

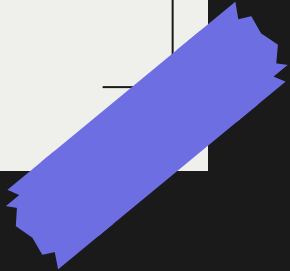
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**Class of 2024**

IT'S TIME TO  
**LAUNCH INTO YOUR FUTURE**

Dive Into The College Application  
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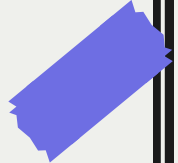
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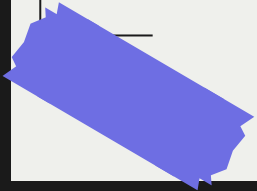
**MYTH OR FACT?!**  
**Let's test your knowledge!**

**Ms. Bernard will say a statement and all  
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statement is a **MYTH** or **FACT**!**



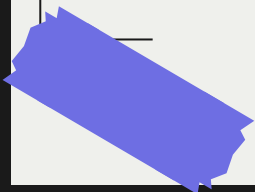


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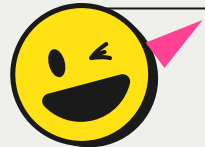
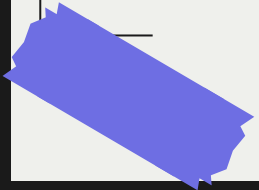


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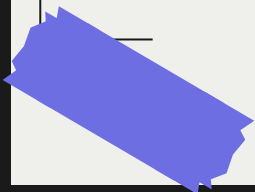


**SHAW IS THE  
OLDEST HBCU IN  
THE SOUTH**





**OWLS...DON'T  
HAVE EYEBALLS**



**IF YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL,  
TAKE A PICTURE! IT IS AN  
IMPORTANT SLIDE**



# KHS College Adviser '23 - '24

## Ms. Jayda Bernard



- **William Peace University Graduate of May, 2021**
  - Miss Peace '21
  - B.A. (Major) - Simulation & Game Design | Minor: Business
- **Knightdale High Graduate of May, 2017**
  - Student Rep of SGA for Junior & Senior classes
- **Top choices:** UNCG, ECU, NCCU
- **Chose WPU because...**
  - Student involvement
  - Leadership opportunities
  - Smaller & more personable classroom setting





# In my experience...I had thought:

“How do I even start looking for colleges? What if I don’t get in? **Am I going to be in debt forever?** What if I don’t know what I want to do?”

It was a rocky start, at first but, with the help of my self advocating, I am where I am today; providing you all with the same support!

# As a DukeCAC adviser, I provide support with...the 4 elements!



## CONNECTING YOU & YOUR COLLEGE LIST

**START EARLY!** We collaborate on a timeline for listing colleges and beginning to look at applications.



## UNDERSTAND ACT, SAT & ESSAY PREP

Fee waivers along with test format, registration, and preparation.



## UNDERSTAND FINANCIAL AID

**RDS** (Residency Determination Service), **FAFSA** (Federal Student Aid), Work Study, Scholarships and etc.



## ORGANIZING EVENTS

Visits from college representatives, field trips to campuses, and college/career fairs!

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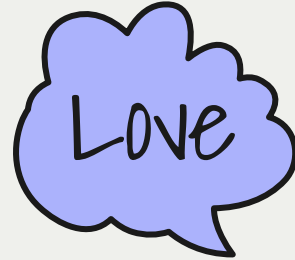
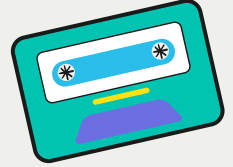
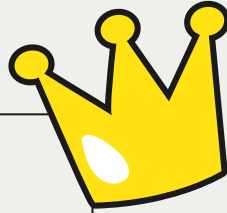




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# THE WORLD OF COLLEGE

Understanding the types of  
**colleges/admissions**, the **transition  
pathway** and building a **college list**  
using application websites.





# TYPES OF COLLEGES



## College (public & private)

**Public: Receives state funding** - usually less in tuition. (Ex. NC State, Fayetteville State, and etc)

**Private: DOESN'T receive funding** - usually MORE in tuition. (EX. Shaw, Mt. Olive, and etc)

4-year

Bachelor's Degree

Out-of-state options

Can be more expensive (\$10,560)

**Application, RDS, FAFSA, Scholarships**

**Application fee (please see counselors for a possible waiver)**

## Community College

8-week to 2-years (research your programs)!

[Certificate, Diploma, Associate](#)

Closer to Home (usually)

Can be cheaper  
(\$3,770)

**Application, RDS, FAFSA,  
Scholarships**

**Free Application**



# UNC PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

## EXPLORE OUR INSTITUTIONS

Select a campus from the map below to find out more about the institution.



- Appalachian State University
- East Carolina University
- **Elizabeth City State University\***
- **Fayetteville State University\***
- North Carolina A&T University
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina State University
- UNC Asheville
- UNC Chapel Hill
- UNC Charlotte
- UNC Greensboro
- **UNC Pembroke\***
- UNC School of the Arts
- UNC Wilmington
- **Western Carolina University\***
- Winston-Salem State University
- North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

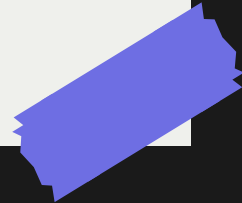


# NC PROMISE SCHOOLS



**FAYETTEVILLE STATE  
WESTERN CAROLINA  
UNC PEMBROKE  
ELIZABETH CITY STATE**

In order to increase educational access, reduce student debt, & grow the states economy, **North Carolina has 4 state institutions that have reduced their tuition to \$500 PER SEMESTER!**



# UNC System Minimum Admission Requirements

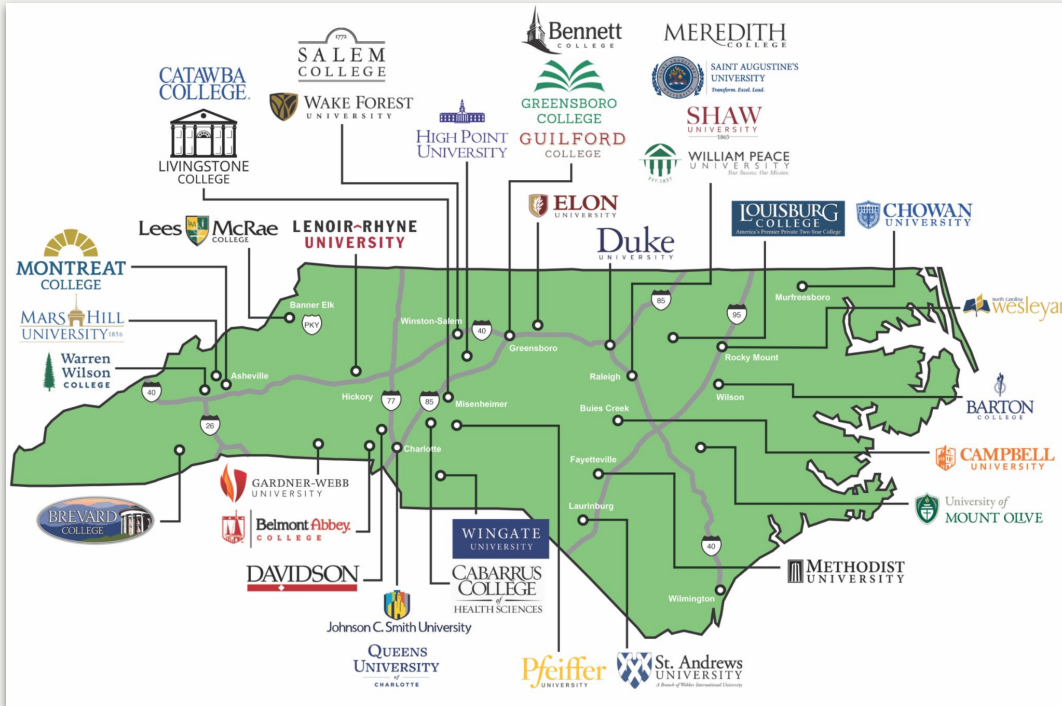


High School GPA	Admissions Test Scores**	High School Courses
2.5 weighted GPA	SAT Score: 1010 (reading and math) ACT Score: 19 (composite score)  <i>Students who do not have a 2.5 weighted GPA is eligible for review for admissions by UNC system schools if they meet the minimum test scores on the SAT OR ACT.</i>	WCPSS graduation requirements & 2 levels of same foreign language will meet UNC System requirements

*\*\* UNC System universities will not require SAT and ACT test scores on students' applications through the Fall 2024 semester! Still need to meet 2.5 GPA requirement.\*\**



# PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES



- **Not funded by govt, so tuition is normally higher**
  - ▶ However, many provide good financial aid & have scholarship opportunities
- Ex: Davidson, Campbell, Livingstone, Shaw, Duke, Elon

# NC Community Colleges



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the NC Community Colleges website. It includes links for 'About Us', 'Jobs', 'Directory', 'Foundation', 'State Board', and 'Find a College'. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the text 'For Colleges', 'For Students', and a search input field. The main content area is titled 'Main Campuses' and features a map of North Carolina with 59 blue location pins. The map includes labels for major cities like Asheville, Charlotte, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem, as well as state names 'NORTH CAROLINA' and 'SOUTH CAROLINA'. A legend in the bottom left corner shows 'Map' and 'Satellite' options. A scale bar at the bottom right indicates 50 km.

## NC Community College Listings, Locations, and Contact Information

- **“Open Door” Policy**
  - ▶ Anyone who is 18+ and has graduated from high school can be admitted.
- **No SAT/ACT scores required. (They might be for specific programs)**
- No application fee.
- **2 year Associate’s Degree (or 6 months for a certificate/diploma)**
- Sports and clubs available!
- [www.nccommunitycolleges.edu](http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu)

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER PATHWAYS



- **Transfer** from community college to any 4-year UNC public university
  - ▶ If you graduate with Associate, transfer as a junior to 4-year
- **OR apply to guaranteed transfer program now**
  - ▶ **Partnership** between community college & 4-year

TAKE YOUR  
**DREAMS**  
OFF HOLD

COLLEGE IS  
WITHIN REACH!

GUARANTEED TRANSFER AND CO-ADMISSION PROGRAMS BETWEEN  
NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND NC FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

Community College → Four-Year Institution

The advertisement features a collage of diverse students. On the left, a young woman with long dark hair smiles against a purple background. Below her, a young woman with curly hair points upwards against a green background, and a young man smiles against a blue background. On the right, a young woman wearing a pink hijab smiles against a white background, and a young man with glasses looks thoughtful against an orange background. The central text is set against a dark green background. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'GUARANTEED TRANSFER AND CO-ADMISSION PROGRAMS BETWEEN NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND NC FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES' and a graphic showing a green building icon labeled 'Community College' with an arrow pointing to a green building icon labeled 'Four-Year Institution'.

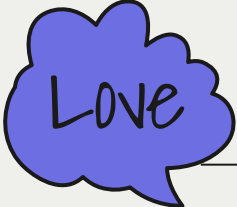


# TYPES OF DEADLINES



- **Early Action: non-binding** application option - apply in Oct/Nov, find out in Jan/Feb. Eligible for merit based scholarships (scholarships based off of your GPA). - **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- **Early Decision: BINDING** application option - students are notified of acceptance by Dec & must agree to attend
- **Regular Admission:** application option where students apply between November to February, depending on school's deadline.
- **Rolling Admission:** no hard deadline, can apply late into the year. Decision to students within 4-6 weeks.

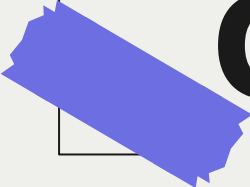




BUILDING

**YOUR**

**COLLEGE LIST**



# BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

## Likely

Your GPA and/or ACT/SAT is *higher* than the school's average

## Match

Your GPA and ACT/SAT is *similar* to the school's average

## Reach

Your GPA and ACT/SAT is *lower* than the school's average, or the school is highly competitive

**2-4** in each category (for 5+ schools on list)

Click on link for [NC School Profiles](#) | See sample sheet for [listing schools](#)

# BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST EXAMPLE

[Insert Name] Sample College List ☆ 📄 🔗

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College	Location	Acceptance Rate	Application Due	SAT Range	ACT Range	GPA	Cost	Avg Total Aid	Receiving Financial Aid	Net Price	Graduation Rate	Public/Private	Perks (Clubs, majors, interesting classes)
Appalachian State University	Boone NC	69%	February 1	1120-1290	23-28	3.94-4.48 W	\$15,124 /year	\$9,261 /year	68%	\$10,687 /year	73%	Public	Online business degree, English major
Duke University	Durham NC	8-9%	January 3-4	1370-1550	34-35	4.13 -	\$81,382 /year	\$50,914 /year	63%	\$26,932 /year	96%	Private	English major, Foreign Languages and Literature de
East Carolina University	Greenville NC	82-88%	March 1	1070-1190	19-24	3.10-4.10 UW	\$22,609 /year	\$7,231 /year	81%	\$15,403 /year	65%	Public	Online business degree, English major, Foreign La

7 Create a copy of this to save in your own google drive (File -> Make a copy -> Rename it -> place into My Drive).

8 Use this sample sheet when listing colleges that you are interested in! Share it with Ms. Bernard so you can talk through it during your next meeting!

10 Key-

Likely
Maybe
Reach

# COLLEGE APPLICATION WEBSITES



## CFNC (College Foundation of NC)

- **Most important website!**
- You may already have an account
  - **IMPORTANT:** do NOT make a new CFNC account if you already have one
  - **Use account recovery option or see Ms. Bernard to find your login info!**
- **Uses:**
  - Apply to NC colleges (Free App Week in Oct.)
  - Apply to community colleges
  - Fill out RDS

## Common App

- Another college application website
- Contains **out-of-state colleges**. Apply thru **Common App** if:
  - You're applying to schools NOT on CFNC
  - More than 6 schools for ease

## School-Specific Website

- Go to **college's website** to apply if their application is **NOT** available on CFNC or Common App



# UPCOMING COLLEGE REP VISITS:



- **Sept. 14, 21st, & 28th: Wake Tech @ 9 - 10 AM**  
(EVERY THURSDAY)
- **Sept. 20th: William Peace University @ 10 - 11 AM**
- **Sept. 22nd: UNC Charlotte @ 9 - 10 AM**
- **Sept. 29th: Elizabeth City State @ 9 - 10 AM**

[bit.ly/khsrepvisits](https://bit.ly/khsrepvisits)

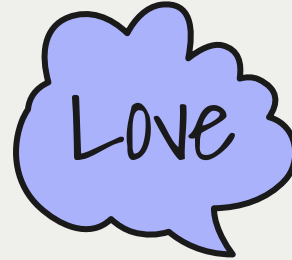
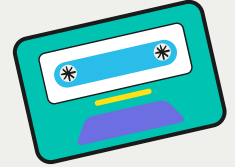
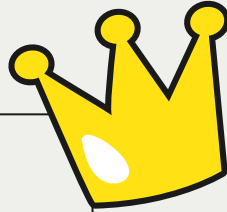




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# FINANCIAL AID

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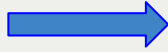


# Residency Determination Service (NC RDS)



**Purpose:** needed to prove NC residency & **qualify for in-state tuition**

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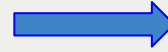


Using your **CFNC.org**  
**account login**

Ask your College Adviser  
how to create an  
account if you have any  
issues.

**DO NOT MAKE  
ANOTHER ACCOUNT ON  
RDS WEBSITE!**

## Completion



You will need parent(s)/  
Guardian(s) information

- 1) You & parent/guardian  
SSN, ITIN, USCIS
- 2) Parent/Guardian taxes
- 3) Driver's License number
- 4) Permanent Address

## Reconsideration/Appeal

If deemed "Out-of State"  
ask your College Adviser  
for assistance **ASAP**



*North Carolina*

**RDS**

*Residency Determination Service*

# FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](https://www.fafsa.ed.gov) - Create an ACCOUNT (FSA ID)



- Determines eligibility for **federal aid, state grants, work study, some scholarships, and loans**
- 100% of students should complete regardless of post-secondary plans or income (safeguard in case things change)
- **Opens in December** (**Complete ASAP**) - early you apply, greater the chance at more money
- **Complete the 2024-2025 form, using 2022 tax information**

**FAFSA**<sup>®</sup>  
Federal Student Aid  
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

# FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

## Login

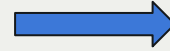


Create your account  
**(FSA ID)**

**SAVE YOUR LOGIN in a safe place**

Have your parent/guardian create their account

## Completion



### Important steps

- 1) School Selection: every school you are applying to
- 2) Personal information
- 3) **Parental/guardian's Tax information from 2022**

## Tax Information

If you have your parent/guardian FSA ID, you can use “**IRS Data Retrieval Tool**” to expedite process

**If not, you need parent/guardian 2022 Tax Return 1040**

# DACA/Undocumented Parents or Students

**REMEMBER:** RDS & FAFSA are **CONFIDENTIAL!**

- **Undocumented Parents without SSN**

- **RDS**

- enter ITIN numbers if you pay taxes

- **FAFSA**

- Parent CAN create an FSA ID
- Alternative steps in creating a FSA ID has not been released yet
- Print out signature page at the end, sign it, mail it to listed address (if FAFSA hasn't updated this step yet)

- **Undocumented/DACA student without SSN**

- **RDS**

- Select “No” to “Do you claim to be a North Carolina Resident”

- **FAFSA**

- Select “No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen”



Guides to the RDS & FAFSA [here!](#)

# Upcoming Event: Financial Aid Night



**Tuesday, October 10**  
**6:30 - 8:00pm**

- Representatives from CFNC will be at KHS to help provide information to families.
- Spanish & English sessions will be available.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

**FREE MONEY!!**



**TONS of scholarships available**

**Never stop applying for  
scholarships!**

**Create timeline of deadlines to  
keep track!**



# SCHOLARSHIPS!!



- **Search Engines**

- [CFNC Scholarship Search](#),
- [Going Merry](#)
- [College Board Big Future](#)
- [Fastweb](#)
- [Triangle Community Foundation Scholarships](#)
- [Wake County Specific Scholarships](#)
  - **NOTE:** choose one search engine at a time, explore, compile list of scholarships you want to apply to

- **Compiled Scholarship Lists**

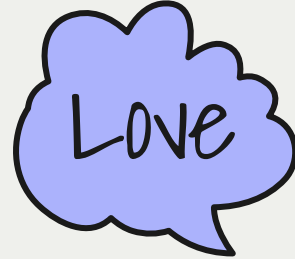
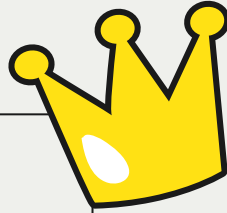
- [\*\*KHS Scholarship Bulletin\*\*](#) (updated by Student Services office)
- [\*\*Ms. Bernard's Scholarship List\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Scholarships by GPA!!\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Merit Scholarships\*\*](#) (based on academic merit)
  - School-specific scholarships, Horatio Alger
- [\*\*Scholarships for DACA/Undocumented Students\*\*](#)



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# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Understanding the types of **colleges/admissions**, the **transition pathway** and building a **college list** using application websites.



# REQUIRED MATERIALS TO GATHER THROUGHOUT APPLICATION PROCESS



## ***Grades and Test Scores***

- request transcripts through CFNC or Scribder
- take ACT & SAT based on app deadlines

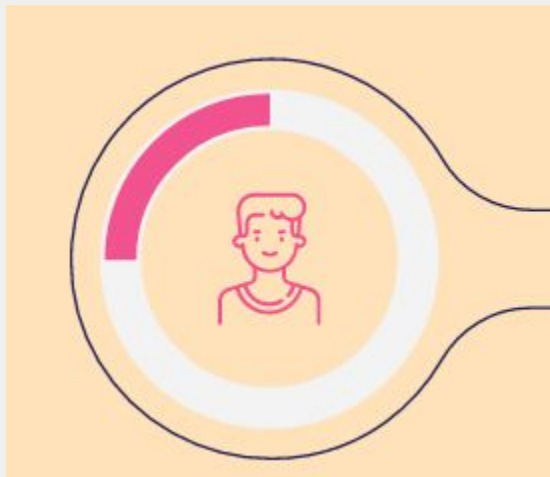
## ***Essays and Professional Docs***

- write first draft of personal essay beginning of Sept. prompts are found on Common App
- create resume

## ***Letters of Recommendation***

- ask **teachers, counselor, coach, employer**
- give them resume

# Grades and Test Scores



## Things to Consider:

- How do I get my **transcript**?
  - **Common App** - counselor uploads it
  - **CFNC** - request through CFNC
  - **Schools outside of NC, NCAA, scholarships:** [WCPSS website](#)
- When should I take my **standardized tests**?
  - If applying early action or early decision
    - By October/November
  - If applying regular decision
    - By the end of December
  - ACT & SAT Test Dates
- How do I qualify for a **fee waiver**?
  - If you receive free or reduced lunch
  - Ask college adviser or counselor for other qualifications

# Essays and Professional Docs

## Things to Consider:

- Why do I need these?
  - Will vary by college and scholarship application
- When should I have these?
  - **Personal statements and Essays**
    - First draft done by beginning of Sept/towards mid October
    - If you have English in the Fall, may work on it as part of class
    - College adviser can help edit
  - **Resume**
    - Prepare this **before** you ask recommenders
    - Ask college adviser for help & revision
    - Sample format



# Letters of Recommendation



## Things to Consider:

- **Who should I ask?**
  - Make sure you ask someone you've developed a relationship with
  - The more they know about your character, the better
  - **At least two teachers!!** (preferably from junior or senior year)
- **How far in advance should I ask?**
  - Ask recommenders EARLY, at least a month in advance of the deadline
- How to ask?
  - **Fully complete & upload Student Profile with them!**



# What you (as parent or student) can do now

## First

### CREATE YOUR COLLEGE LIST!

1. Use [CFNC's College Search](#) and [Niche College Search](#)!
2. List out what type of deadline and the dates!
3. Organize as match, likely, and reach using [NC Profiles link](#)

## Second

### START FINANCIAL AID DOCUMENTS

1. Start your RDS
2. Create a FAFSA ID as a student and a parent ID!
3. Compile documents of taxes, car registration, and anything that has your residential home address!

## Third and more!

### PREP ACT/SAT MATERIALS, ESSAY'S, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Decide if you want to take the ACT/SAT!
2. Brainstorm College Essay using my [College Essay Examples](#)
3. Look into scholarships using my [Scholarship Slide](#) (Check out [College Board Scholarships](#))



# THANK



# YOU FOR LISTENING

Any questions?

Email [khsacd.dukecac@gmail.com](mailto:khsacd.dukecac@gmail.com)

Visit Student Services 1131

Schedule an appointment!

