HELPFUL INTERNET SITES

NOTE: All of these links can be found live on the WACAC website:
http://www.wacac.org/index.php/resources/links/

INTEREST SURVEYS AND PERSONALITY TESTS

www.humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/Jtypes1.htm

A short version of Myers-Briggs personality test. Asks 72 questions about preferences then, based on your answers, explains your personality type.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myers-Briggs_Type_Indicator

Explanation of what the Myers-Briggs test is and helps explain your results.

www.doi.gov/octc/typescar.html

Take the personality test above to see what jobs match up with your personality type.

www.careerkey.org/english/

Take the Career Key, a professional career test. It takes about 10 minutes. It measures your skills, abilities, values, interests, and personality. Identify promising jobs and get accurate information about them.

www.positivelymary.com

Once you have taken the test, a graph of your True Colors personality spectrum will be displayed for you to print and keep.

www.educationplanner.com/education_planner/default.asp?sponsor=2859

Take a career quiz, learning style quiz and get practical information about the whole application process. Counselors section with handouts. Information available in Spanish, too.

http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/college

From the US News page, scroll down to Tools (on the lower left).

http://pics.collegetrends.org

Take the inventory of college styles and find out how your personal style influences the style of college you should attend.

www.mymajors.com

A short quiz on this site analyzes this information and suggests six majors to think about because they match your interests and high school experience. It can also give you more information about these majors, what type of courses you would take to get a degree and what jobs are available to graduates with various degrees.
www.colorwize.com

Free career aptitude test and personality test.
EXPLORING COLLEGE OPTIONS

www.act.org

Test information, college planning tips for students, information and resources for secondary and post-secondary schools.

http://www.aiccu.edu

Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.

www.blackexcel.org

Information for black and other minority students seeking college information, includes a minority scholarship list.

www.allaboutcollege.com

Excellent search engine for colleges, test prep, and financial aid.

www.calstate.edu

General information about the California State University system.

www.campusprogram.com

This site not only searches for college programs by state, but also allows you to find colleges by specific career fields, majors, and occupations.

www.campustours.com

The Campus Tours Index provides fast and easy access to interactive tours of colleges across the United States.

www.anycollege.com

Use this database to search for colleges by program, state, type of school, sport and school name.

www.californiacolleges.edu

Career and college planning, information on every 2-year and 4-year college in California.

www.cappex.com

Colleges “search” through student generated profiles for “matches” and contact the student directly, also scholarship search and counselor toolkit with handouts.

www.collegeanswer.com

Launched by Sallie Mae in 2000, this site helps students and their families prepare for college with information on selecting the right college, applying to college, scholarships and financial aid.

www.CollegeBasics.com
Admission tips and strategies for planning for, applying to and paying for college, plus essay strategies and scholarship information.

www.collegeboard.com

Find information about the College Board tests (SAT, PSAT, AP), planning for college, finding a college, applying to college, and paying for college.

www.collegenet.com

Excellent search engine - hotlinks right to the schools that interest you. Has online applications and customized Internet admissions applications built for over 1,500 colleges and universities in the U.S. When applying to more than one program, you save redundant typing since common data automatically travels from form to form.

www.collegeconfidential.com

Information on applying, testing, finance, campus life, evaluating college rankings, reviews of books on admissions, articles and a special focus on Ivy League admissions.

www.collegedata.com

Choose, prepare, apply and pay for college with advice and tools from this website; get college admission help and search for colleges and scholarships; good college match feature and handouts in English and Spanish.

www.collegeexpress.com

Information pertaining to loans, colleges, scholarships, test preparation for smaller, private and lesser known colleges.

www.collegesofdistinction.com

Based on the book “Colleges of Distinction” this site allows you to search those colleges based on the 4 Distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community, successful outcomes.

www.collegiatechoice.com

Simple non-promotional recordings of student-guided campus tours recorded by guidance counselors at over 350 colleges; cost is $15 per tour plus shipping.

www.csumentor.edu

Plan for college, search the 23 campuses and apply online.

www.ctcl.com

Colleges That Change Lives consortium.

http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/college

US News list of Best College rankings plus unranked schools, news articles and school directories. Tools and reports to take you through the steps of the college process - from choosing where to apply to the application process itself.
www.collegeprofiles.com

Features in-depth profiles with information about academic programs, athletics, campus life, and financial aid, along with geographic search, directories for honors programs, women's colleges, statistics on minority enrollment and numerous other resources for prospective college students.

www.collegeview.com

A fee online college search service with profiles of 3,500+ colleges and university sites, virtual tours, electronic applications, financial aid information, career planning tools, and more. Find others with similar interests in Coffee Shop.

www.commonapp.org

A general application form used by over 400 independent colleges that is available online.

http://edonline.com/collegecompass

Huge site contains links to careers and majors, college selections, financial aid, scholarships, test preparation, and summer programs.

www.fastweb.com

Site provides information about applying to schools, scholarships, grants and loans.

www.gocollege.com

Comprehensive resource covering college admissions, financial aid, educational options and surviving college.

www.google.com/options/universities.html

Google's University Search enables you to narrow your search to a specific school website. Try it for things like admissions information, course schedules, or alumni news.

www.knowhow2go.org

Information on college planning and preparation, applying and financial aid particularly geared for low income, first generation students.

www.makingitcount.com

Tips on how to organize and plan for college life. Includes playing sports, careers, and the college experience in general, all written in teen-friendly language.

http://mappingyourfuture.org

Career options and college planning from junior high through graduate school; specific sections for counselors, financial aid professionals.

www.mycollegeguide.org

Admissions guide, college search and common application; “Ask the Guru” section is informational.

www.nacacnet.org/StudentResources
The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) offers college advice and downloadable information on many topics of interest to students and parents.

http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

This site, created by the National Center for Education Statistics in the U.S. Department of Education, is a direct link to over 9,000 colleges and universities in the United States.

www.nextstepmagazine.com

Comprehensive new college information site from Next Step magazine.

http://system.nevada.edu

Nevada System of Higher Education.

www.petersons.com

Includes a way to search for colleges by major, tuition, sports and other criteria; plus help writing admissions essays, as well as test-preparation questions and information on financial aid.

www.petersons.com/bestcollegepicks/login.asp

Sponsored by Peterson's - includes excellent general search but also specific searches for visual and performing arts, culinary, nursing, etc.

www.princetonreview.com

Use the free school-match service, which can help you find the right school. Access 700-plus school applications, use free practice tests, search for scholarships and read advice on topics such as how to pay for college. Lists the annual “best value colleges”.

www.studentsreview.com

Read college students’ critiques of their schools.

www.studyabroad.com

Program and directory information for high school and college students.

www.supercollege.com

Search the profiles of 3,000 colleges, read winning admissions essays, get tips on filling out application forms, search a scholarship database and read timetables for preparing for college while in high school. Fee-based essay editing ($150-$300).

www.ucop.edu/doorways

UC Doorways to access certified course lists by high school.

www.ucop.edu/pathways

Start page for the University of California.
www.unigo.com

Take an insider’s look at college life from a student perspective with reviews, photos, videos and articles.

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/apply/apply_online.html

UC link to apply online.

www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/

What can I do with a major in….?) Site from the University of North Carolina links career to the majors available on campus.

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/welcome.html

General University of California system information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/educators/counselors/resources.html

UC resources and materials to download.

www.utexas.edu/world/univ/

Lists universities, colleges and community colleges alphabetically and by state, includes links to catalogs and accrediting organizations.

www.videc.com

Online comprehensive videos of 18 different colleges, providing students and parents with a comprehensive look at those schools without a viewing charge.

www.YOUUniversity.tv

Online video tours of different colleges led by students; not all schools listed have accompanying videos and not every school has a listing; no charge for viewing.
TEST REGISTRATION, INFORMATION, AND PREPARATION

www.4tests.com
Online practice test website.

www.act.org
Information on the American College Testing program.

www.actstudent.org
Test information, search colleges by state.

www.apcentral.collegeboard.com
AP Central is the official online home for anyone interested in or involved with the Pre-AP or AP Programs.

www.collegeboard.com
The site has sections on selecting the right college, testing information, financial aid and a free search.

www.compassprep.com/admissions_req_subjects.aspx
SAT subject tests admissions requirements.

www.fairtest.org/optstate.html
Search SAT/ACT Optional 4 year universities by state.

www.number2.com
Free test preparation.

www.petersons.com
Test-preparation questions and information on financial aid.

www.princetonreview.com
Free practice tests, search for scholarships, advice on paying for college.

www.toefl.org
Find out more about the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
GENERAL INFORMATION WEBSITES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**www.aco.eu.com**

Information on studying in an American college or university around the world. All of the universities and colleges described here are members of the CIS group of American Colleges Overseas (CIS/ACO). All offer American-style degree programs that are accredited either in the United States or have state recognition in their host countries with English as the language of instruction.

**www.aucc.ca/publications/auccpubs/directories/dcu/dcu_e.html**

Produced by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, this 664-page guide includes profiles of 94 Canadian universities with information on tuition rates, student enrollment, academic programs and degrees, and student facilities and services.

**www.braintrack.com**

A directory of the world's universities and colleges. The web site is an index of international links and an information reference for more than 10,000 higher education institutions in 194 countries.

**www.educations.com**

A comprehensive source of information about study abroad programs worldwide.

**www.scholarstuff.com**

Offers a little something for everyone: a comprehensive list of colleges from the U.S. and around the world, chat rooms, financial aid sites, and links to information on college prep exams.

**Australia**

**http://oz.Internationalstudent.com**

A guide and online portal for information, advice, help and assistance for studying in Australia.

**www.idp.edu.au/**

Another guide to studying in Australia with answers to many frequent questions.

**www.australian-universities.com/**

Good search guide to colleges in Australia with rankings.

**British University System**

**www.britishcouncil.org/usa-education**

A guide for students considering studying abroad or getting their undergraduate or graduate degree in the UK (England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland).

**www.timesonline.co.uk/section/0,,716,00.html**

Ranks the universities in the UK and recommends the best courses to take in order to gain employment.
The Guardian publishes a UK university guide, placing a strong emphasis on the quality of teaching at each ranked institution.

www.uk-universities.net/Universities

Gives colleges and universities in the UK according to one’s needs.

Canada

www.studyincanada.com

Find the right Canadian school for you.

India Universities

www.indiaedu.com

Lists educational institutions in India by areas of the country – both graduate and undergrad.

Malaysia

www.studymalaysia.com

An online guide to education in Malaysia that includes information on private schools, colleges and universities.
SPECIALIZED COLLEGE INFORMATION

www.aicad.org

Find a major or school in the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design as well as portfolio day schedules and suggestions on how to apply.

www.catholiccollegesonline.org

The National Catholic College Admission Association website allows you to search by region or program with links for students, parents and counselors.

www.fairtest.org

Site is run by National Center for Fair and Open Testing. University section includes latest on college testing and list of schools that do not use standardized tests as part of application process in the U.S.

www.ibo.org

Information on International Baccalaureate.

www.hacu.net

To improve access to and the quality of post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students.

http://hbcu.com

Dedicated to providing information and services related to historically black college and universities.

www.hillel.org

A search guide to Jewish life on U.S. college and university campuses.

www.naia.org

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The association provides exclusive opportunities for over 45,000 young men and women to achieve academically while competing for the love of the game. NAIA member institutions award millions of dollars through athletic aid to eligible student-athletes.

www.ncaa.org

Home site of The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) which includes lists of schools by participating sport.

https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/

This site informs student athletes about the recruiting process, amateurism issues, letters of intent, eligibility rules and athletic scholarships. The student guide may be downloaded at www.ncaastudent.org

www.womenscolleges.org

Women’s College Coalition site allows you to search by college name, location and major.
COMMUNITY COLLEGE INFORMATION

www.cccapply.org

The online gateway to the 110 community colleges in California including a map and directory, overviews of each campus and financial aid information.

www.cccco.edu/CommunityColleges/tabid/830/Default.aspx

Search for California community colleges by name or region as well as vocational and certificate programs. Includes list of those colleges with dormitories.

www.assist.org

Transfer agreement information for all California colleges and universities

www.communitycollegereview.com

Community College Review lets you find free, detailed profiles of community colleges and their surrounding communities.

www.laocrc.com

Search for specific academic, vocational and apprenticeship programs at community colleges in Los Angeles County or Orange County.

www.aacc.nche.edu

The America Association of Community Colleges website helps you find a community college program anywhere in the U.S.

https://misweb.cccco.edu/webproginv/prod/invmenu.htm

From the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, search throughout the state for vocational and apprenticeship programs by college or program.
Launched by Sallie Mae in 2000, this site helps students and their families prepare for college with information on selecting the right college, applying to college, scholarships and financial aid.

The College Board site has sections on scholarship search, financial aid easy planner, apply for a loan, calculators to estimate college costs, selecting the right college, and testing information.

Information on applying, testing, finance, campus life, evaluating college rankings, reviews of books on admissions and a special focus on Ivy League admissions.

College, scholarship and loan search information.

Free scholarship and financial aid searches; ACT and SAT preparation tips and links to college admissions, scholarship and financial aid pages.

Information on scholarships with direct access to the applications and a variety of search categories.

California Student Aid Commission.

The website for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid takes you through the federal aid process, clearly explaining what needs to be done before, during and after you apply; learn everything from how to determine your eligibility to how to check the status of your application.

Large, reliable scholarship database; big plus is that the site sends new offerings to registered users, so they don't have to keep checking the database; users create a personalized profile that's matched against 800,000 scholarships; site also provides information about applying to schools and financial aid.

College financial aid information, savings plans, different kinds of scholarships and loans, calculating tools to figure out how much money you'll need and help in navigating the financial-aid process.

Rates various other sites and options, information on scams to avoid and how to get one-on-one financial counseling and assistance.
www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/scholarship

Federal Trade Commission scholarship scam alert page with information for students and parents.

www.gocollege.com

Search for schools by majors and other criteria, large scholarship database, tips on financial aid, campus crime statistics, lists of hotels near campus, etc.

www.guaranteed-scholarships.com

Alphabetical list of colleges with their guaranteed, merit based scholarships, a short summary of each award and the matching criteria and deadlines.

www.hsf.net

Database of scholarships and links to financial aid sites for Hispanic students.

www.iefa.org

IEFA is the premier resource for financial aid, college scholarship and grant information for US and international students wishing to study abroad. At this site, you will find the most comprehensive college scholarship search and grant listings plus international student loan programs and other information to promote study abroad.

http://InternationalScholarships.com

Free site with information that can be filtered to search for scholarships, loans, internships and grants for students in the United States and abroad for use at home and overseas.

http://mappingyourfuture.org

Information on making high school count, careers and student loans.

http://money.cnn.com/pf/college/

Find the current cost of attending most colleges.

www.pin.ed.gov

Obtain a Personal Identification Number for FAFSA applications.

www.salliemae.com

Loans for all stages of education, common questions about financial aid, interest deductions, budgeting and credit.

www.savingforcollege.com

Resource for students and parents detailing ways to save for college including “529” accounts.

www.scholarshipamerica.org

The site describes and links students to different types of scholarship programs.
www.scholarships.com

Free college scholarship search and financial aid resource.

www.ScholarshipExperts.com

Search service for scholarships with customized results; includes quarterly scholarships and articles about researching and applying for college funding.

www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

Explains student aid programs administered by U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid Office (FSA).

www.thepointfoundation.org

Scholarship opportunities for exceptional students, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

www.UNCF.org

The United Negro College Fund site includes lists of scholarship and internship opportunities; also are links to sites where students can apply for scholarships.
LEARNING DIFFERENCES

www.ldaamerica.org

Learning Disabilities Association of America.

www.nichcy.org

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities.

www.ldonline.org/indepth/college

LD OnLine offers hundreds of expert-reviewed articles and resources for educators, parents, and others concerned about children and adults with learning disabilities and ADHD.

www.collegescholarships.com/learning_disabilities.htm

List of colleges with programs for learning disabled students.
CAREER INFORMATION

http://stats.bls.gov/oco

From the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor, the Occupational Outlook Handbook tells you: the training and education needed, earnings, expected job prospects, what workers do on the job and working conditions for hundreds of different types of jobs.

www.uncwil.edu/staff/career/Majors

“What can I do with a major in . . .?”

www.avscholars.com

Search for basic information on aviation careers, including college preparation and financial aid.

http://science.education.nih.gov/LifeWorks.nsf/feature

NIH sponsored website providing information for education and careers in health and medical sciences.

www.search4careercolleges.com

Information on career schools.

www.usnews.com/sections/business/best-careers

U.S. News profiles 30 careers that offer strong outlooks and high job satisfaction.

www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/career/students/page17957.html

From Bowling Green State University - Self-assessment, academic and career options, relevant/practical experience, job search, school preparation.

www.careers.org

Comprehensive career site including career descriptions, education resources, and career colleges.

www.collegeboard.org/career/bin/career.pl

Comprehensive site about majors and careers. There is information on job outlooks, compensation, and colleges.

Job Search Sites

www.jobstar.org
www.monster.com
www.jobbankinfo.org
www.mychoice.com
www.careerbuilder.com
www.employmentguide.com
www.jobweb.org
**COLLEGE RANKING WEBSITES**

www.collegeconfidential.com/college_rankings

Discusses the pros and cons of ranking colleges.

www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/rankings.htm

The University of Illinois has gathered links to a collection of sites that rate colleges with various criteria. The site also discusses the philosophical difficulties with the whole process of ranking colleges.

www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htm

U.S. News and World Report's yearly rankings of "America's Best Colleges." Includes tips on latest trends.

**ASSOCIATIONS**

http://www.schoolcounselor-ca.org

California Association of School Counselors.

**RESEARCH**

www.usc.edu/dept/chepa

Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis.

www.trpi.org

Tomas Rivera Policy Institute.