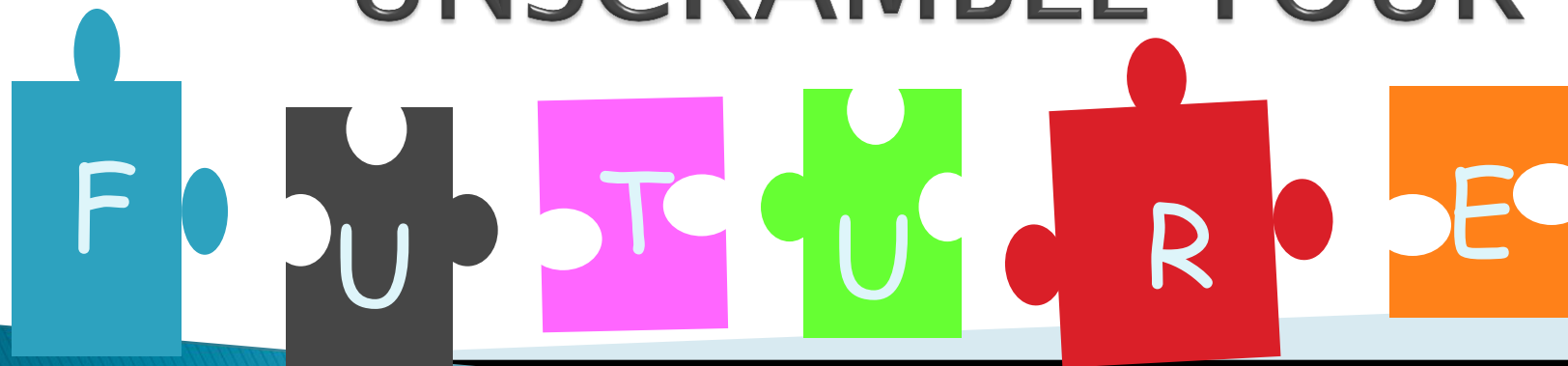UNSCRAMBLE YOUR

JUNIOR CAREER PROGRAM

What is your Plan?

1. Four Year Colleges – 30% finish in 4 years

2. Community Colleges / Two-Year Colleges

3. Full-Time Employment

4. Trade/ Business/ Technical School

5. Military:
   - Academies
   - Enlistment

Four-Year College Path

→ RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH– Find out the admissions requirements of each college:

- Academic record: GPA & strength of program
- Test scores: SAT I and II, ACT
- Letters of recommendation, interviews
- Also important: your activities, special talents, athletic abilities, diversity, legacy

Your Ticket To College

- **SAT I**
  - → Take in spring of junior year and fall of senior year
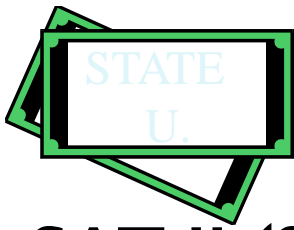 - → Test given at AHS 3 times each year. Also offered at different high schools on other dates
  - → Register by 4/8 for 5/7 test (given at AHS)
  - → www.collegeboard.com -- Cost = $54.50
  - → Offered at Annandale on 5/7

Structure:
* 3 hours (plus 50 minute for the Essay (optional, given at end of test)
* Two Sections Reading/Writing and Math
* Evidence Based- Reading (52 questions (65 minutes)and Writing/language (44 questions, 35 minutes)
* Math Section (1 section with calculator, 1 section without calculator). 45 multiple choice questions, 4 multiple choice answer options
* Each Section is 800 max points, final scores between 400 - 1600
  (Essay scores reported separately)
* Focuses on the knowledge, skills learned during high school
* NOT penalized for wrong answers
* Score choice (by test date)

Your Ticket to College

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▸ **SAT II (Subject Tests)**

◆ Take up to 3 subject tests on one testing date

◆ Each test is 1 hour long
◆ Tests knowledge of particular academic disciplines
◆ Scores used for placement, sometimes for admissions
◆ UVA recommends 2 tests
◆ William & Mary recommends 2 tests
◆ If ending a course such as U.S. History, take the corresponding SAT II test in May or June

Register by 4/8 for 5/7 test
➜ www.collegeboard.com

Your Ticket to College

✓ <u>SAT II (Subject Tests) cont…</u>
- Popular schools that like/require SAT II tests

George Washington University	Recommended [Req Special Programs] (2)	Required: SAT or ACT with Writing 2 SAT Subject Tests are required in science and mathematics for the Seven Year BA/MD program. The Honors Program recommends 2 Subject Tests.
Georgetown University	Recommended [STRONGLY] (3)	Required: Georgetown requires the SAT or ACT and does not consider the Writing scores from either test. STRONGLY Recommended: 3 SAT Subject Tests. Breadth of subjects recommended. Foreign language and subjects of interest to the student are recommended. Georgetown requires applicants submit all College Board and ACT scores.
University of Virginia	Recommended	Required: SAT or ACT with Writing Recommended: 2 SAT Subject Tests are strongly recommended. For students intending to study the sciences, one of the Subject Tests in Math is recommended.
Washington & Lee University	Recommended [STRONGLY] (2)	Required: SAT or ACT with Writing Recommended: 2 SAT Subject Tests in different subjects strongly recommended. "[Subject Tests] can provide our admission committee with useful information as we seek to distinguish between the many highly qualified applicants."

Registering for the SATs

ON TEST DAY

- You must register for the exam **BY THE DEADLINE**!

- **NO** test day, location or test type changes allowed

- Register at least a month in advance of the test date

- You **MUST** present an admission ticket and you **MUST** present an **ACCEPTABLE** ID

- Your name on your registration form MUST match your photo ID

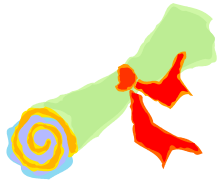- If you do not have **BOTH** admission ticket **AND** valid ID you will **NOT** be allowed to test
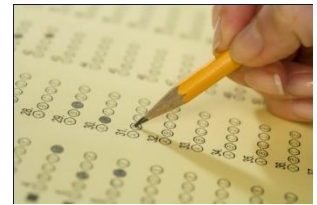
Registering for the SATs continued…

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WHAT ID YOU CAN USE/NEED:

✓ Make sure your photo ID is **valid**

✓ Expired IDs are **not acceptable** *(not even last year's school id will be accepted)*

✓ Credit cards with photos are **not acceptable**

✓ Photo copies of IDs are **not acceptable**

ACT

→ Register by 3/4 for 4/9 (given at AHS)

→ www.actstudent.org --Cost -No writing- $39.50, Plus writing --$56.50

Structure:

* 3 hour test

* Knowledge based test

* Emphasis on grammar and punctuation

* 4 sections- English, Math, Reading, Science

* Writing no required for ACT but recommended

* Max total point per section is 36. Average all sections and receive a composite score

* All multiple choice questions and level of difficulty remains fairly constant

* Not penalized for wrong answers. Ok to guess if student does not know the answer

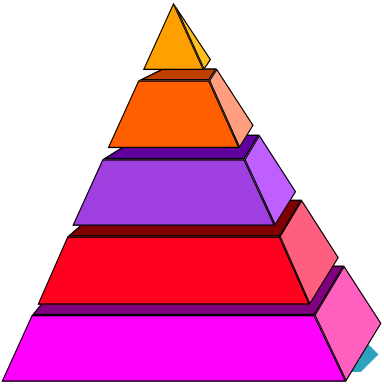* Score choice

* www.actstudent.org

TOEFL

- ❄ When English is not native language and SAT I verbal scores may be affected by language difference

- ❄ Measures students ability to use and understand English at the University level

- ❄ It evaluates how well the student combines listening, reading, speaking and writing skills to perform academic tasks

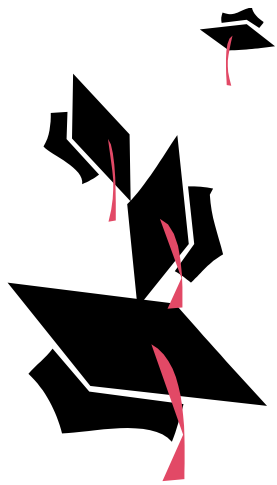- ❄ Taken on computers at test center sites

Look at a Variety of Schools

→ Look at 3 types of colleges:

🕐 **Reach schools**: academic/financial stretch

🕐 **Match schools**: likely to meet your needs *and* accept you

🕐 **Backup schools**: fairly certain to accept you

Where do <u>you</u> stand v. school's standards?

Make Your Plan Now

Start your research today, don't delay!
Time is flying!