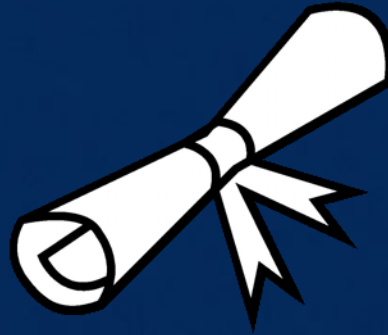


# The Senior Year . . .



. . . and Next Steps



Christian Academy  
SCHOOL SYSTEM  
*education with a **Higher** purpose*

# Class of 2024

Enrollment – 178

Jill Blount                      A-G

Chrissie Moon                H-O

Renee Brown                P-Z

*We are here to guide you through the process!*



# Class of 2023

Last year's graduating class had 157 students.

Kentucky (2 and 4 year)	56%
Out of State (2 and 4 year)	29%
4 Year Public College, in-state	42%
Christian College (non-Catholic)	16%
2 Year College	3%
Military	1%
GAP or Work	5%
Trade/Vocational/Apprenticeship	9%

It's always good to look back and see what the previous class choose to do.

# TOP CHOICES

University of Kentucky - 39  
Western Kentucky University - 14  
University of Louisville - 9  
Bellarmine University - 6  
University of Alabama - 4  
Eastern Kentucky University - 4  
Georgetown College - 4  
Asbury University - 3  
University of Cincinnati, OH - 3  
Indiana University Southeast - 3  
Liberty University, VA - 3  
Samford University, AL - 3  
Jefferson Community  
& Technical College - 3  
Taylor University, OH - 3  
Transylvania University - 3  
Bluegrass Community  
& Technical College - 2  
Campbellsville University - 2  
Grand Canyon University, CO - 2



University of Illinois -  
Chicago - 2  
Miami University, OH - 2  
The Ohio State University - 2

## *Additional Colleges for 2023*

Auburn University, AL  
Baylor University, TX  
Beacon College, FL  
Belmont University, TN  
University of CA- San Diego  
Clemson University, SC  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical  
University, FL  
University of Florida  
University of Miami, FL  
Michigan State University, MI

Missouri Valley College, MO  
Monmouth University, NJ  
Purdue University, IN  
Colorado State University-  
Semester at Sea  
University of TN-Knoxville  
Thomas More University  
Transylvania University  
Wake Forest University, NC  
Webster University, MO  
Wheaton College, IL

Xavier University, OH



# #1 Prayer, Patience & Communication

- ❑ Your student's love and obedience to God is more important than *which campus he/she is located on or which job they take*
- ❑ Communicate with your student and let them know what you can afford before he/she gets his/her heart set on a particular school
- ❑ Also discuss distance—being a long way from home can be harder on them and you (the parents) than you think it will

# #2 Getting Organized

- ❑ Senior Class meetings with Counselors begin in September; presentation during Bible class
- ❑ Individual student meetings with Counselors in September and October
  - Review graduation requirements
  - Individual future plans
  - Naviance
  - Parents may join in via in-person or Phone
- ❑ Use email account with appropriate address
- ❑ Use legal name

# Use Legal Name

as it appears on the Social Security Card



For **EVERYTHING**—

Registration for ACT, SAT, College Applications, etc.  
It's how everything is linked together.



# Individual Meetings

- ❑ A-G: Mrs. Blount
- ❑ H-O: Mrs. Moon
- ❑ P-Z: Mrs. Brown
- ❑ Students should NOT sign up during a core class period (English, Math, Science, etc.)
- ❑ Remind them to make a reminder by putting the date/period on a calendar or planner/phone

# Naviance

Go to [www.caschools.us](http://www.caschools.us)  
Click on “**English Station**”  
Hover over “**High School**”  
Menu will appear  
Scroll down and click on  
“**High School Counselors**”  
Click on



# Naviance

- ☐ Transcript Request (after July 25)
- ☐ Counselor Recommendation Letter
- ☐ Teacher Recommendation Letter
- ☐ Search for Schools
- ☐ Search for Scholarships
- ☐ Look at interest inventories completed previous years
  - Identifies values, interests, and skills
  - Career possibilities

# Naviance

To Access Interest Inventories and Other Assessments, go to “About Me”

- ☐ “Do What You Are”\*
- ☐ “MI Advantage”
- ☐ “Learning Styles Inventory”
- ☐ “Strengths Explorer”\*
- ☐ “Career Interest Profiler”\*
- ☐ “Career Cluster Finder”\*

\*These assessments were introduced in sophomore and freshman classes. If your student has not done them, they may still be completed.

# #3 Admissions Tests

- ❑ Register for ACT at [www.myact.org](http://www.myact.org) and for SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ❑ Take at least one of the tests TWICE. Colleges sometimes combine sub scores for scholarships
- ❑ 57% of students raise their score, 21% have no change, 22% of scores go down
- ❑ Check to see if the writing portion is required



# Raising Scores

- ❑ Know admissions and scholarship requirements (they are not always the same)
- ❑ Register for a Prep Class. See list on our website or in the “Road to Your Future”
- ❑ Provide scores to high school office
- ❑ Benchmark sub-scores (50% - B, 75% - C)
  - English – 18
  - Reading – 21
  - Math – 22
  - Science - 24

# Method Test Prep/Methodize

- ❑ Two full practice ACT tests, vocabulary, webinars, quizzes and resources to help students
- ❑ Parents can monitor progress and should have access to the resources and webinars
- ❑ Webinars cover a wide array of topics including “What will help best prepare your students for the ACT”

# Standardized Testing

## SAT

June 3, August 26, October 7, November 4, and  
December 3

## ACT

June 10, July 15, September 9, October 28, and  
December 9

*Students need to register themselves!*

It is not mom's responsibility to remember it or do it.

*Request ALL test scores be sent to CAL and the colleges*

# Test Optional

- ❑ Test scores still often required for **scholarships**
- ❑ The National Center for Fair and Open Testing provides list of colleges that are “test-optional”, “test-flexible”, or that de-emphasize use of standardized tests.
- ❑ As a substitute for standardized test scores, the institution may look at other criteria, such as GPA, student resumes or interviews
- ❑ Due to COVID-19, most schools were test optional through 2023, but others are returning to the requirement for the class of 2024

# #4 Visiting Colleges

- ❑ September 2-5 or October 2-6
- ❑ Make appointments with schools as well as **departments** within the college; seniors receive 2 days for visits but must provide documentation from college(s) to be excused
- ❑ A “**good fit**” is important
- ❑ The **Student** should ask the questions! Use suggestions in the “Road to Your Future.”

*Register for in person tours through the college website*



# #5 Applying for Admission

- ❑ **Online** applications are on college websites
- ❑ All colleges require a transcript and school profile *sent from the high school*
- ❑ ***Proofread*** the application ***before*** hitting submit
- ❑ CAL Profile will be updated and included
- ❑ Each state and/or college has its own requirements for admission.

# Types of Applications

- ❑ Simplest applications require a transcript with ACT/SAT scores and a school profile
- ❑ More complex applications may have multiple forms and require recommendations—check to ensure that you have included all components
- ❑ *Seniors must request a transcript from his/her counselor through Naviance*

# Types of Applications

- ❑ Individual College Applications--apply directly to college
  - Shared Application for a System of Colleges--apply directly to college
  - May require extra component (ie. audition)
- ❑ The Common Application
- ❑ The Universal Application
- ❑ The Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success Application

THE COMMON APPLICATION  
For Undergraduate College Admission

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<https://www.commonapp.org>

# Common Application Schools

☐ Belmont

☐ Butler

☐ Centre

☐ Hanover

☐ Hillsdale

☐ Lipscomb

☐ Miami of Ohio

☐ Samford

☐ Transylvania

☐ Univ. of Cincinnati

☐ Univ. of Kentucky

☐ Washington Univ.

☐ Vanderbilt

☐ Xavier

*Examples of colleges in which CAL students have applied using the CA*



# Recommendations and Evaluations

- ❑ More is not better--Colleges only want the number of recommendations for which it has asked
- ❑ Be courteous and ask the recommender at least two weeks before the due date
- ❑ Counselors require parent and student questionnaires to be completed before writing recommendations

*Talk with your counselor BEFORE asking a teacher*

# Questionnaires

All students must have their questionnaires (and their parents) must be completed *before letters of recommendation can be written*. Forms are found by clicking on the “documents library” link on the Naviance Student home page.

**YOUR EDUCATION**

Answer questions thoroughly and honest with yourself. All answers are confidential.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year enrolled at CAL: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which courses have you enjoyed most? Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Which courses have given you the most difficulty? Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. In which course(s) does the final grade least reflect your effort and ability? Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What subject(s) has stirred your intellectual curiosity? Explain.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Are you self-motivated or do you work better with supervision?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. If you were to convince a classmate of the worth of studying (favorite subject), what would you tell him?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Who are/have been your best teachers at CAL? Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Completing Applications

- ❑ Some applications require essays and/or resumes
- ❑ A teacher should edit your essay.
- ❑ Some schools will want to do an interview...don't panic, we have our own interview Prep Coach!
- ❑ We will complete the application by adding the transcript, profile, evaluation and recommendation
- ❑ Counselors will document the date transcript and other forms sent in Naviance

# What do colleges look for in an application?

- ❑ Academic Rigor (Including quality of senior year)
- ❑ Cumulative GPA (Grades in all courses/levels)
- ❑ ACT and SAT Test Scores
- ❑ Recommendations (Teacher and Counselor)
- ❑ Community service, work and extracurricular activities, internships, summer enrichment and outreach programs
- ❑ Leadership, Special Talents, Honors, Awards, Special Skills
- ❑ Essay and/or Writing Samples Interviews (if required)

# When is it best to start applying?

- ❑ KNOW ALL THE DEADLINES
- ❑ Mid-September through December
- ❑ Send at least one application by Christmas

*Keep good records!*



# #6 Deadlines

School	Application Deadline	Early Action	Scholarship
Asbury University	Rolling		February 1
Bellarmino University	Rolling	November	December
Cedarville University	Rolling		April 15
Centre College	January 15	December 1	January 15
Georgetown College	Rolling		February 1
Miami University (OH)	February 1	December 1	With Application
Murray State Univ	Rolling		January 15
Northern Kentucky Univ	Rolling	October 15	January 15
Samford University (AL)	December 15		December 15
Taylor University	April 1	November 1	December 1
Pennsylvania University	February 1	December 1	December 1
Union University (TN)	Rolling	December 1	December 1
University of Kentucky	February 15		December 1
University of Louisville	February 15		January 15

*These dates are EXAMPLES...make sure you check!*

# Early Decision

- ❑ Early decision involves a **BINDING DECISION** to enroll of accepted – you will have to attend that school regardless of other offers and without knowing any financial aid package that may or may not be offered.
- ❑ Students may only apply to one school through Early Decision, and if accepted, **must withdraw applications to all other schools.**
- ❑ Early Decision offers a slight advantage of acceptance – colleges usually accept a higher percentage of applicants than those that apply for regular decision.
- ❑ Early Decision is a good option for admissible students with **LOW FINANCIAL NEED** who have a clear first choice school – all others should be very CAUTIOUS!!!

# Early Action

- ❑ Entails no commitment to enroll and therefore offers little advantage for admission.
- ❑ Early Action students, however, are often first in line for merit scholarships and housing.
- ❑ Competition in Early Action pools at highly selective schools is generally tougher than in the regular decision pool.
- ❑ Some Early Action colleges now ask that students apply early only to their institution, however, you may still apply regular decision to any other institution

# Rolling Admissions

- ❑ Colleges that use rolling admissions accept students who meet their entry requirements as they receive applications.
- ❑ These colleges usually accept students from September until July.
- ❑ Students receive a notice of acceptance anywhere from 2-3 weeks after they submit their application and all supporting documents.
- ❑ As the college fills up its slots for the freshman class, it can become more selective in who is accepted.
- ❑ Rolling Admissions colleges may award some of their available financial aid at the same time they are admitting students – so the amount of available financial aid may dwindle at the end of the admissions process.

# Know Your Deadlines



# What should you do if you get a email from the college saying they have not yet received your transcript?

- ☐ Don't panic! Wait a few days to call or email the college to see if they have received it.
- ☐ Great reason not to wait until the deadline...
- ☐ Early is good!

# #7 Financing College

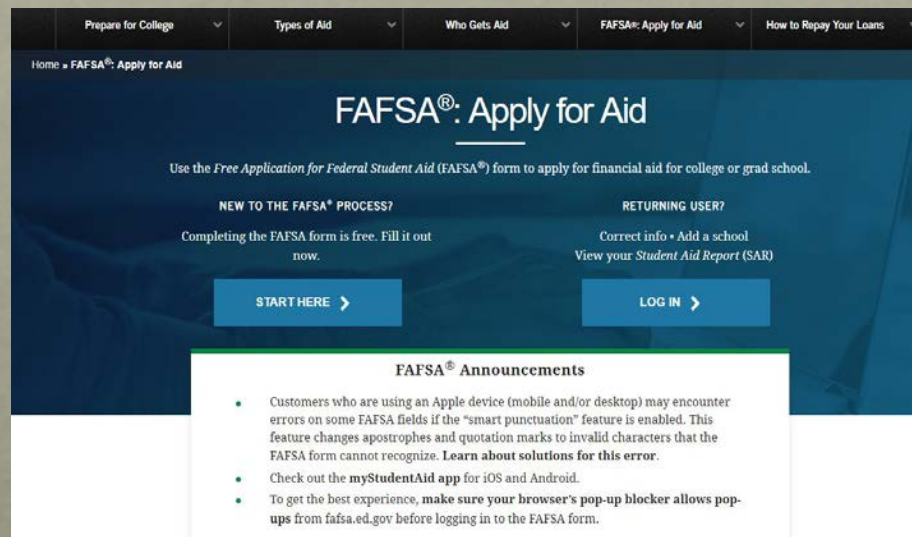
- ❑ SCHOLARSHIPS—From two sources:
  - Colleges - 90%
  - Independent - 10% (i.e. Community Foundation of Louisville, Rotary Club, Papa John's, KY Farm Bureau, etc.)
- ❑ Talk to the Financial Aid office at the College
- ❑ Search online, [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- ❑ Check daily announcements
- ❑ Apps – [“Scholly”](#)
- ❑ Going Merry - one application for many scholarships <https://www.goingmerry.com/>



# FAFSA

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college; opens **October 1st**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>



# KEES Scholarship

## KEES -- Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship

- ❑ Each year of high school you can earn scholarship money towards in-state college tuition.
- ❑ The High School office **must** have your Social Security Number to register for the scholarship.
- ❑ The unweighted GPA is submitted (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0)
- ❑ Make sure the High School office has your student's highest ACT score—it makes a difference!



# Partnerships



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# KY Work Ready Scholarship



- ❑ Earn up to 60 hours of college credit for FREE
- ❑ Can earn certifications in as little as 4 months
- ❑ Must complete the FAFSA to be eligible

<https://workreadykentucky.com/>

# Vocational and Technical Schools

- ❑ Trade schools--also referred to as a vocational school, technical school, or vocational college
- ❑ Post-secondary institution that's designed to give students the technical skills to prepare them for a specific occupation.
- ❑ Can be public or private, but many are for-profit businesses.
- ❑ Upon completion of the program, students receive a diploma or trade certificate
- ❑ For some programs students can earn an associate degree, which is the degree received from a two-year college.

# Vocational and Technical Schools

To Apply:

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Transcript(s)
- ☐ ACT or SAT scores (may or may not be required)
- ☐ Possible admissions test
- ☐ Letter(s) of recommendation
- ☐ Other requirements as per program (i.e. driver's license for CDL)

# Apprenticeship

## What is it?

Apprenticeship is a system for training a new generation of practitioners of a trade or profession with on-the-job training and often some accompanying study.

Apprenticeships can also enable practitioners to gain a license to practice in a regulated occupation

# Military

The U.S. military has six branches of service:

- ❑ Army
- ❑ Navy
- ❑ Air Force
- ❑ Marine Corps
- ❑ Coast Guard
- ❑ Space Force

The requirements to join are similar for all six. The main differences are in age limits, test scores, and fitness levels. Each may have additional requirements.





# Military

Service Academies-- fully-funded tuition (includes books, board and medical and dental care)

Admissions criteria include:

- ❑ High school academic performance
- ❑ Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT)
- ❑ Athletics and extracurricular activities
- ❑ Leadership experience and community involvement
- ❑ Congressional letter of recommendation (not required by the Coast Guard Academy)



# GAP Year

What is it?

“A semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one’s practical, professional, and personal awareness.”

Common Reasons for taking a GAP year:

- ❑ Burnout from the competitive pressure of high school
- ❑ Desire to know more about self
- ❑ Called to serve in a special area (i.e. missions)

*A gap year is a time to explore the world around and within you -- a time to get fired up about what's really important to you.*

# GAP Year

Intentional gap years benefit students in some profound ways:

- ❑ **Providing clarity and purpose**, the student will have a better grasp on what they want to study;
- ❑ **Increasing earnings and business potential** with a global background that is tested in the professional world;
- ❑ **Improving academic outcomes** such as GPA, time-to-graduation, and leadership.

# # 8 Communication

- ❑ When contacting the college, your **student** needs to be the one to email or call.
- ❑ **Email** is the *best* way to communicate with us at CAL.
- ❑ Check daily announcements regarding scholarships and other opportunities

# #9 Service Hours

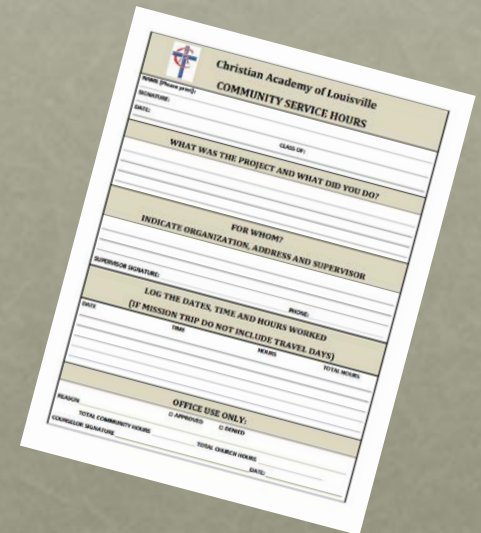
- ❑ Need 45 hours to graduate (15 hours waived for the 2020-21 year due to COVID-19)
- ❑ 2 types of hours
  - **CHURCH** – Serving the Christian community
  - **COMMUNITY** – Serving the non-Christian community

CHURCH	COMMUNITY	HALF/HALF
Leading a small group in the church	Mission Trip to Nicaragua	CAL sports camp (assuming non-Christian community attendance)
Helping with CAL events	Yard cleanup for neighbor	Vacation Bible School
Helping with church events	Volunteering at a museum	



# Service Hours

- ☐ At least ½ of the hours must be community hours
- ☐ We do NOT require church hours
- ☐ Must have all hours by the end of February in order to participate in the March senior lunch
- ☐ IF you were not at CAL all 4 years, your required hours may be less
- ☐ Hours to meet requirement are served during time at CAL
- ☐ Don't stop at 45 hours!



The image shows a tilted photograph of a 'Christian Academy of Louisville COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS' form. The form is divided into several sections with labels and lines for text entry. The sections include: 'NAME (Please print):', 'ADDRESS:', 'CITY:', 'STATE:', 'ZIP:', 'CLASS OF:', 'WHAT WAS THE PROJECT AND WHAT DID YOU DO?', 'FOR WHOM? INDICATE ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS AND SUPERVISOR', 'SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE:', 'PHONE:', 'LOG THE DATES, TIME AND HOURS WORKED (IF MISSION TRIP DO NOT INCLUDE TRAVEL DAYS)', 'DATE', 'TIME', 'HOURS', 'TOTAL HOURS', 'OFFICE USE ONLY:', 'TOTAL COMMUNITY HOURS', 'TOTAL CHURCH HOURS', 'TOTAL HOURS', 'COUNSELOR SIGNATURE', and 'DATE'.

# # 10 College Athletics



# College Athletics

- ❑ Register with respective athletic associations:
  - NCAA Clearinghouse online at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)
  - NAIA at [www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org)
  - NCCAA at <http://www.thenccaa.org/>
- ❑ Make sure your coach knows you would like to play in college.
- ❑ Make sure to tell your counselor. You **must** meet NCAA requirements for high school credits; *these requirements are not negotiable.*

# Let Student Lead the Way

- ☐ Your student should be the one to register for ACT/SAT
- ☐ Your student needs to be the one to fill out the application (parents can write the checks! 😊)
- ☐ Your student needs to fill out service hour forms and keep up with hours remaining to serve
- ☐ Your student must be the one to communicate with the colleges

*Scholarships? Work together!*

# Our Mission

The mission of Christian Academy School System is to **develop students with a heart for God** who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2:52

*education with a **Higher** purpose*