

# Introduction to College Planning

## Colleges look at:

- Rigor of courses taken
- GPA
- Test Scores
- Essays
- Recommendations
- Activities/Interests

## What to do now:

- Keep grades up
- Chose challenging courses in subjects you like
- Find an interest/passion and pursue it
- Keep a file of awards/honors
- Build a resume

## Beginning the college search process:

- Fit not the Name!
- Use sources on the web – [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.inlikeme.com](http://www.inlikeme.com)
- Visit colleges! Stop at schools on route to vacations. Colleges in a one-hour range from The Summit include University of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky University, University of Dayton, Thomas More College, College of Mount St Joseph, Wright State University, Xavier University and Miami University. In a two-hour range are The Ohio State University, Butler University, University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Wabash College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Ohio Northern University, Earlham College and Otterbein College.

## Junior year

- Talk to college reps that visit Summit
- Attend Junior Parent College Night in January