

Senior Class  
Presentation  
On  
Post-High School  
Planning

# Transcripts

## What To Look For

- Check your credits (220 required)- about 170 to be considered on track
- Is your name spelled correctly and does it match your college application?
- State ID you will need this for CSU apps
- Mistakes?

Weighted Non-Wgtd			CREDIT SUMMARY			
			Subject Area	Credit Req'd	Compl	Needed
Acad GPA (9-12)	3.95	3.68	English 1	10.00	10.00	-
Acad GPA (10-12)	4.00	3.60	English 2	10.00	10.00	-
Total GPA (9-12)	3.95	3.70	English 3	10.00	10.00	-
Credit Attempted:	220.00		English 4	10.00	-	10.00
Credit Completed:	220.00		Mathematics	20.00	20.00	-
District Enter: 8/11/2020			Algebra 1	10.00	10.00	-
School Enter: 8/11/2020			Phys Ed 9	10.00	10.00	-
<b>Class of 2024</b>			Phys Ed	10.00	10.00	-
State ID# [REDACTED]			Physical Science	10.00	10.00	-
			Biological Science	10.00	10.00	-
			World Hist/Geog	10.00	10.00	-
			US History	10.00	10.00	-
			US Government	5.00	-	5.00
			Economics	5.00	-	5.00
			Language/Tech Ed	20.00	20.00	-
			Visual/Perf Arts	10.00	-	10.00
			Health	5.00	5.00	-
			Electives	45.00	75.00	-
			* TOTALS *	220.00	220.00	30.00
			Algebra 1 Requirement Met			

This transcript is unofficial unless

# Transcripts: GPA's

- **Weighted vs Unweighted**

Weighted includes extra point for honors and AP classes.

- **Total GPA**

Includes all coursework

- **Academic GPA**

Includes all classes with code ending P, A, H  
Does not include classes with asterisk

	Weighted	Non-Wgtd
Acad GPA (9-12)	3.81	3.62
Acad GPA (10-12)	3.83	3.58
Total GPA (9-12)	3.82	3.64
Credit Attempted:	280.00	
Credit Completed:	280.00	

# AP Test Information

## **Step One: Enter Join Code on CollegeBoard.org before Nov. 8th**

- Join Codes will be given to you by your AP Teacher. It is specific to your class period.
- If you are NOT enrolled in an AP Class but would like the option to take the exam, come to the Counseling Office for a Join Code. Must be done before November 8th

## **Step Two: Purchase your Exam on the Acalanes Webstore by Nov 8. Each Exam is \$110.**

[Exam dates](#) May 5 - May 16

*Students that need testing accommodations should come to the Counseling Office starting in September.*

# CSF reminder

CSF is an honor society and membership is based on semester grades. Students need to apply each semester. Students who are members at least 4 semesters from 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are recognized at graduation. Refer to the application form for eligibility and membership requirements.

**Step 1: Turn in application at the Counseling Office.**

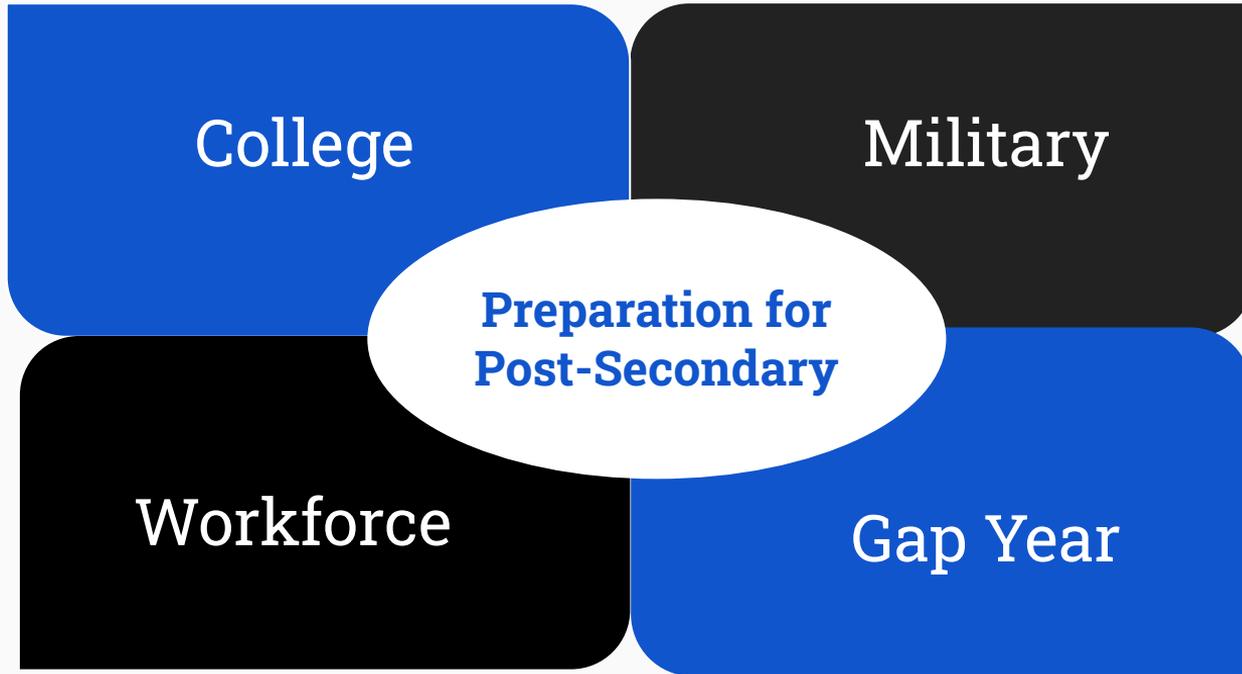
**Step 2: pay \$7 on the webstore**

**Fall applications accepted Sept 1-30**

**Spring applications accepted Feb. 1 - 28**



# Common Pathways After Acalanes



# Acalanes Grads' Post-Secondary Plans

## Class of 2024

Acalanes grads are attending over **100 different colleges.**

### Number of Graduates: 299

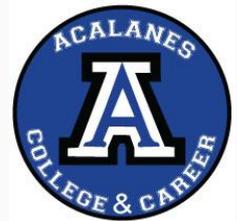
Gap Year/Undecided/Unknown	7% (22 students)
2 Year College	18% (53 students)
4 Year College	75% (224 students)
University of California	15% (46 students)
California State University	10% (32 students)
California Private Schools	8% (25 students)
Out of State Public Schools	25% (73 students)
Out of State Private Schools	13% (39 students)
International Universities	3% (9 students)



# Resources Available

In the College and Career Center:

- Postings for jobs , internships, volunteer opportunities
- Resume building
- Gap Year info
- College rep visits
  - Students **must** sign-up ahead of time, speak with teachers, pick up a pass from Ms. Levy in the morning before the meeting.
- Application help for community and 4-year college apps
- Visits with military reps for those interested



# Surviving the application process

# CHECK EMAIL



CHECK YOUR EMAIL!!



# Community Colleges

- Open Enrollment beginning February. Apply early.
- No SAT/ACT required
- Orientation in Spring
- Priority transfer to UC's and CSU's
- Honors Transfer Program
- Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG - 6 Schools)
- Preparation for trades and apprenticeships
- Residential Housing available (11 California schools have this option)



# Community Colleges

Some of the career training programs at Community college:

- Nursing: LVN, RN
- EMT, Firefighting
- Pre-apprentice and apprenticeships for trades including plumbing, steamfitting, carpentry, machine technology, welding and more
- HVAC , solar installation
- Culinary Arts
- Real Estate



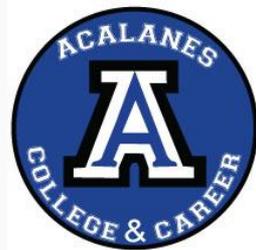
# Joining Workforce/Taking a Gap Year

## Get a Job!

- Start making and saving money with income from your job!
- Gain valuable job skills, make connections, get promoted
- Some jobs pay for college (Starbucks, etc.)
- Get help from your counselor/Ms. Levy with job applications, cover letters, interview practice

## Gap Year

- Travel
- Work
- Volunteer
- Gain valuable life experience to better understand yourself and help solidify your goals



# Joining the Military - Things to Consider

- Different branches of military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard - will be visiting in Fall and Spring!
- Active duty military receive tuition assistance for college. Active and reserve members can use GI Bill for college.
- Military receive a salary, benefits, housing stipends if applicable, and skills training applicable to many civilian jobs.
- Options for joining include attending Academies, ROTC partnerships with 4-year colleges, the reserves and enlisting directly.



# Application Timeline

Late Summer/Early Fall:	Rolling admission begins
August 1	UC and Common Applications open
October 1	CSU Application opens, FAFSA submission begins
Mid-Oct. - Mid-Nov.	Early Action/Early Decision deadlines
Oct. 1 - Nov. 30:	UC/CSU Application filing period
Dec. 1 - Feb. 1:	Regular decision deadlines
December - January	Early Action/Early Decision notifications
March	Community College applications
March	Regular decision notifications
May 1	Student Intent to Register



# Types of Admissions

## Early Decision

**Binding**

Advantage:

Earlier notification, more favorable review

*Appropriate if 100% certain about where you want to attend*

## Early Action

**Non-Binding**

Advantage:

Earlier notification, more favorable review at some

**\*\*Restricted Early Action**

## Regular Decision

**Non-Binding**

Advantage:

Opportunity to improve grades during Fall semester

*Leaves options open*

## Rolling Decision

**Non-Binding**

Advantage:

Applications are reviewed in the order they are received

*Decision in 4-6 weeks*

# Types of Applications

## UC Application

- Self reported grades (no transcripts)
- Activities and Awards list
- Personal Insight Questions (respond to 4 out of 8 questions - 350 word max)

## CSU Application

- Self reported grades
- No initial transcripts but SDSU and Cal Poly may want mid-year transcripts

**\*\*\*NO letters of recommendation required**

## Common Application

- 800+ Schools
- Official test scores (depends on college)
- Activities & Awards
- Essay (Choose 1 of 7 options- 650 words)
- Counselor Recommendation
- Teacher Letter(s) of recommendation

## Other applications

Some colleges have their own online application (Georgetown )

# Types of Application Review

## Index Review

- GPA
- coursework
- Test scores (depends on college)



NORTHERN  
ARIZONA  
UNIVERSITY



## Holistic Review

- Academics
  - Grades, coursework, rigor
  - Standardized tests - SAT or ACT (depends on college)
- Achievement outside the classroom (extracurricular activities, employment, volunteer work, etc.)
  - Commitment and Leadership
- Context of High School achievements
- Personal Qualities - essays and letters of recommendation
- Match/Fit and demonstrated interest



THE COMMON  
APPLICATION

# UC Application

- Application is Open Now!
- Filing period: October 1st-Nov 30 (**Dec 2** in 2024!)
- Requires 4 personal Insight Questions (Choose from 8)
- No letters of recommendation
- No transcripts
- Test-blind for admissions (Test scores can be used for placement for admitted students.)



# CSU Application

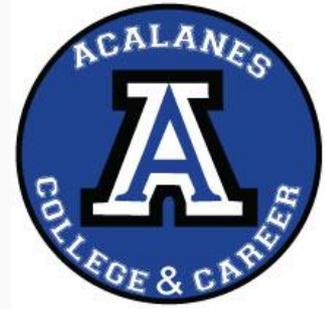
- Application online
- Filing period: Oct. 1st-Nov.30th
- NO: Essay or Letters of Rec
- No Activity List
- Test-blind for admissions (Test scores can be used for placement for admitted students.)

— CAL STATE —  
**APPLY**



# Private and Out-of-State Colleges

- Apply through college's website or Common App
- May require Supplemental Essays
- Resume of Extracurricular Activities
- Letters of Recommendation
  - Teacher
  - Secondary School Report (counselor)
- Mid-year report (updated transcript after 1st semester)
- Supplemental materials for specific schools
- Sync MaiaLearning with Common App by 1st signing FERPA on Common App



# MaiaLearning

## LOG IN

Use CLEVER/school Google sign in

- Add Colleges to MaiaLearning
- Move from Considering to Applying
- Waive your FERPA rights on the Common Application
- Sync MaiaLearning with your Common App (UCs & CSUs skip this step)
- Sign up for Rep Visits
- Request Letters of Recommendation



# Adding Colleges in Maia Learning

Dashboard

Academics

Universities

Financial Plan

Events

Portfolio

Enrichment

Notes

## University Search ?

New version of university search coming 06/15/2024. Click [here](#) to preview. ✕

[Search](#) [Considering](#) [Applying](#) [Recommendations](#) [SRAR](#) [Offers](#) [Decisions](#) [Milestones](#) [Send Summary](#)

### MAIAZINE

Trying to figure out what to study and where? Find something that fits you in our new magazine.

Open →

Search

University List

United States of America ✕

Select Default Country

Search For Any University ✕

Search

Filter

Clear Filters

6533 Universities found

Sort by University Name ▼



# Adding Colleges in Maia Learning

Move a college from Considering to Applying

Type → Term → Plan → Deadline → To Applying



**California State University-Long Beach**

25 Mar 2024, 09:05 AM by: Demo-Student, Grade 12



College In University  
**College of Education**



Couns Rec Teach. Eval  
: Opt. : 0 - 0



1st Internal Deadline  
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Type  
CSU Application

Term  
Winter...

Plan  
Select

Deadline  
Select



To Applying →



**Loyola Marymount University**

25 Mar 2024, 10:53 AM by: Zielinski, Rebecka



College In University  
**Select**



Couns Rec Teach. Eval  
: Req. : 1 - 3



-- Internal Deadline  
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Type  
Common App

Term  
Fall 2025

Plan  
Select

Deadline  
Select



To Applying →

# Waiving FERPA Rights Overview

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- Follow the instructions to complete the waiver

## Recommenders and FERPA

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### ⚠ FERPA Release Authorization

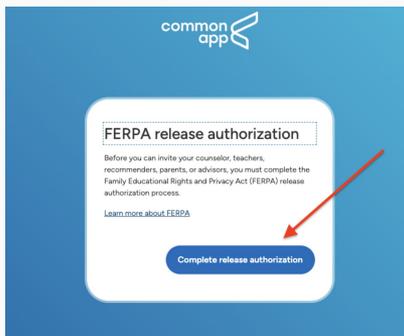
Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

Complete Release Authorization

Continue

# Waiving FERPA Rights/Common App Steps



Release authorization

**FERPA Form**

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Please select one: \*

I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

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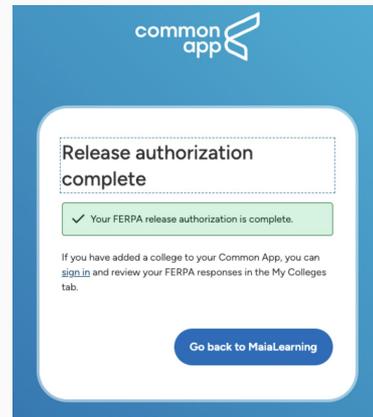
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**Signature \*** **Date \***

Please complete this required question. Please complete this required question.

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# College Rep Visits

Click on Events Tab → Visits → Actions → Attend

- Dashboard
- Academics
- Universities
- Financial Plan
- Events**
- Portfolio
- Notes
- MaiaDrive

## University Visits ⓘ

Visits Virtual Fairs

Search University or College Name

Visit Type Upcoming Visits

Sort by Date: Ascending

In-person Visit Virtual Visit General Event

University/Event Name	Type	Date	Time	Location	Link	Attending	Actions
<b>Worcester Polytechnic Institute</b>		08/22/2024	12:45 PM - 1:15 PM	N/A			Actions ▾
<b>University of Puget Sound</b>		09/04/2024	8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	N/A			Actions ▾

# Requesting Teacher Letter of Rec - Part 1

Universities → Recommendations → Requests → Select Teacher

-  Dashboard
-  Academics
-  Universities
-  Financial Plan

## University Search

Click [here](#) to switch back to old version

Search Considering Applying Recommendations SRAR Offers Decisions Milestones



University List

Location

Type of School

Admissions

More 

# Requesting Teacher Letter of Rec/ Part 2

## Recommendation Requests ?

Search Considering Applying **Recommendations** SRAR Offers Decisions Milestones



Enter Recommender Name



Deadline for Recommendations

Enter Date



Search for teacher in all district schools

Max Recommenders: 2 (Requested: 0)

### Recommenders



Adrienne Spencer (Miramonte High School)



Allie Tarantino (Miramonte High School)

### Universities



Harvard University  
(Required: 2 Max Recs: 3)



Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
(Required: 2 Max Recs: 2)

Put in your earliest  
deadline - Most  
common- Nov 1 or  
Nov 15



# Where to find requirements- Maia



University of San Diego

+ 07 May 2024, 08:43 AM by: Bauer, Hank



College In University  
Select



Couns Rec  
: Req.

Teach. Eval  
: 0 - 3



Internal Deadline  
Select Date

Transcript Request



Type  
Common App

Term  
Fall 2025

Round  
1

Plan  
Regular Admission

Deadline  
Dec 01, 2024



Mark as  
applied

Application Decision

Not Set



University of Wisconsin-Madison

+ 07 May 2024, 08:41 AM by: Bauer, Hank



College In University  
Select



Couns Rec  
: Opt.

Teach. Eval  
: 1 - 2



Internal Deadline  
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Transcript Request



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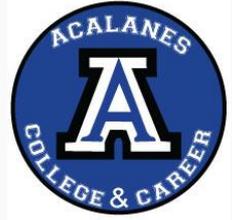
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Deadline  
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Mark as  
applied

# Ordering Transcripts



A screenshot of the Maia Learning interface. At the top, there are several tabs: 'Couns Rec', 'Teach. Eval', 'maia docs', 'Internal Deadline', and 'Transcript Request'. The 'Transcript Request' tab is active, and a blue arrow points to a toggle switch next to it. Below the tabs, there are buttons for '+', 'Mark as applied', and 'No Rating'. The 'maia docs' logo is also visible.

**Request Transcripts on MaiaLearning.**

**Add colleges to your application list. You can also add NCAA**

**Check the application type**

**Transcripts will be sent after Sept. 1. Mid-year Reports will be sent after January 10.**

**Order transcripts from other schools (DVC, UC Scout, etc.) as well.**

# Letters of Rec - Reminders

- Check to see if teacher or counselor letters are required
- Ask counselor and teacher(s) at least 1 month before first deadline
- Only ask for letters you need.
- Invite teachers on MaiaLearning
- No invite feature for counselors- check Common App and Maia to see if you need one. If you do, please ask us directly.
- For Counselors: fill out Student survey on Maia Dashboard, have parents fill out parent survey. It's an assignment to them. Send us your activity list.
- Ask teachers what info they need--Brag Sheet?
- Thank your teachers and counselor for writing the letters.

# ACT and SAT

- **SAT on Friday, Oct 18 for seniors only**

**Register on the webstore - deadline is September 9th**

**Use CollegeBoard.org to register for Saturday SAT tests at other locations.**

**Use ACTStudent.org to sign up for ACT**

UC and CSU are no longer using test scores for admissions. Tests could be used for placement for admitted students.

- Many private colleges are test-optional
- October is last test date for early decision applications
- December is last test month for regular decision applications
- Students must send their test scores directly from testing company to colleges. AHS does not report test scores.

# Financial Aid

**FAFSA - Opens October 1 - everyone should fill out at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)**

- FAFSA used for federal and state aid. Many colleges and scholarships use FAFSA info to determine need.
- CSS - Opens Oct. 1 Many private colleges require this [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org)
- Types of Aid: Need based, Merit, Grants, Loans, Work Study
- Use **“Net Price Calculator”** on school financial aid sites to understand **Student Aid Index (SAI)**
- Check college websites for deadlines
- [www.wiche.edu/WUE](https://www.wiche.edu/WUE) --Western states discount

# NCAA

- Register with eligibility center if you haven't already!
- Send transcript and official test scores to NCAA from Maia
- Core Course requirements
- Follow recruiting rules



# Support Through the Process

- **Academy Sessions-Sign Up Levy through Teachmore**

August 28 - Common App - Everything You Need to Know

August 30- UC App 101

- **7th Period Sessions**

August 29- Common App Workshops

Sept 20 - UC App 101

Sept 24- Activities Section

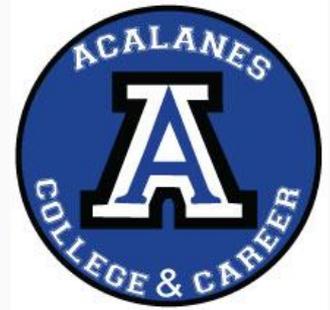
October 2 & 4 and all of October- CSU application

- Weekly emails
- College & Career Center **Open workspace** during brunch, lunch period.
- Interview practice/Scholarship Support



# See you soon!

- Individual Counselor Meetings will begin soon
- The College and Career Center is your primary resource for all things regarding post-secondary planning



# Waiving FERPA Rights | Overview

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- Follow the instructions to complete the waiver

The screenshot shows the 'Recommenders and FERPA' section of the Common App. At the top, the title 'Recommenders and FERPA' is enclosed in a dashed box. Below the title, there is a paragraph explaining that recommenders submit forms on behalf of the user and that requirements vary by college. A yellow warning icon is followed by the heading 'FERPA Release Authorization', with a sub-paragraph stating that users must complete the FERPA release authorization process before inviting counselors, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors. A link 'Learn more about FERPA' is provided. At the bottom of the section, there are two blue buttons: 'Complete Release Authorization' and 'Continue'.

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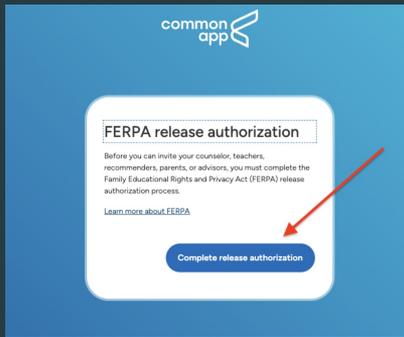
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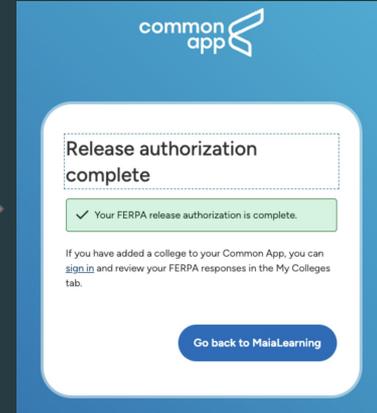
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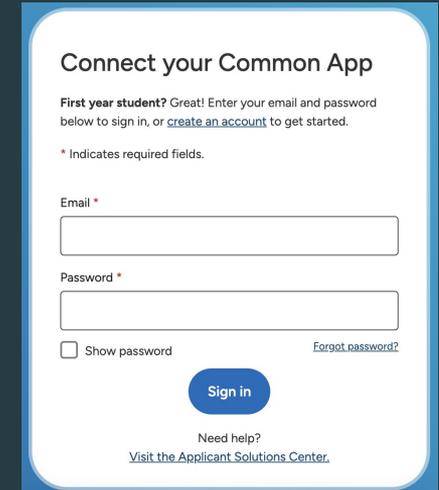
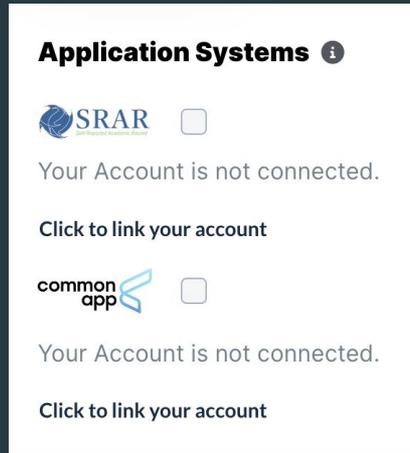
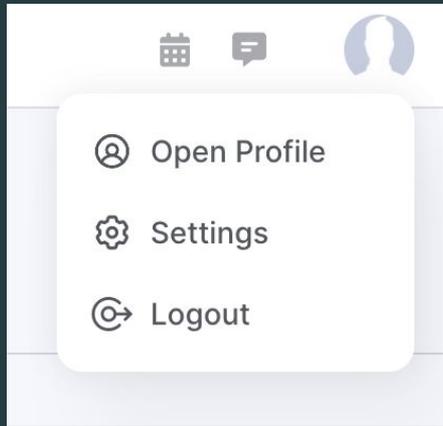


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This is the second step of the "Release authorization" form. It contains a paragraph of text: "colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf." Below this, there is a section titled "Please select one:" with two radio button options: "I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents." (selected) and "I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents." Below the options, there is a checked checkbox with the text: "I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my selections on this page cannot be changed once I sign and click Save below." At the bottom, there are two input fields: "Signature \*" and "Date \*", both with red error bars and the text "Please complete this required question." Below the input fields, there are "Back" and "Save and Close" buttons.



# Sync MaiaLearning to Common App



## Things to Remember

- Must have at least one college in 'Applying List on MaiaLearning
- Must have that same college in the Common App
- Need to complete the FERPA waiver first

# College Rep Visits

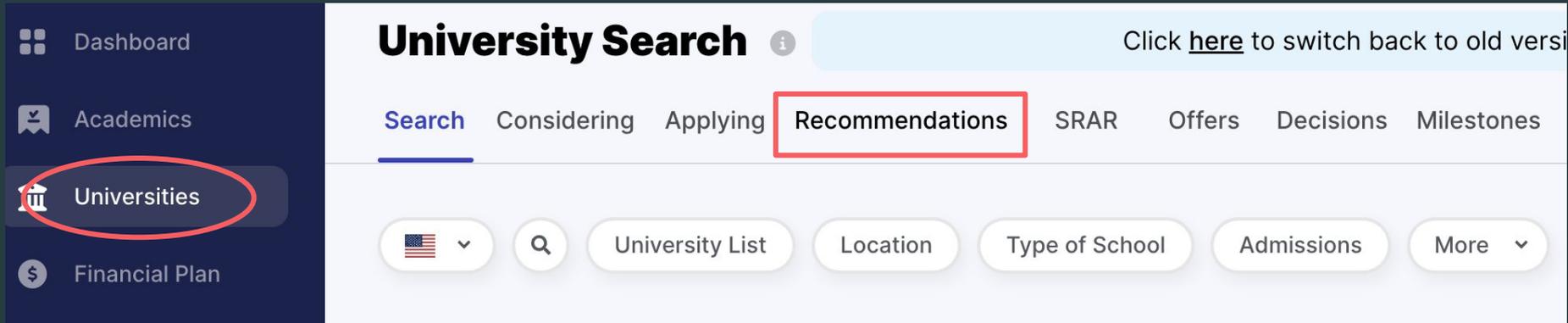
Click on Events Tab → Visits → Actions → Attend

The screenshot shows a web application interface for managing university visits. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Academics, Universities, Financial Plan, Events (highlighted with a red arrow), Portfolio, Notes, and MaiaDrive. The main content area is titled 'University Visits' and has two tabs: 'Visits' (circled in red) and 'Virtual Fairs'. Below the tabs is a search bar for 'Search University or College Name' and a filter dropdown for 'Visit Type Upcoming Visits'. A 'Sort by Date: Ascending' dropdown is also present. The main content displays a table of visits with columns for University/Event Name, Type, Date, Time, Location, Link, Attending, and Actions. Two visits are listed: Worcester Polytechnic Institute (08/22/2024, 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM) and University of Puget Sound (09/04/2024, 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM). The 'Actions' dropdown for the Worcester Polytechnic Institute visit is circled in red.

University/Event Name	Type	Date	Time	Location	Link	Attending	Actions
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# Requesting Teacher Letters of Recommendation | Part 1

Universities → Recommendations → Requests → Select Teacher



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# Requesting Teacher Letters of Recommendation | Part 2

## Recommendation Requests i

Search   Considering   Applying   **Recommendations**   SRAR   Offers   Decisions   Milestones

x   **Deadline for Recommendations**  
**Enter Date** >

Search for teacher in all district schools

Max Recommenders: 2 (Requested: 0)

### Recommenders

- Adrienne Spencer (Miramonte High School)
- Allie Tarantino (Miramonte High School)

### Universities

- Harvard University (Required: 2 Max Recs: 3)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Required: 2 Max Recs: 2)