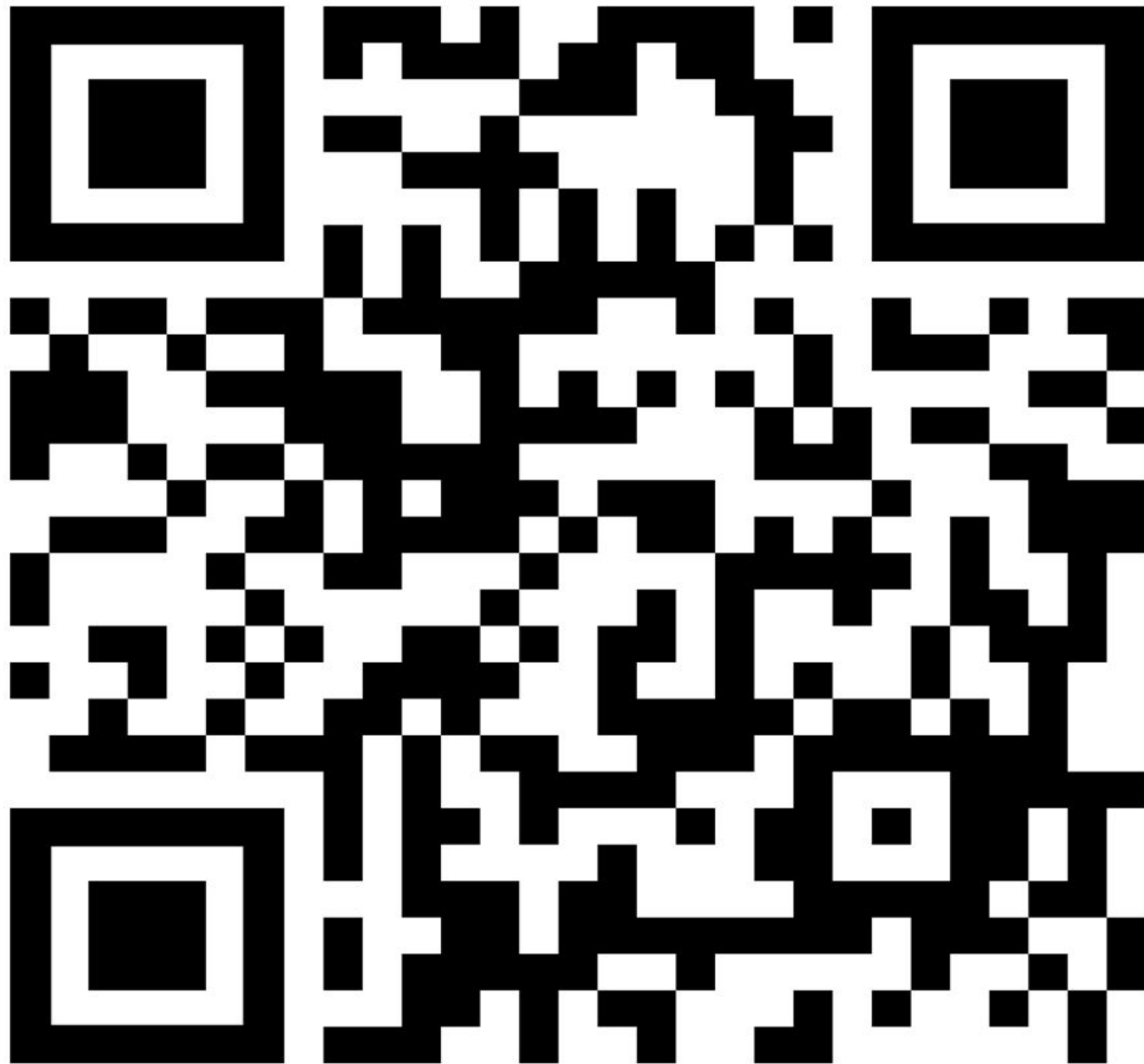


AGENDA

This brief presentation will cover:

- **Important tips when filling out the UC Application**
- **How applications are viewed**
- **Personal Insight Questions**
- **After You Apply**
- **Questions (if time permits)**



Submit one [UC Application](#) for up to 9 campuses

- Research campuses & majors (recommended)
- \$70 per campus (Fee Waivers available)
- What to consider when choosing a major:
 - Majors are under “Colleges” (i.e., College of Letters & Science, College of Engineering, etc.)
 - Undeclared or Exploratory may be an option.
 - Some colleges are smaller, thus more competitive.
 - Select an “alternate major” (recommended) in a different college (College of Engineering & College of Letters & Science)
 - Special majors may require portfolio, audition, etc.
 - Check websites and emails after you apply for instructions.

You will self-report information. So plan to gather:

- **Unofficial Carlmont transcript (Infinite Campus)**
 - Enter all 9th - 11th A-G courses and grades as they appear on your transcript(s).
 - Include any courses taken outside of Carlmont & repeated coursework (Edgenuity, Summer School)
 - Possibly: 7th/8th Algebra (or higher) & World Language
 - 12th Grade (A-G) Course List (In Progress & Planned)
- **Resume or List of Activities**
- **Parent income for Fee Waivers**
- **Read Ms. Rasor's email on UC Tips (Naviance)**

What UC's DON'T need:

- **Don't send official transcripts**
 - Until July 1st; send only to campus you will attend
 - Unless requested by a special program or campus
- **Don't send SAT or ACT Scores (NOT accepted)**
- **Don't send AP Score Report**
 - Self-report AP scores on the application
 - Send later to the campus you will attend
- **Recommendation Letters NOT accepted**
 - Unless directly requested by a campus

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Examples:

- **Rigor & grades for 9th - 11th A-G courses**
 - Selective colleges (i.e. Engineering) may consider how prepared you are for the major & may admit by major only.
- **10th/11th grade GPA (capped & uncapped)**
- **# of AP/Honors/College Level semesters**
- **# of A-G semesters; ELC Status**
- **12th Grade Coursework (continued rigor)**
- **Academic & Personal Achievements**
- **Outstanding performance in subject areas**

**Academic
History**

**Extracurricular
Activities**

**Personal
Insight
Questions
(PIQ)**

UC reviews all parts of the application for your capacity to succeed at their campus.

- Intellectual curiosity, internal drive (to learn), leadership, compassion, persistence, resiliency, etc.
- Achievements in light of available opportunities:
 - Academic:
Summer programs, internships, academic enrichment, courses beyond min A-G requirements, etc.
 - Personal:
Leadership, compassion, family responsibilities, resilience, etc.

What is a Personal Insight Question?

UC:
PIQ

- The Personal Insight Questions are the written portion of the application
- Applicants can share their voice and personal details with the reader
- This is not to be confused with an essay or personal statement

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Personal Insight Questions

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responses per applicant

350

word maximum per response

How are PIQs different than the Common App essay?

Common App Essay

- 1 prompt, 650-word maximum
- Writing style important, 5-paragraph structure recommended
- Literary tone
- Centers on anecdote with “hook”
- Supported by recommendation letters
- Focus on personal values and growth experiences
- Core of prompt: “Who are you?”

PIQs

- 4 responses, 350-word maximum each
- Not scored on structure or style
- Factual tone
- Examples over storytelling
- Self-advocacy
- Focus on actions taken, impact
- Core of questions: “What have you done with available opportunities?”

PIQ Tips

- **Start drafting now.**
 - Use Google Doc (to save, cut and paste).
- **Write about YOURSELF, in your voice.**
- **Use “I” statements**
- **Answer as if you were telling someone in person.**
- **Listen for announcements: PIQ drop-in workshops**
- **Additional Comments Box:**
 - Is NOT another PIQ.
 - Use only if there is something you need to explain about your academic record, beyond your control, that you were not able to explain elsewhere on your application.

Closing Tips

DEADLINE to Submit - **Nov 30th**

After you Apply

- Printout a copy for your records
- Check emails for messages from campuses.
- Any academic changes to your submitted application, should be reported to each campus you applied to.
 - Examples: dropping or adding a class, level changes, fall grade is lower than C, etc.
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- All admission decisions are conditional.