

# THE ROAD TO COLLEGE #1

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JUNIORS CLASS OF 2023



**YOU ARE ONLY PLANNING THE NEXT STEP  
IN YOUR JOURNEY, NOT THE END.**

# WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION ARE WE SHARING?

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- General admissions information
- Specific art programs, schools and/or conservatories may have their own admissions criteria and enrollment process
  - Pre-screeners
  - Auditions
  - Portfolios
  - Interviews

# OPTIONS AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL

## College Freshman/First Year Admissions

- Attend a 4 year university in August after graduating high school
- Uses high school GPA and possibly SAT/ACT scores for admissions

## College Transfer Admissions

- First, attend a 2 college (ig. Houston Community College) after graduating high school and then transfer to a 4 year university as a college student
- Each college has their own transfer requirements
- University of Houston's current Assured Admission Transfer Requirements: 15 or more hours (5 classes) with a 2.5 GPA or higher
- Not always a guarantee

## Earn certifications through specialized programs

- Many available at community colleges, potentially earning an Associate's Degree (ex. Welding)

## Enter the workforce

- Can also be used as a gap year before entering a college or university

## Join the military

- Attend college or university later using the GI Bill and have it be 100% paid for

# TEXAS AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS LAW

**Top 10% of students in a class who graduate from a Texas public high school are automatically admitted into any Texas public university after they apply**

- \*Exception - University of Texas at Austin only automatically accepts the top 6% of a graduating class

## Assured Admissions

- Some Texas Public Universities offer “Assured Admissions” based on class ranking or GPA and ACT/or SAT scores
- See chart on next slide

## Holistic Review

- Allows colleges to consider each student as a unique, whole person rather than a numerical test score result and considers:
  - Essays
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Resume
  - Leadership and other experiences
  - Interview, audition, other



Schools	Top 6%	Top 10%	Top 11-25%	Top26-50%	Top 51-75%	Top 76-100%	Other Info
UT Austin	No Minimum	Holistic Review	Holistic Review	Holistic Review	Holistic Review	Holistic Review	Offers CAP Program to all Texas public high school graduates not admitted
Texas A&M College Station	No	Minimum	Holistic Review	Holistic Review	Holistic Review	Holistic Review	Offers PSA Program (or other) to all Texas public high school graduates not admitted
Texas State	No	Minimum	Act 20 or SAT 1000	ACT 22 or SAT 1090	ACT 26 or SAT 1250	ACT 29 or SAT 1330	
University of Houston	No	Minimum	ACT 21 or SAT 1080	ACT 24 or SAT 1170	Holistic Review	Holistic Review	
Sam Houston State	No	Minimum					See Chart to the right

Sam Houston State University  
Assured Admissions

HIGH SCHOOL GPA RANGE	WITH TEST SCORE	
	ACT	SAT
3.5 +	17	930
3.0 - 3.49	19	1010
2.5 - 2.99	22	1110
2.25 - 2.49	25	1210
2.24 & below	considered by holistic review	

HIGH SCHOOL GPA RANGE	WITHOUT TEST SCORE
	(Test Optional)
3.5 +	Automatic Admission
3.0 - 3.49	
2.5 - 2.99	considered by holistic review
2.25 - 2.49	
2.24 & below	

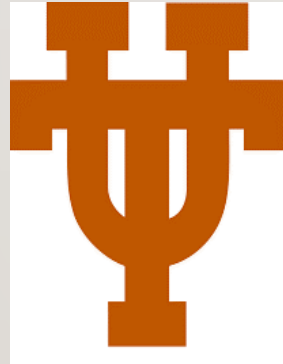
# UT AND TEXAS A&M OFFERED PROGRAMS

## University of Texas Austin Coordinated **A**dmissions **P**rogram

Offered to any graduate of a Texas public school is not offered first year admissions to UT Austin.

Student must meet admissions criteria of another UT school and will receive a guaranteed transfer after a certain amount of colleges hours earned and GPA.

- UT Arlington
- UT Permian Basin
- UT Rio Grand Valley
- UT San Antonio
- UT Tyler



## Texas A&M University Program for **S**ystem **A**dmission

Offered to any graduate of a Texas public school is not offered first year admissions to TAMU.

Student must meet admissions criteria of another TAMU school and will receive a guaranteed transfer after a certain amount of colleges hours earned and GPA.

- Prairie View A&M
- West Texas A&M
- Texas A&M Texarkana
- Texas A&M Commerce
- Tarleton State University
- Texas A&M Corpus Christi
- Texas A&M Kingsville
- Texas A&M International



# GOOD NEWS!

There were 181 students who graduated in 2021, the top 6% = 10 students.

- Of the students who applied to UT Austin in class of 2021, **28 students** were accepted as first year applicants.
- Class of 2021 was offered over \$20,426,105 in scholarship money during a pandemic.
- The class of 2020 was offered over \$25 million in scholarship money.

**Colleges and universities love our students and our programs!**

## **HSPVA students stand out!**

- You stand out because you have shown commitment and leadership on a deeper level than comprehensive high school students due to the rigor of our art area programs.
- You stand out because you have shown a deep spike of interest in something which you devote 3 or more hours every day to and balance your academics on top of it.
- You stand out because of the wisdom and life lessons you have learned and the self-awareness and growth you display in the classroom, in your programs, and in your extra-curricular art commitments.



# JUNIORS NEED TO KNOW

## **HSPVA PSAT is Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Results will be helpful in determining how you may do on the SAT and how you can best prepare.

## **HSPVA Junior SAT is Wednesday, March 2 – no need to sign up for this date and fees are waived**

- You should already have a College Board account from the PSAT, don't create a new one!
- Complete the socio-economic form for PVA because you may qualify for an SAT or ACT fee waiver.
- If you want to take more tests outside of PVA, it is recommended to test in spring. See dates and register at:
  - ACT: [Act.org](https://act.org)
  - SAT: [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

# JUNIOR FAQ'S ABOUT SAT AND ACT

**Question:** Do you need the SAT and/or ACT for college admissions?

**Answer:** Each university determines their own admissions requirements.

- Students must check the website for requirements and updates
- Some schools may be “test optional” which means and SAT/or ACT score is not required for admissions, but if it helps you then submit
- Schools may be test optional for admissions but may use the SAT/ or ACT for scholarships,
- Some schools who chose to be test optional for admissions during the pandemic may only be test optional for another year and it may not apply to your senior class

**Question:** How do I prepare for the PSAT,ACT, or SAT?

**Answer:** There are a lot of resources to assist with test prep.

- CollegeBoard.org has free SAT Practice
- Khan Academy offers free SAT test prep [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)
- Printable SAT practice tests are available free online
- There are a lot of books and study guides that can be purchases to help
- Private tutors or tutoring services such as Revolution Prep
- Free ACT test prep on ACT.org
- Kaplan offers Free ACT test prep [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)
- Many test prep apps for the phone!
- Some apps will send you an SAT/ACT question a day

# THINGS NAVIANCE CAN HELP YOU WITH

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College- College Lookup:  
Look up the name of schools in  
which you are interested.

Filter by Art Area Groups

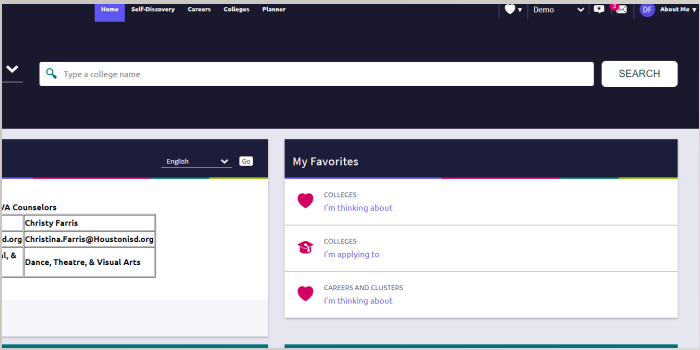
Colleges- Acceptance History:  
View schools our alumni applied  
to and are currently enrolled

College- SuperMatch College:  
Look for schools matching your  
interest.

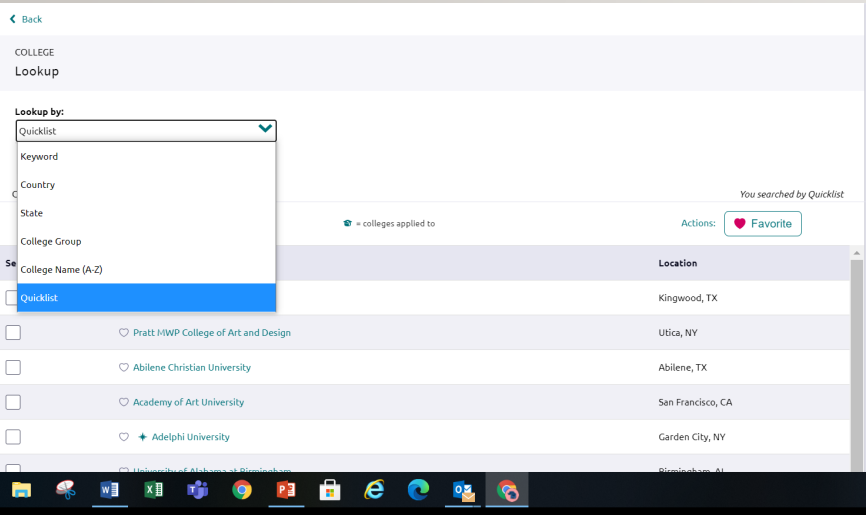
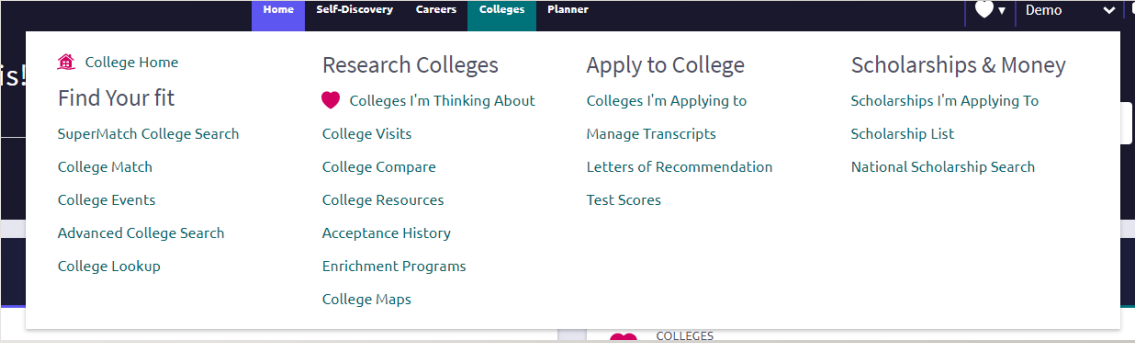
Add an Art Area Group

College - Colleges I'm Thinking  
About:  
Add colleges you're interested in,  
use the name as a link for more  
info and click "more" for  
Scattergrams

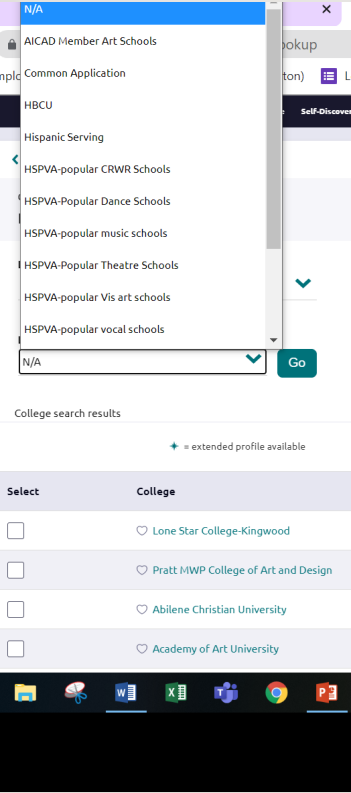
Careers:  
Explore careers with Roadtrip  
Nation  
Self-discovery:  
Career Interest Profiler and  
other personality assessments



Your Naviance Homepage  
Click on Colleges to see the options



In College Look Up, you can type in a school name or click “Look up by”



If you look up by College Groups, you can choose from premade groups: HSPVA-popular schools

These are popular schools that graduates from each art area have applied. \*Not necc. for art programs\*

College Acceptance History (2012 - 2022)		
Adelphi University	6	
Alabama A & M University	1	
University of Alabama at Birmingham	3	2
Alabama State University	4	1
The University of Alabama	15	4
Albion College	1	
Alvin Community College	1	1
AMDA College of the Performing Arts - Los Angeles	3	1
American Academy of Dramatic Arts-New York	3	
American Academy of Dramatic Arts-Los Angeles	1	
American University	13	2

College Acceptance History is alphabetized by schools HSPVA students were accepted to since 2012 and how many are currently enrolled

**SuperMatch College Search** About SuperMatch

III Choose Fit Criteria Location Academics Admission Student Life Diversity Institution Characteristics Cost Athletics Resources **Groups**

Your Fit Criteria

1 selected criteria  
To refine your results, use the arrows to move your criteria into the "Must Have" and "Nice to Have" boxes.

**Must Have**

X Groups [1] →

**College Groups** ?

\*Select up to (3) groups

HSPVA-Popular Theatre Schools X

AICAD Member Art Schools

HSPVA-Popular Dance Schools

No Loans for Low Income

HSPVA-popular music schools

HSPVA-popular vocal schools

HSPVA-popular Vis art schools

HSPVA-popular CRWR Schools

Your Results

Your results include **57 institutions** that are both an **academic match** ? and also match all the criteria selected above.

Fit Score ? Academic Match ? Highlights ?

College SuperMatch allows you to search by specific criteria about the type of experience you are looking for.

**Colleges I'm thinking about** Search for colleges

[+ Add Colleges to List](#) [Compare Me](#)

[UPDATE INTEREST](#) [REMOVE](#) + = extended profile available

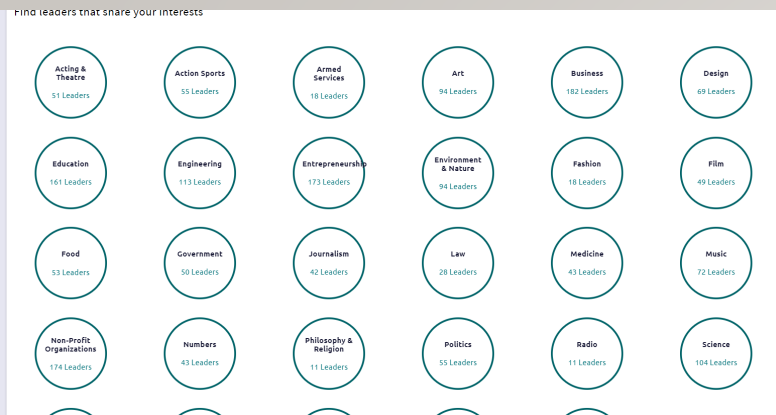
College	Delivery type <span>?</span>	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest	
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">+ Carnegie Mellon University</a>		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines <span>?</span>	N/A	<span>?</span> MORE <span>?</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">University of Chicago</a>		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines <span>?</span>	N/A	<span>?</span> MORE <span>?</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">+ Savannah College of Art &amp; Design - SCAD</a>		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines <span>?</span>	N/A	<span>?</span> MORE <span>?</span>

When you're interested in a school, add them to “Colleges I’m Thinking About”. Each school name is a link to more information about the school.

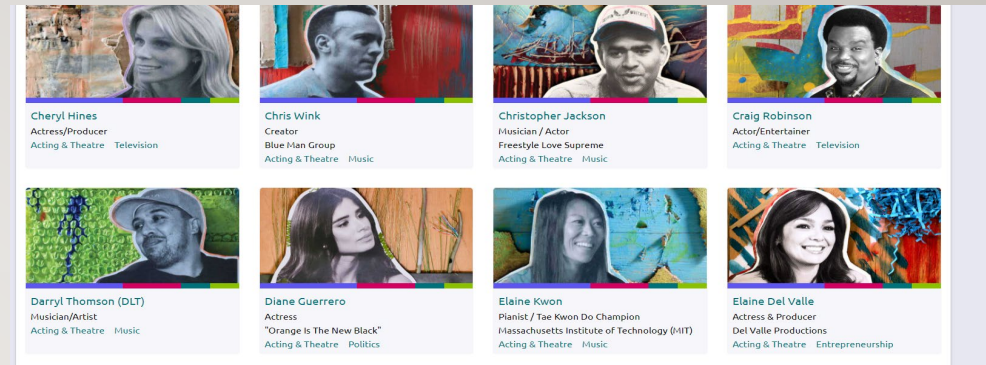
Click “more” after the name of a school and choose “Scattergrams”. This is a chart showing HSPVA student’s acceptance history since 2016 (with GPA and SAT score). The blue circle should show you where are you in the chart.







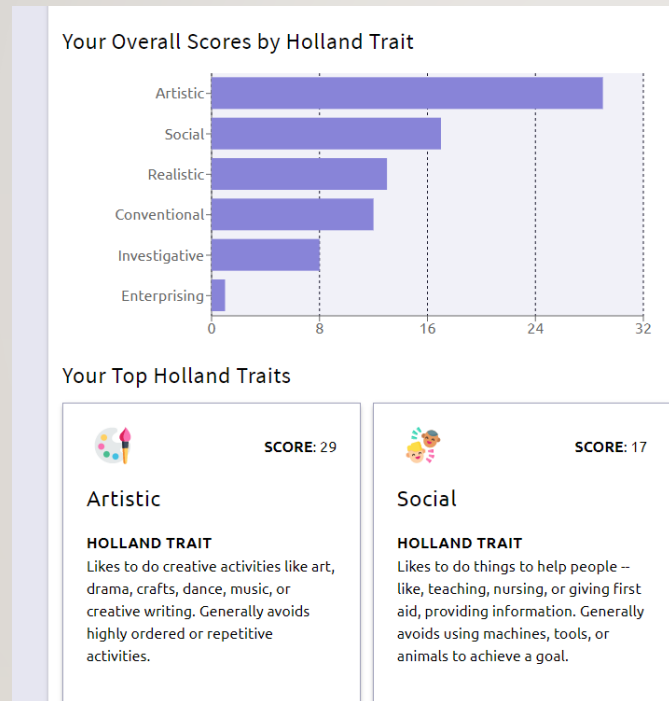
Exploring careers and Road Trip Nation has 100's of short videos interviewing people in varying types of careers. See below for examples under acting & theatre.



## Self Discovery- Career Interest Profiler

60 questions-  
Strongly disagree/disagree/neutral/agree/strongly agree

- Raise fish in a fish hatchery
- Assemble electronic parts
- Use a calculator
- Compose music
- Do volunteer work at a nonprofit
- Study the movement of plants
- Investigate the cause of a fire



Results will list your types of personality (Holland traits) and careers that may interest you which gives you access to information about the career, including skills and experience, wages/salary, and

