kitchen cabinets



Strongly Dislike



Dislike



Unsure



Like



Strongly Like

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The screenshot displays the SCOIR website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SCOIR logo, a search bar labeled "Search all across Scoir", and links for Home, Discover, My Colleges, Inbox, Me, and an App icon. Below the navigation bar is a secondary menu with icons and labels for For You, Colleges (3,234), Posts, Events, Programs, and Careers. The main content area is titled "Colleges for you" and includes a filter bar with options: My Last Search, 4-Year US Colleges, 2-Year US Colleges, International, and Ter. Below this, there are three recommendation cards: "My Matches" (Based on your preferences), "You May Also Like" (Similar to My Colleges), and "Free Apps with Scoir" (Your apps to these colleges are free). At the bottom, there is a section for "New Posts in Virtual Tour" with a "See All" link. This section features three university profiles: Stockton University (Follow), Susquehanna University (Follow), and Monmouth University (Follow), each with a logo, name, and a "Follow" button.

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SCOIR

[Home](#) [Discover](#) [My Colleges](#) [Inbox](#) [Me](#) [Apply with Scoir](#)

[Add Top Choices](#) [Application Documents](#) [Sort: Deadline](#) [Grid](#) [List](#)


Suggested (0)
Collapse




Plan with your supporters
Receive college suggestions from your Counselors and Parent/Guardian(s)

[Invite a Parent/Guardian](#)

Following (2)
Add a College




The College of New Jersey
Ewing, NJ




Scoir

[Start App](#)



University of Massachusetts...
Amherst, MA

Applying (1)
Add a College




Bucknell University
Lewisburg, PA

Regular Decision Jan 15


Checklist 0/9
Docs Sent 0/4

[Common App](#)

Applied (1)
Add a College



Where are you enrolling?
Move your choice here.



Rutgers University (New B...
Piscataway, NJ

Regular Decision Dec 1
Outcome Pending

Checklist 0/7
Docs Sent 0

[Common App](#)

Not interested

view (1)

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Register for SCOIR

Step 1: Visit www.scoir.com

Step 2: Click "Log In" in the top right corner of the screen

Step 3: Click "Log in with Clever"

Step 4: Search the name of your high school

Step 5: Click "Log in with Google"

This will get you into SCOIR. You must sign off on a few things as you enter the dashboard.

Step 6 (To invite parents): Go to the "ME" button at the top of the screen--Click "My Profile" then the + invite a parent and add your parents email address.

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Junior Year

1. During Semester 2, counselors will hold Junior Meetings to discuss scheduling AND the College Application Process
2. REGISTER FOR SCOIR
3. Start to schedule your college visits during OUR school spring break!
4. At the end of Junior Year, add and follow colleges to the “My Colleges” Tab
5. Begin speaking to teachers about writing letters of recommendation. Make requests in SCOIR.



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The Application Timeline

Senior Year

Complete FERPA RELEASE
IN SCOIR

12th Grade

Finalize
College List
in SCOIR

Fall

Submit all required
supplementary
materials: transcripts,
letters or rec, resume,
etc. Move your
colleges to "applied"
in SCOIR

Winter

Maintain excellent
grades & continue
with your activities

Spring

Review your
acceptances and
financial aid
awards

Finish Strong and
Celebrate!

Fall college info
sessions in guidance

Create Common
Application Account
(Opens August 1)

Fill out and submit
your college
applications.
"Waive rights"
under FERPA
question.

Complete your
FAFSA

Send in any
supplementary
materials needed
for your
applications or
FAFSA

Send in deposit
and make your
final commitment
(MAY 1st)



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Summer Summer Summer Time

1. Finalize your college list and add the schools to your “My Colleges” in SCOIR
2. Create your Common App Account at www.commonapp.org .
This opens on August 1
3. Continue to visit college campuses and attend open houses



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Senior Year: Fall

1. Set up an individual meeting with your school counselor
2. Sign into your common app and “waive your rights” on FERPA
3. Make sure you are using a professional email for all college related materials. NOT your school email
4. COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA



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Senior Year: Fall

5. Link your Common App to SCOIR

6. Request Transcript from your counselor once your application is complete

7. Graciously Follow up with the staff members that are writing letters of recommendation



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Some Terminology

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk

Regular Decision- **Deadlines in Late fall/winter**

Rolling Admission- **No official deadline, acceptances based on availability. Can extend into late spring**

Early Action- **Early deadlines (early Fall) non binding. This option allows you to get a decision notification earlier**

Early Decision- **Early deadline. This is a binding admissions decision. If you get accepted you MUST attend**

Instant Decision Day- **On site admission in one day!**



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Miscellaneous Things to Know

NCAA Eligibility Center: Athletes

EOF/EOP Program

College Application Fee Waivers



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How are you evaluated?

Grades and Grade Point Average

High School Course Selection (Rigor)

SAT/ACT Test Scores

Letters of Recommendation

Essay

Extracurricular Activities



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As of the Fall of
2024, 2,000
colleges were
“test optional”

Test Prep:
Khan
Academy

If you qualify for
Free/Reduced
Lunch you can
get a fee waiver
to take ACT or
SAT.

College Entrance Exams

SAT	ACT
Evidence Based Reading/ Writing	English/Reading
Math (no calculator) and Math (calculator)	Math/Science
Avg score: 1050 Perfect Score: 1600	Avg score: 19.8 Perfect Score: 36
www.collegeboard.org	www.act.org



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A Word About Extracurricular Activities

QUALITY over quantity

Demonstrate Leadership

**Working works! How do you spend your
time?**

Community Service



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Financial Aid 101

What is Financial Aid?

Money that is supplied by some source outside of the family to help pay for the cost of student's education beyond high school

Federal Programs: Grants, Work-Study, Student Loans

**State Programs: NJ STARS, Tuition Aid Grant (Tag),
Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)**

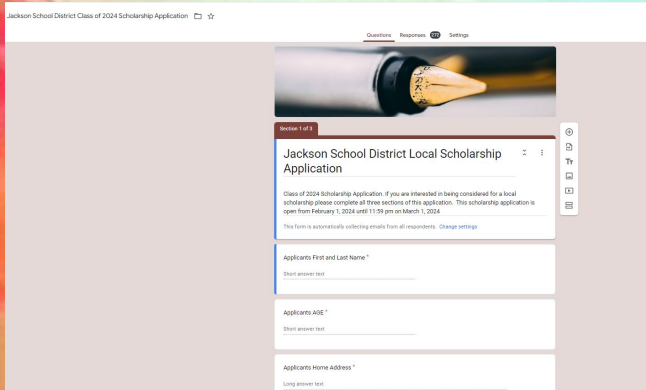


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Local Scholarships



The screenshot shows the 'Jackson School District Local Scholarship Application' form. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Questions', 'Responses', and 'Settings'. Below this is a header image of a fountain pen. The main title is 'Jackson School District Local Scholarship Application'. A sub-header states: 'Class of 2024 Scholarship Application: If you are interested in being considered for a local scholarship, please complete all three sections of this application. This scholarship application is open from February 1, 2024 until 11:59 pm on March 1, 2024. This form is automatically collecting emails from all respondents. Change settings'. The form has three sections: 'Applicants First and Last Name *' with a 'Short answer text' field, 'Applicants AGE *' with a 'Short answer text' field, and 'Applicants Home Address *' with a 'Long answer text' field. On the right side of the form, there are icons for a search, a list, a print, and a share.

**Application completed online from
Late February to Beginning of March**

Must apply to be eligible

**Selected by scholarship committee
or funding organization**



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Regional/National Scholarships

**Open to all students, not just from JSD.
Varied application processes**

Must apply to be eligible

**Posted in Naviance, Google Classroom, and can be found on websites
like www.fastweb.com. Also check with your employers!**



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Financial Aid 101

Applying for Federal and State Aid

Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Complete State Aid on <https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/Default.aspx>

October 1 of students senior year (USUALLY)

**The School Counseling Department will host a more in depth
Financial Aid Workshop in the Fall**



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Financial Aid 101

Sample Award Letter

Financial Aid		\$39,945	
GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS			
	Fall	Spring	Total
Faculty Scholarship	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$31,000
Federal Pell Grant	\$1,323	\$1,322	\$2,645
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)	\$400	\$400	\$800
LOANS			
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$3,500
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000

Estimated Cost of Attendance			\$61,826
DIRECT BILLABLE COSTS			
	Fall	Spring	Total
Tuition	\$23,085	\$23,085	\$46,170
Fees	\$180	\$180	\$360
Room/Housing	\$4,010	\$4,010	\$8,020
Meals/Meal Plan	\$2,688	\$2,688	\$5,376
INDIRECT COSTS			
Book/Supplies	\$550	\$550	\$1,100
Transportation	\$225	\$225	\$450
Other Educational Costs	\$175	\$175	\$350

Total Estimated Balance		\$21,881
ESTIMATED MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS		
\$2,188	\$1,823	DEPOSIT NOW
10 payments per year	12 payments per year	METHODS OF PAYMENT

Resources to Pay Your Balance

ACCEPTING YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD

Log into our website and accept, decline or partially accept your financial aid award.

WORK STUDY

	Fall	Spring	Total
Federal Work Study	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$2,500

PAYMENT PLAN

We offer 10 and 12 month payment plans. Payment plans are calculated by semester and subject to change. You need to sign up for a payment plan each semester.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this award letter, please contact the financial aid office.

Financial Aid Awards Letter

**Cost of Attendance -
Financial Aid =
Total Estimated Balance**

**Total Balance must be
satisfied by private loans,
grants, or family contribution**



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Helpful Links

Jackson Liberty Guidance Department

Jackson Memorial Guidance Department

Collegeboard (register for SAT/College Search/Career Inventory)

ACT

FAFSA

Higher Education Student Assistance Authority

Fastweb

SCOIR

NCAA Eligibility Center

Common Application


National Association of College Admissions Counselors

16 Personalities Personality Inventory


Upcoming Events


**10th Annual
SPRING College & Career Expo**
March 19, 2024
6:00 Pm- 8:00 Pm
RWJ Barnabas Health Arena
on the campus of
Toms River High School North


**This FREE Expo is open to all students and their families.
The fair will host over 100 colleges, universities, technical
schools, and the Armed Forces!**


 A Financial Aid Workshop will be
Presented by HESAA at 5:30 Pm
in the HS North Auditorium.


NCAA Informational Workshop will be held
at 7:00 Pm in the HS North Auditorium.



STRIVE  SCAN

 Please register for a barcode at strivescan.com
or scan the SnapChat or QR Codes.
During the fair, colleges will scan your barcode to
send you more information about their colleges.
it's free and saves you time!



Hosted by Ocean County School Counselors Association.

For more information, see your School Counselor!



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Good to know...



**O.P.E.N. FAFSA Completion
Workshops**

**Held at Ocean County
Community College monthly**

Good to know...



Vocational Career Fairs



Universal Technical Institute

Good to know...



**Fall College and Trade
School Visits**

**What do I want to be when I
grow up?**



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