

NAVIGATING SCAIR

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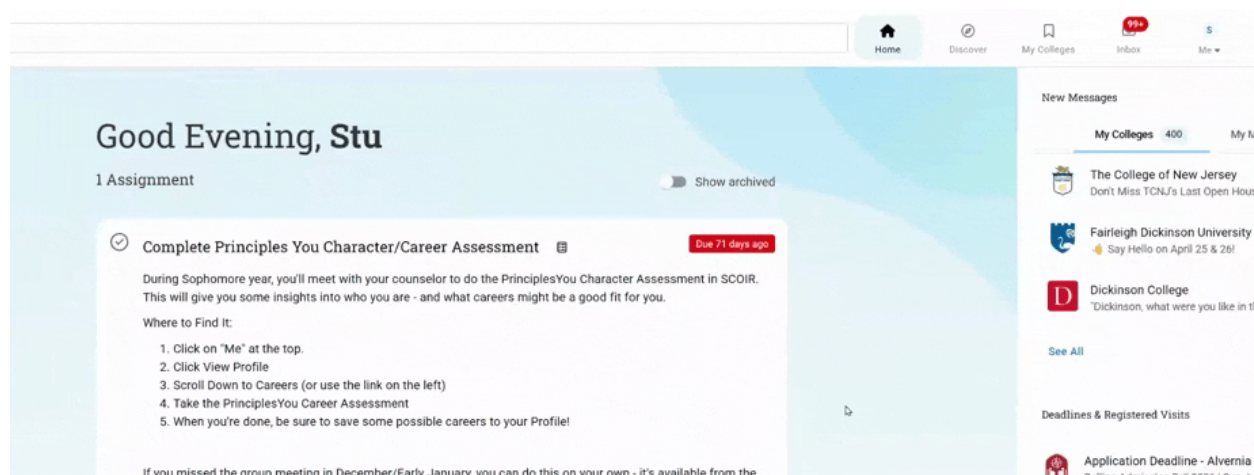
Words to Know

- ★ **Brag Sheet:** Students will complete a brag sheet in the *Surveys* section of their profile (see page 8). This lists a series of prompts that assist your school counselor in writing a comprehensive letter of recommendation for you.
- ★ **Bright Outlook:** Some careers in SCOIR are listed as “Bright Outlook.” This means these are careers that are expected to have noticeable growth in the coming years, a large number of job openings, or are new and emerging occupations.
- ★ **FERPA Waiver:** FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is an act that protects student educational documents, which include applications and letters of recommendation. Signing the waiver informs the institution that you have not read the letters, ensuring their integrity.
- ★ **Scattergram (page 9):** visual tool that can help students see where they fall with other previous HHS applicants to a specific institution. Based on GPA and SAT.
- ★ **SCOIR (pronounced “score”):** platform that we use for career/college research, sign up for HHS college visits, and sending supplemental documents to colleges that students apply to.

Compare Colleges Tool

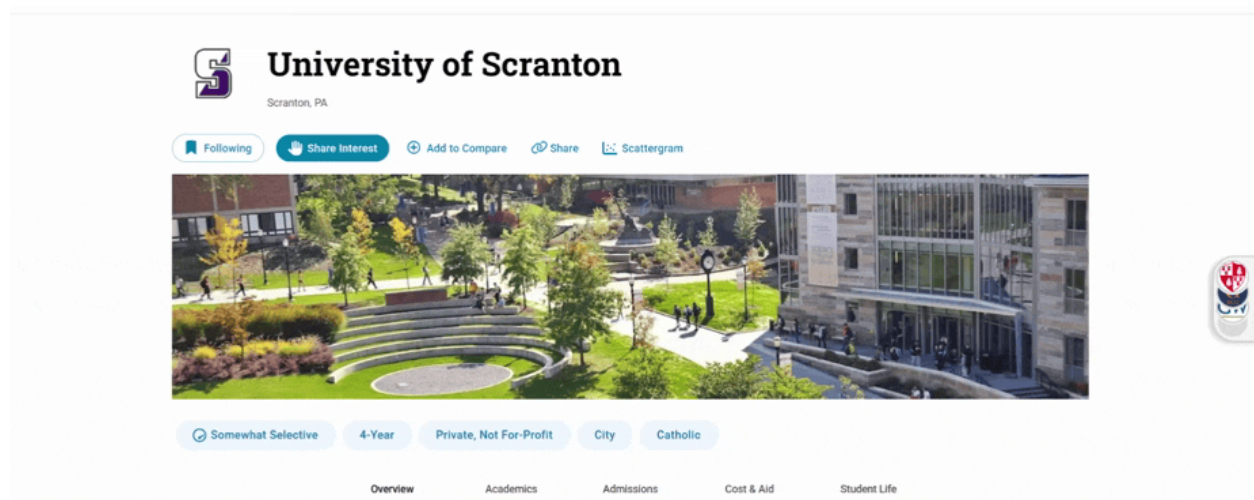
One of the many features you can use on SCOIR is the ability to compare up to four colleges you are interested in to see how they are similar and different. You can see their admissions statistics (SAT score average, acceptance rates), student population, popular majors, and cost of attendance, popular majors. These are all things you can see on each institution's SCOIR page, but instead puts them all together to compare and contrast in one convenient location. There are two ways you can access this feature.

1. **Profile Tab.** Click on your profile icon in the top right, and select the “Compare Colleges” option.



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2. **College Page.** As you view colleges, you can select the “Add to Compare” button at the top and a tab will appear on the right hand side of your screen. Clicking the tab will open up the comparison page.

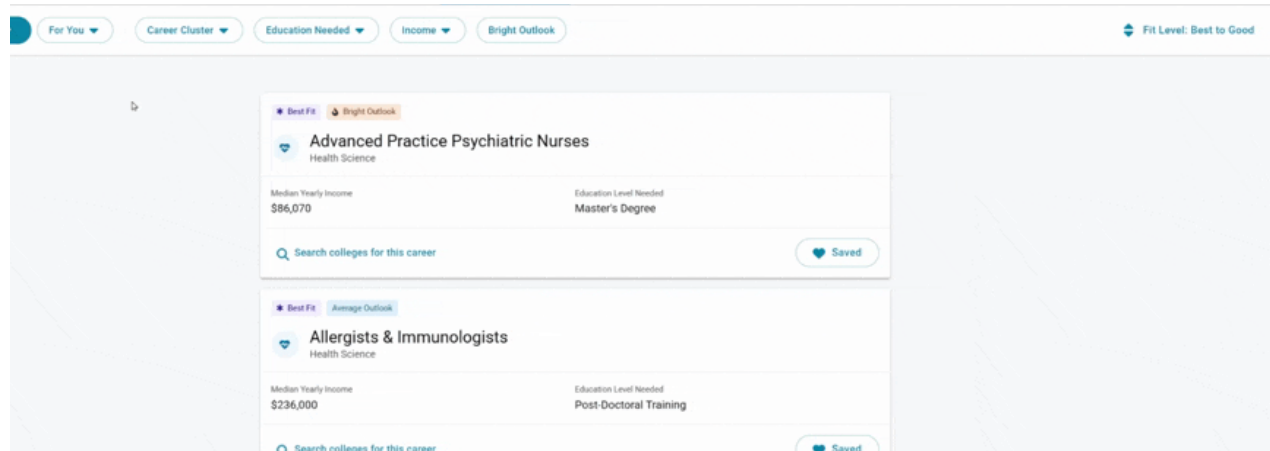


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Discover Tab

Career

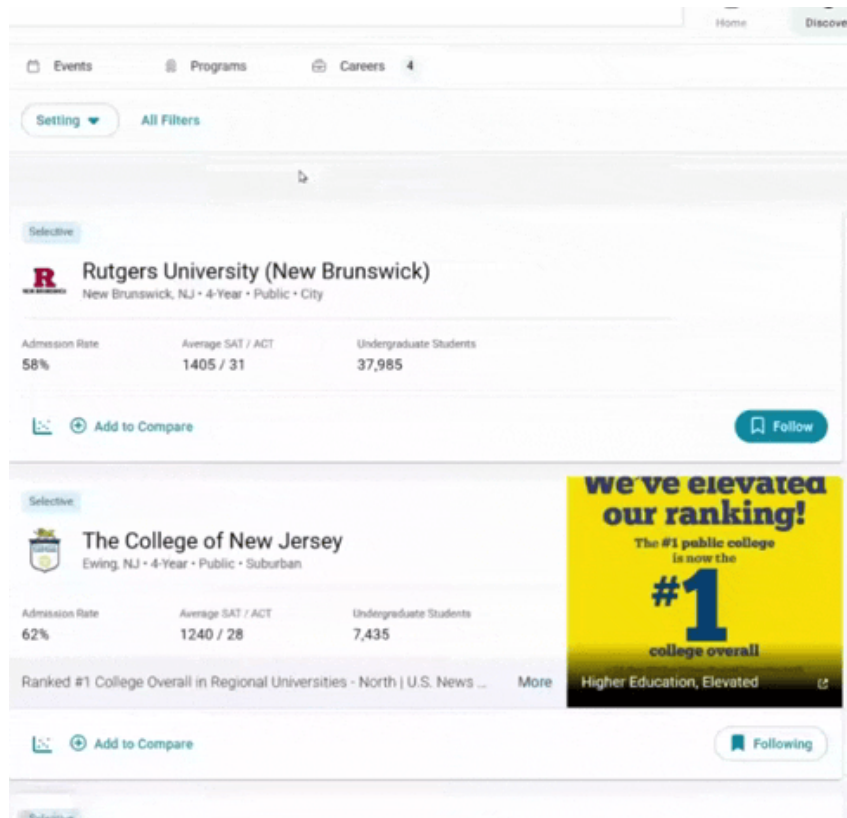
In the career subsection, you can search using the filters at the top. When you click on a given career, it will provide more information (e.g., income, education requirements, similar job titles, possible colleges for that career).



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College

This subsection allows you to use a variety of filters to narrow down your list of possible schools. This can be by criteria such as location, size, athletics, academic majors, etc.

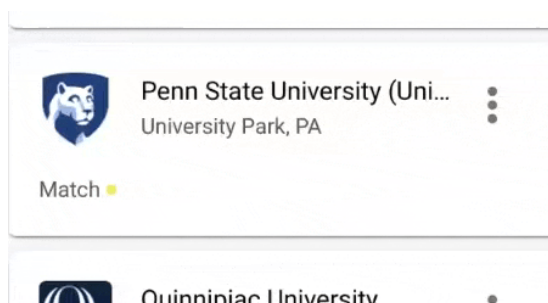


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Intelligent Match

If you believe it would be helpful for you, you can ask your school counselor to turn on *Intelligent Match*, which is a feature in SCOIR that predicts your likelihood of acceptance to an institution based on factors like your GPA and SAT scores. The outcomes options are as follows, from most likely to least: **Very Likely**, **Likely**, **Probable**, **Match**, **Reach**, **Far Reach**. This will also help you with creating your college lists, as it's important to have a balanced and realistic list of schools you're applying to.

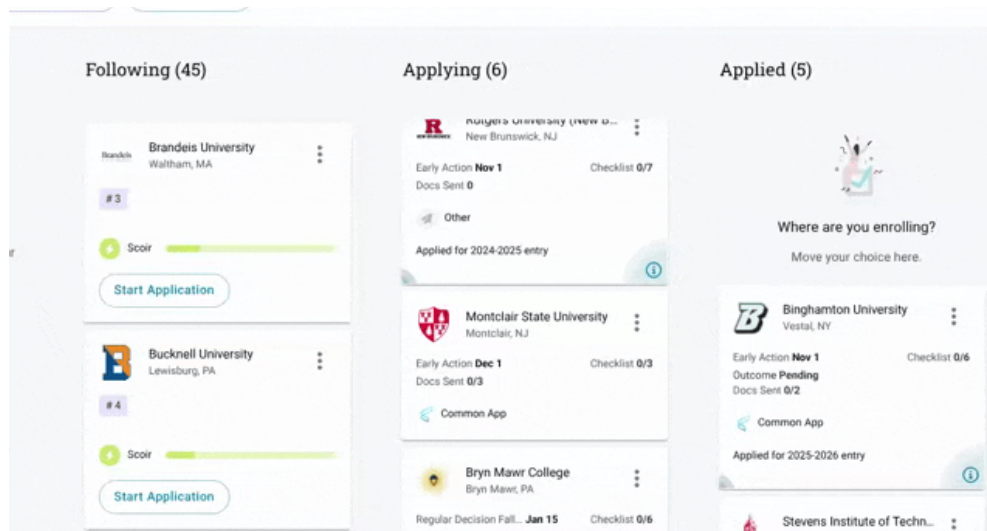
Using the [Scattergrams](#) tool can help you get a better idea of how the acceptance likelihood was determined for each school.



My Colleges Tab

Application Tracking

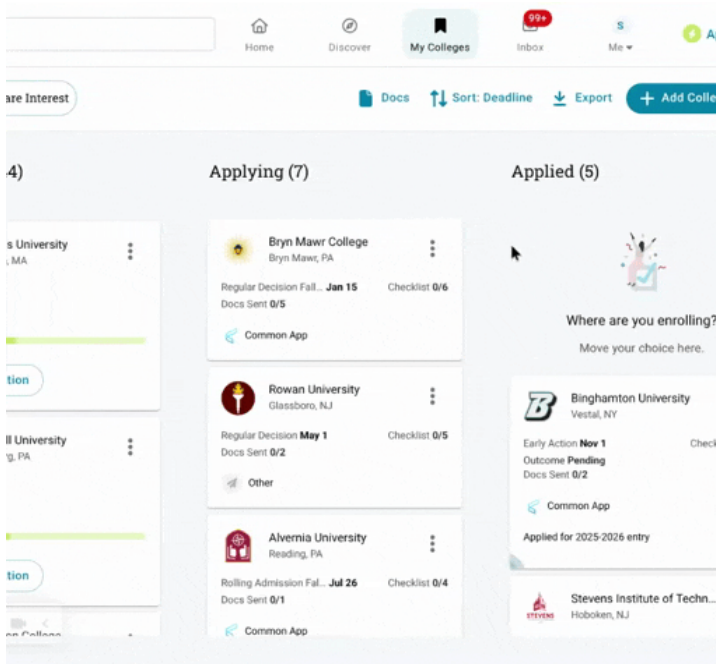
Please review Mrs. Thomson's video about how to update your decisions as you hear back from colleges: [How Do I: Update Decisions in SCOIR?](#) It's important to update your acceptance/enrollment status as it lets us know where to send your final transcript.



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Letters of Recommendation

Many colleges take teachers and/or counselor letters of recommendation. To see what types of letters a school may want, look under “Checklist” for each college and view the "Recommendations" subsection. Required letters are listed after the words “at least.”



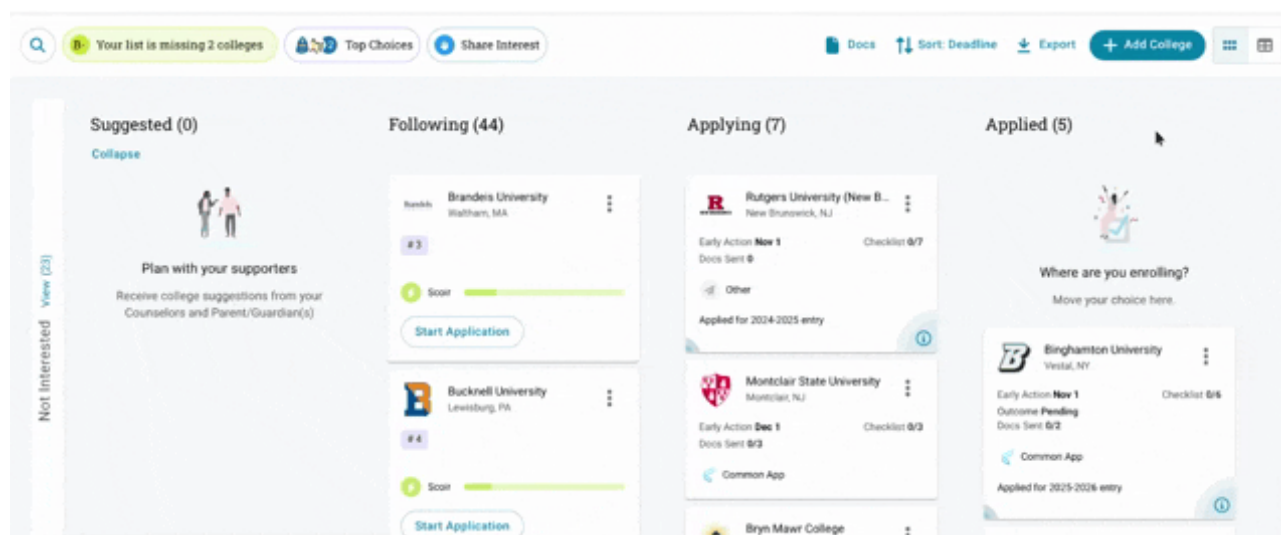
As shown here, Bryn Mawr College requires 1 counselor and 2 teacher letters.

Colleges that take letters, but are not required for application completion, will indicate so with “*Optional”

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Requesting Letters

Your school counselor sends letters out via SCOIR, so you need to request teachers through here. (Pro Tip: When you get to Common App, it will ask you to list who you are getting letters from. Only put their *NAME* so you can complete the application.)



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Profile Tab

It is important you take a look at your student profile. There are a few things in this section that are helpful to you and your school counselor during the application process.

Activities & Achievements

This section is helpful to keep track of your accomplishments and can include sports, work experience, community service, and clubs/school activities. It can be hard senior year to remember everything you've done in the past 4 years, so starting it early can assist you with keeping track. (Pro Tip: this information could be helpful for building your first resume).

The screenshot shows the SCOR Profile Tab interface. On the left is a sidebar with a user icon and a menu: Personal Details (selected), Academic Overview, Personal Bio, Activities & Achievements, College Preferences, Careers, and Drive. The main content area is titled 'Personal Details' and contains three columns. The first column, 'Stu William Demo', shows address (10 Carter Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844), phone, email, birth date (Jan 1, 2006), and demographic info (Legal Sex: Not specified, Gender: Not specified, Race: White, Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizenship: Not specified). The second column, 'Parents', lists Diane Demo and Dave Demo with 'Resend' links, and an 'Invite a Parent' button. Below this is a first-generation student declaration with 'Yes' selected. The third column, 'Account', shows email (hsscor@gmail.com), a FERPA waiver status of 'Granted', and an Application ID (18989593). A top navigation bar includes Home, Discover, My Colleges, Inbox, and a profile dropdown.

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Drive

The Drive tab is full of helpful tips and information from Mrs. Thomson, our College and Career counselor at HHS. Some links you can find are help guides for Common App and STARS.

This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the SCOR Profile Tab. The only difference is the addition of a 'Download Resume' button in the top right corner of the main content area, next to the 'Personal Details' header.

Teacher to Counselor Form

While we highly recommend letters of recommendation come from teachers from junior year, so consider sending other individuals the Teacher to Counselor Feedback form. Information they provide in this can be used in the letter to schools from your school counselor.

The screenshot shows the SCOIR application portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SCOIR logo, a search bar for careers, and links for Home, Discover, My Colleges, Inbox (with a 99+ notification), and a user profile dropdown (S Me). Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'Drive' and contains a table of documents. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a user profile icon and the name 'Stu Demo', followed by a list of menu items: Personal Details, Academic Overview, Personal Bio, Activities & Achievements, College Preferences, Careers, and Drive (which is currently selected).

Name	Created By	Last Modified ↓	
4-Year College Application Checklist	Aimee Thomson	02/23/2026	...
STARS (SRAR) Tips & Hints	Aimee Thomson	02/23/2026	...
Mrs. Thomson's Common App Help Guide	Aimee Thomson	02/23/2026	...
Junior Group Presentation, January 2025	Aimee Thomson	02/23/2026	...
College App Outcomes, Class of 2025	Aimee Thomson	07/03/2025	...
Mrs. Thomson's YouTube Channel	Aimee Thomson	06/18/2024	...

Surveys

Student Brag Sheet

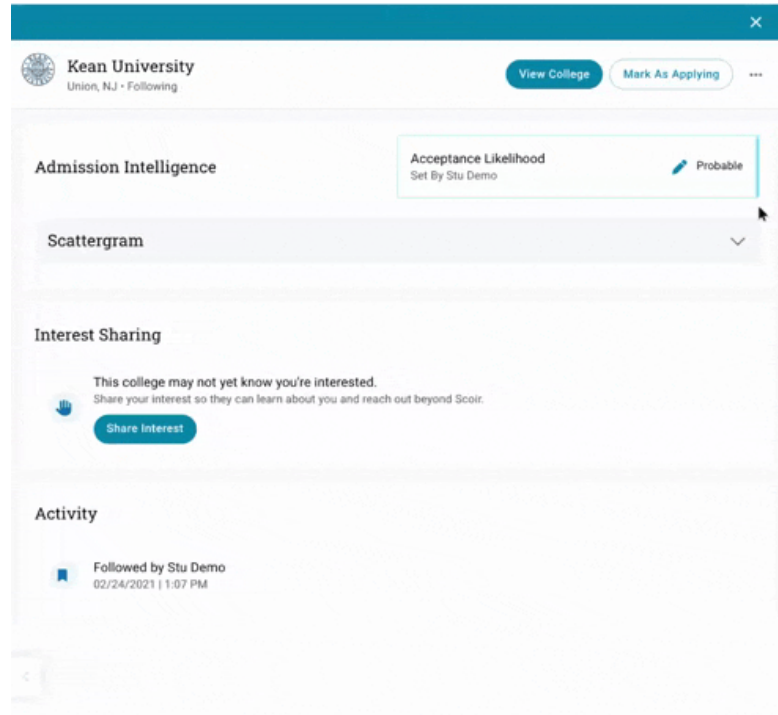
We ask our students to complete this brag sheet as early in the school year as possible. It allows us to ensure we include things you find important about your high school career and accomplishments we can highlight. Without this letter, we are unable to write an effective counselor letter for you, so please make sure to get it done! You should see it on the home screen as something on your “to-do list,” as well as listed under the “assignments” tab
([video TBD](#))

Visits & Deadlines

Starting your junior year, you have the opportunity to visit a predetermined number of college rep visits during the school day. College admissions counselors from a variety of institutions travel to HHS to give you the opportunity to learn more about their school and ask questions. You **MUST** sign up for the visit in SCOIR in order to attend.
([video TBD](#))

Scattergrams

When you consider each school, take a look at the *Scattergram*. This data-driven graph gives you an idea of where you statistically land with past students from HHS. **You are the purple star.** Sometimes, visually seeing where you are in reference to other students can give you an idea of the acceptance likelihood you'd have for a particular school.



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