

# **College 102**

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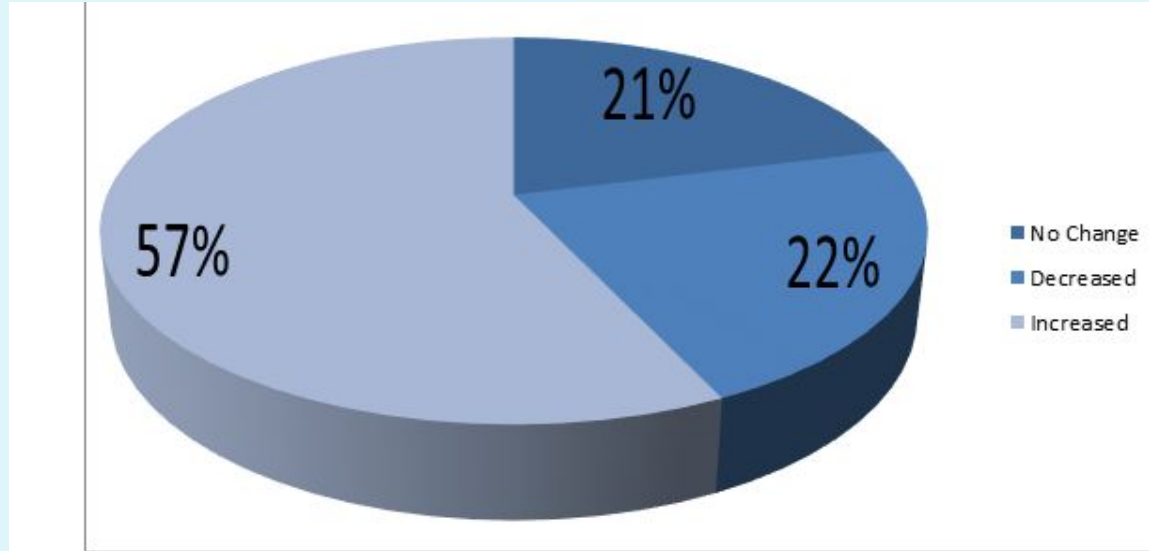
**EXHALE**

# Why/When

## *Taking the ACT or SAT*

- College Admissions
- Scholarships
- Do I retake...Do I make that my job?

# ACT Stats (*students retaking*)



- Did the student have problems during the test, like misunderstanding directions or feeling ill?
- Does student legitimately think scores do not accurately reflect abilities (nobody “lucks” into a better score)
- Has student taken more coursework or an intensive test prep course

# ACT Details

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

- \$46.00 w/out Writing; \$62.50 w/Writing
- National Average 20, SPHS 23.2, AL 19.1
- Highest level of math is trigonometry
- SPHS students prepared for English sub-section after 10th grade English

# 2016–2017 ACT Testing Dates

9/9

10/28

12/9

2/10

4/14

6/9

7/14

# FAFSA BIG CHANGES!!!

- Available October 1
- PPY (Prior Prior Year) used
  - *2016 tax information*
- Not much change on the college side this year
- Data Retrieval Tool is a best bet

# Some things never change...

What is known is that schools cannot force a commitment/enrollment deposit before

**MAY 1**



# *Where to Find Information*

- <http://spainparkhigh.al.hch.schoolinsites.com/>
- ***“Tracy Prater” Faculty Page***
  - *Scholarships*
  - *College Visits*
  - *ACT Prep*
  - *Summer Opportunities*
  - *Senior Info*
  - *Articles*
  - *Announcements*



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# Quick Facts

- Student applies
- Student requests transcript to be sent by me
- Student requests recommendation (if needed)
- Student sends ACT score directly from ACT
- Family waits anxiously for decision

Not as scary as it has always seemed



- Pending Transcripts
- Sent Transcripts
- Users
- Reports**
- Invoices

## Transcripts You've Sent - Transcript Details

Selected Date Range: May 1, 2017 - August 18, 2017

Transcript Status: All

Received By: All

Total Results: 1

- Export to Excel
- Return to Reports
- Print Report

| Student    | Received From          | Source | Sent To  | Date/Time Sent      | Deletion Status | Viewed By                               | Viewed At           | Transcript ID |
|------------|------------------------|--------|--|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|---------------|
| [REDACTED] | Spain Park High School |        | University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, High School Transcripts Only | June 07, 2017 15:48 | Deleted         | Bradley Barnes<br>bradley.barnes@ua.edu | June 08, 2017 09:08 | 12200276      |

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- EXPORT TO EXCEL
- RETURN TO REPORTS
- PRINT REPORT


# Scholarship Deadlines

- December 1 for most regional and state schools
- November 1, November 15th
- “Ish” on all of these

# College Admissions Process/Terms

- Varies with College
- Early Decision (Binding)
- Early Action (Non-Binding)
- Regular Decision (Non-Binding)
- Contact College Admissions Office or visit the College Website

# Types of Applications

- Common App
  - ApplyYourself
  - SendEdu
  - Regular/University Online App
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# Common Application

- Check website: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- **\*\*RECOMMENDED IF AVAILABLE\*\***
- Not a “better” than other applications in the university’s eyes, but just better in general





Welcome, Tracy!  
 Counselor | 2017-2018 Sign Out

FERPA: Waived  
 Note: All dates are Eastern Time

## College List

| College                     | Decision Plan     | Applicant's Details |                        |                      |                         |                       | Form Status* |                |                |                |              |              |              |          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
|                             |                   | Student Deadline    | Application Submission | Application Download | Writing Supp Submission | Writing Supp Download | SR           | ED1            | ED2            | FW             | CR           | OR           | MR           | FR       |
| Baldwin Wallace University  | Rolling Admission | 07/27/2018          | Not Submitted          |                      | Not Required            |                       | Required     | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Required     | Not Required | Not Required | Required |
| Birmingham-Southern College | Early Action      | 11/15/2017          | 08/16/2017             | 08/17/2017           | Not Required            |                       | Required     | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Required | Not Required | Not Required | Required |
| Carnegie Mellon University  | Regular Decision  | 01/01/2018          | Not Submitted          |                      | Not Submitted           |                       | Required     | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Required     | Not Required | Required     | Required |
| Emerson College             | Not Yet Selected  |                     | Not Submitted          |                      | Not Started             |                       | Required     | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Required     | Not Required | Not Required | Required |
| Molloy College              | Not Yet Selected  |                     | Not Submitted          |                      | Not Required            |                       | Required     | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Required | Not Required | Not Required | Required |
| Muhlenberg College          | Regular Decision  | 02/15/2018          | Not Submitted          |                      | Not Required            |                       | Required     | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Required     | Not Required | Required     | Required |
| Pace University             | Early Action      | 11/01/2017          | Not Submitted          |                      | Not Required            |                       | Required     | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Required | Not Required | Not Required | Required |
| The University of Oklahoma  | Rolling Admission | 02/01/2018          | Not Submitted          |                      | Not Started             |                       | Required     | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Required | Not Required | Not Required | Required |

\* Recommendations that you have submitted do not become available to a college or university until the applicant also submits the Common Application to the college or university.

## Teachers

| Name          | Status     |
|---------------|------------|
| Mary DiChiara | Incomplete |

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Subsequent to the three situations below could be possible:  
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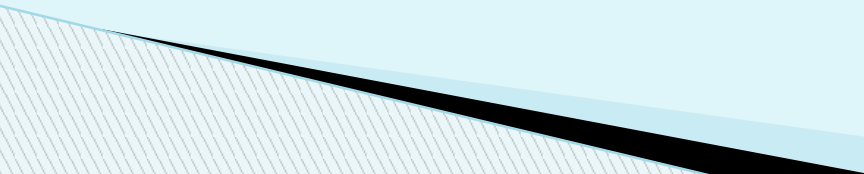
# Recommendations

- Provide Resume and Senior Packet Info.
- Provide College Form if available
- Give **at least 3 Weeks Notice**
- **For December 15 – January 10 deadlines, give all information to Mr. Prater by November 20**

# Application Notes/Tips

- Every piece of the puzzle should be a new piece
- Do not be a “Super Senior” there is no magic number
- Work the funnel
- **Let your student take the initiative**

# College Visits

- ALWAYS Contact College Admissions office to schedule visit
  - Get an excused visit form from attendance as early as possible
  - Seniors – 5 School Days Allowed for College Visits (Excuses beyond this are granted on a case-by-case basis)
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# THE NACAC National College Fair

- September 17, 2017 (Sunday)
- BJCC...1-4PM
- Colleges and Universities from across the nation
- Register Online

# We will meet again in January....

- Spring stuff