



Crosby Scholars

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CLASS OF

2022

JUNIOR NOTEBOOK

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The junior notebook is a comprehensive resource for students designed to help you navigate the college admission and financial aid processes while fulfilling Program requirements according to established deadlines. The information reinforces, and in many instances is complementary to, communication posted in the Crosby Scholars Student Portal. Juniors will benefit most from the notebook by using it along with other Crosby Scholars resources.

Junior Program Requirements

- Attend one Junior Academy typically held in the fall
- Fulfill the terms of the [Partnership Agreement](#)
- Participate in [It's My Call/It's Our Call](#)
- Visit four college campuses; attend a college fair, or some combination of the two by October of the Senior Year. For 2020-2021, seniors can complete this requirement through 4 virtual visits and completing an [online form](#). [Click here](#) for more information on the virtual visits.
- Complete at least two hours of community service and submit an online form by January 31, 2021 **New beginning with the Class of 2022!** Juniors are required to submit five hours of service before January 31 of their senior year. Juniors who submit five or more hours of service will meet both the junior and senior year requirements and will not be required to submit a community service form during their senior year. More information regarding the community service changes can be found in the Crosby Scholars Student Portal
- Maintain enrollment in and graduate from a Forsyth County public school (except HBI program participants)

When You Have Questions, We Have Answers

Remember all these resources at your disposal throughout the year:

- Check your Crosby Scholars Student Portal
- Call or text the Crosby Scholars Office at 336.777.7648 or email seniorprogram@crobscholars.org
- Read the email from Program staff
- Review the Bi-Monthly newsletters—[destinationcollege2022](#)
- Read the Timeline For Success beginning in the spring of 2021
- Visit the Crosby Scholars' website www.crobscholars.org
- Social Media—Follow Crosby Scholars on Twitter, Instagram, and/or Facebook
- Check with your Crosby Scholar liaison in your school's counseling office
- Crosby Scholars President (senior scholar elected per school by his/her peers)

Focus of the Junior Program

- *Preparing for the College Admission Process* – Discover what colleges seek in applicants and how to be competitive in this process by combining courses, grades, test scores, essays, letters of recommendation, interviews, and more!
- *Building a Target List of Colleges* – Creating a target list of schools begins with self-knowledge. Take time to create this list that you will be required to submit to the Crosby Scholars Program in the spring.
- *ACT Test Preparation before the FREE school administered test*-- The ACT is a standardized college admission test comprising sections in reading, math, science, and English; it includes a writing portion as well. Learn test taking strategies unique to the ACT and prep for FREE. The ACT will be administered to every junior in NC during the school day in the Winter, so enter this test prepared to do your best!
- *Self-Assessments* -- Completing personal assessments similar to the one offered at Crosby Scholars Junior Academy or taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) helps the student with the process of finding their best fit schools. You will be notified via email and a portal post when the Program will administer the ASVAB.
- *Visiting College Campuses* - Visiting your possible future home for your next educational journey is an exciting time as you consider where to apply for your collegiate career. Juniors will be invited to tour college campuses with the Crosby Scholars Program! (depending on fall and spring scheduling challenges on college campuses)

Junior Academies

Junior Academies are offered in August and September. **Juniors are required to attend one academy.** Topics include: Preparing for College Admission 101 and Building a Target List of Colleges. Juniors must register their attendance through their Crosby Scholars student portal. If you cannot attend the academy for which you are registered, staff asks you to cancel your registration through your Crosby Scholars student portal so you do not prevent a scholar on the waiting list from attending that academy. The academy dates are posted at crosbyscholars.org and in the Crosby Scholars student portal.

You must register through your Crosby Scholars Student Portal, and registration is not complete until you see the confirmation page. In order to receive credit for attending a Crosby Junior Academy, scholars must do the following:

- Register online
- Arrive at the academy/log into a webinar on time
- Stay/remain online for the entire session
- Submit a confirmation of attendance form at the end of the session

PSOS College Fair/ College Visits

To fulfill the college fair/college visit requirement, students must speak with four college admission reps about their respective schools. Students typically fulfill this requirement by attending one college fair and submitting a college fair form during their sophomore year, junior year, or senior year; however, juniors and seniors may fulfill this requirement by visiting four college campuses. Details are outlined on the website and in the Crosby Scholars student portal. This requirement must be fulfilled by early October of your senior year. Submitting one college fair form or one college visit form is required to verify your presence.

For the fall of 2020, juniors can complete this requirement through 4 virtual visits and completing an [online form](#). [Click here](#) for more information on the virtual visits.

The most popular way to fulfill this requirement is to attend the local college fair— For 2020 WSFCS Post-Secondary Opportunity Session (PSOS) or College Fair will be held online through a virtual platform. We will share more information in your Crosby Scholars Student Portal.

Think Like a Senior Sessions and Webinars

Juniors must attend one Think Like a Senior (TLS) Session or Webinar. The details including meeting dates will be posted in your Crosby Scholars Student Portal.

During these sessions and webinars, you will learn about the Crosby Scholars Senior Program requirements, and how Crosby Scholars supports you through the college admission and financial aid processes, including your enrollment

decision! We will discuss the Crosby Scholars Senior Advisor Program in detail, so you can make an educated decision when choosing your Senior Advisor. Given the significant role they play in the college journey, parents are strongly encouraged to accompany their student; however, parents cannot attend the session on a student's behalf.

Test Prep- PSAT, SAT, & ACT

The PSAT/NMSQT is administered at school in October. Scores from the junior year are used by scholarship programs, including the National Merit® Scholarship Program, to identify eligible students. Register through your school's counseling office. This test helps you prepare for the SAT.

The SAT and ACT are standardized tests used in the college admission process and can be a significant factor in admission decisions. Crosby Scholars offers a variety of prep opportunities for both tests that emphasize test taking strategies and completing practice problems. In addition, we will assist you in creating a specific plan for further test prep through ACT Academy or Khan Academy as your goals dictate. Research indicates that focused test prep often leads to improved scores; therefore, Crosby Scholars encourages all juniors to take advantage of both group and individualized sessions in preparing for the ACT and/or SAT.

Juniors in NC will take the ACT during the school day in the Winter. These scores do matter and can be reported to colleges. You will be invited to ACT test prep sessions in the winter to prepare for the FREE ACT test administered at your high school.

Target List of Colleges

Use the information presented during the Crosby Scholars Junior Academy to assist you with building your target list. The presentation is posted in your Crosby Scholars student portal. You may also borrow publications from The Crosby Scholars Program's resource center that may assist you with building your target list of colleges.

TIPS to Create Your Target List

- Be sure to complete finalize your target list of colleges before the spring of your Junior year
- Start developing your list NOW – do NOT rule out a school you have never heard of – it may be the perfect college for you
- Each college is unique – resources, courses/majors, extracurricular programs
- Schools come in different sizes, locations, academic requirements, and selectivity – from very selective colleges to “open enrollment” colleges
- With about 4,000 options, you need TIME to develop a list that interests you
- Don’t choose a college solely because of the name or reputation
- Families often fail to look at graduation rates when exploring schools even though failing to graduate in the traditional 2 or 4 years can be incredibly costly
- Talk to your parents, counselors, teachers, bosses, coaches, religious leaders – if they went to college, ask them about their experience – do NOT get caught up in rankings
- Your goal is to finalize a list and be excited about EVERY college on that list—Do NOT apply to a college that you would not gladly attend if offered the choice.
- Visit campuses and talk to students, visit school websites
- Develop a description of your “PERFECT” college and then go find the colleges that best match your ideal college.
- Don’t forget to review the college’s profile of accepted students! Compare your profile to each college’s profile – scores, GPA, class rank, etc.
- Use tools similar to: EFC Calculator, Net Price Calculator, CollegeBoard’s College Search, The Chronicle of Higher Ed’s College Completion

Cultural Opportunities for Scholars

A Crosby Scholar junior can enjoy the following experiences for FREE or at significantly reduced prices (dependent on scheduling impacts for 2020-2021)

- FREE tickets to a fall and spring production of the Piedmont Opera - there are scholarship opportunities for juniors and seniors who attend the Opera
- Participate in the Jaycees Holiday Parade

Partnership Agreement: Program Responsibilities

The Crosby Scholars Program agrees to:

- Provide academic and personal enrichment workshops through Crosby Scholar Academy
- Inform Scholars of community service opportunities
- Design enrichment activities to promote early awareness of post-secondary opportunities
- Annually recognize the Scholars who successfully complete the program requirements
- Provide parents with useful and timely information and tools to help support the student in the college application process
- Provide assistance with locating funding sources to finance a post-secondary education
- Provide renewable last dollar grant assistance of up to \$1,200 per year to qualified Crosby Scholars who demonstrate an unmet financial need as determined by federal financial aid guidelines
- Coordinate and sponsor financial aid and college admission workshops
- Provide trained advisors who meet with high school students throughout the year to provide additional program information and to help students achieve their post-secondary educational goals
- Co-sponsor activities with the school system and community agencies that provide academic support and increase post-secondary options for Scholars

Our goal is to help Crosby Scholars in Forsyth County prepare academically, personally, and financially for college admission and other post-secondary opportunities.

Partnership Agreement: Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

As a parent/guardian of a Scholar enrolled in the Crosby Scholars Program, I realize that it is my responsibility to:

- See that my Scholar is adequately prepared for school each day
- Provide security, values, and discipline
- Review my Scholar's school work and activities regularly
- Encourage my Scholar to achieve perfect attendance and avoid unexcused absences
- Insist that my Scholar be courteous, considerate, and respectful
- Provide my Scholar with a place to study
- Follow my student's academic progress and meet with school personnel during the school year as needed
- Make a special effort to attend school functions
- Make sure that my Scholar's extra-curricular activities and/or after-school employment does not interfere with academic performance
- Insist that my Scholar remain drug-free and not make, sell, distribute, or possess illegal drugs
- See that my Scholar completes all program requirements each year as outlined in the Student Partnership Agreement

*As the parent/guardian of a participant in the Crosby Scholars Program, I fully understand the overall objectives and requirements of the Partnership Agreement and commit myself to the responsibilities as stated above. I understand that participation in the **High School** Crosby Scholars Program includes random selection for drug testing through the "It's My Call" program. I also give permission for my student's school to release his/her transcript, test scores and student record to the Crosby Scholars Program and permission for photos/videos of my student taken during Crosby activities to be used by the Program for the purposes of illustrating, publicizing or advertising the Crosby Scholars Program.*

I understand that this agreement is effective as long as my Scholar remains an active participant in the Crosby Scholars Program. If for any reason my Scholar is dismissed from the Program or decides to not participate, he/she must submit a new Partnership Agreement to be readmitted to the Program.

Partnership Agreement: Scholar Responsibilities

As a voluntary participant of the Crosby Scholars Program I will:

- Make my education a priority in my life by striving to maintain at least a 2.0 GPA, completing high school, and enrolling in college or another post-secondary institution
- Contribute to a cooperative school environment by being courteous, considerate, and respectful toward teachers, school officials, adults, and fellow classmates
- Utilize academic assistance provided by my parents, my school, the community, and the Crosby Scholars Program
- Develop my leadership skills through active involvement in my school and the community
- Come to school prepared to learn, strive for perfect attendance, and avoid unexcused absences
- Not participate in any form of bullying (verbal, physical or cyber-)
- Obey the law and refuse to make, sell, use, distribute, or possess illegal drugs.

****As a High School Crosby Scholar, you are required to participate in the “It’s My Call” drug/alcohol-screening program.**** I also understand that as a voluntary participant in the Crosby Scholars Program, I agree to submit to random drug testing administered by the WS/FC school system through the “It’s My Call” program. I understand that if I test positive, I will participate in the recommended treatment. If I test positive and choose not to participate in the recommended treatment, I have made a conscious decision to discontinue my participation in the Crosby Scholars Program. I authorize the SRO and principal/designee to release my decision about remaining a Program participant to the director of the Crosby Scholars Program.

I fully commit myself to the overall objectives and requirements of this Partnership Agreement. I also give permission for my school to release my transcript, test scores, and student record to the Crosby Scholars Program, and I understand that the following requirements must be met for completion of the Crosby Scholars Program each school year. Failure to fulfill any of these requirements will result in my dismissal from the Crosby Scholars Program.

- Attend one Crosby Scholar Academy each school year
- Complete and document a minimum of two hours of community service each school year by submitting a Crosby Scholars community service form by the published turn-in date. The Program recommends high school students complete five hours of service but requires only two hours.
- Follow school rules and not be placed on out of school suspension
- Meet other mandatory requirements as assigned by grade level