

# So, you want to be a Music Major?

Majoring in the field of Music-Post High School Planning Night

# Different Types of Music Majors

- ▶ Performance- Instrumental, vocal, Music Theater
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Music Therapy
- ▶ Music Business
- ▶ Recording Arts/Sound Engineering
- ▶ Composition



# Audition is Required

- ▶ Must be proficient on your instrument
- ▶ Will most likely take a music skills test that may consist of piano
- ▶ Will most likely take a basic music theory test
- ▶ An Interview may also be required
- ▶ Check Music Department/Studio for Audition Requirements
- ▶ Check audition schedules
- ▶ Some instruments and programs require a pre-screening video or audio recording

# Time line

Senior Year:  
Applications Fall

## APPLICATIONS

Most open

- ▶ August-September

Final Deadline

- ▶ December 1 - January 1

Senior Year:  
Auditions Winter/Spring

## AUDITIONS

- January
- Audition date confirmed
- February-March
- Auditions
- April
- Notification of Acceptance
- May 1
- Decision Deadline

# Resume, Repertoire List, Essay

- ▶ Take every opportunity available (resume)
- ▶ Private Teacher, solo festival (Rep)
- ▶ Piano Lessons (Resume/skills)
- ▶ Theory Class (skills)
- ▶ Summer Programs (resume/teachers/skills)
- ▶ Eastman Community Music School, Hochstein, etc.
- ▶ Be thinking about the potential of your essay well in advance AND **PROOFREAD!** (you are now competing with students from around the world)

# College Visits

- ▶ Large Public or Private University
- ▶ Liberal Arts College
- ▶ Conservatory
- ▶ Trade Schools- AMDA or Full-Sail, etc.
  
- ▶ Don't look at money at this point- much opportunity for scholarship and financial aid available

# During your visit- early- maybe even Junior Year!

- ▶ Schedule a lesson with Primary Teacher
- ▶ Listen to a rehearsal
- ▶ Observe campus life
- ▶ Take time to visit with current students

# Narrow your focus to 4-8 schools

- ▶ Diversify your choices
- ▶ Research teacher, program, etc.
- ▶ Look at options outside the field of music
- ▶ Are there secondary majors or minors
- ▶ Call the music department directly if you have questions regarding application process- can get very confusing



# Application Process

APPLICATION TO THE SCHOOL



APPLICATION TO THE MUSIC PROGRAM



LETTERS OF REFERENCE- NAVIANCE



SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

# Audition Day Tips

## Students:

- Arrive early to everything
- Know expectations (audition, interview, test?)
- Dress professionally
- Don't compare yourself
- Eat good food
- Talk to current students!
- Take a tour of the school

## Parents:

- Get there the day before
- Expect to be there all day
- Expect your child to have to go off on their own
- Look for food places in advance
- Talk to current students!
- Don't expect the teacher to be available to talk on that day