

# Graduation

May 26, 2024  
5:00 pm

Planning for Life After  
High School



# Learning targets

1

Understand how Student Services staff can support you with your college, career, and life plans.

2

Know where to find college, career and life readiness resources.

# Student Services Staff

## COUNSELORS

- Jerry Johnson      A-C & V-Z
- Roxann Engel      D-J
- Tracy Freidel      K-N
- Sonja Gab      O-U

## OTHER DEPARTMENT STAFF

- Ashley Jensen: Lifeways Advisor
- Jamiee Exner: Registrar
- Brandy Bedford: Records Secretary
- Brenda Sinclair: Secretary

# Transcript Questions?

## Ask your counselor!

- Transcript checks
- Grade Replacements
- Graduating Early  
(October 31 – form deadline)
- Make sure if you are taking off campus courses they are on your schedule
- Requesting a transcript – [SHS Counseling website](#)



# GRADTime12 – 5 Items!

Counselor Presentation	Post High College Fair	1:1 Counselor Meeting	College Application Day	Senior Survey
TODAY Sept 21 ✓	Oct 11	Schedule Sept-Nov	Oct 24	May

Canvas lessons available for make-up credit if absent

# Which Website Do I Use for Which Purposes?

Quick Reference on the Main Focus Areas of SDMyLife, Our Dakota Dreams, and CareerReadySD

CAREER PREPARATION	COLLEGE PREPARATION	WORK-BASED LEARNING
		
<b><a href="http://sdmylife.com">sdmylife.com</a></b>	<b><a href="http://ourdakotadreams.com">ourdakotadreams.com</a></b>	<b><a href="http://careerready.sd.gov">careerready.sd.gov</a></b>
<p>SDMyLife (powered by Xello) is an online career exploration and academic program for South Dakota 6-12 grade students. Students can log in with their school email (K12) credentials or request their username from an educator or school counselor at their school.</p>	<p>Our Dakota Dreams is the premier source for college preparation featuring South Dakota's public technical colleges and universities. College preparation checklists, financial aid planning, a statewide scholarship bulletin board, and more resources are showcased on the website.</p>	<p>The CareerReadySD website provides a variety of tools and resources to help connect educators, parents, students, and industry to engage in work-based learning experiences. These experiences bridge academic, technical, and employability skill development to help students become college, career, and life ready, and to help businesses grow their future workforce.</p>

## Resources

- [Stevens Website: School Counseling and Advising](#)
- [SDMyLife](#)
- [Careerready.sd.gov](#)
- [Our Dakota Dreams](#)
- [FAFSA](#)
- [Mapping Your Future](#)

# LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL....



- College:
  - University
  - Technical Colleges
- Military
- Apprenticeships and on the job training
- Other (Travel, Humanitarian Service, Gap Year, etc.)

# Career Exploration

## Career Information Sites:

- SD MYLIFE
- My Next Move
- US Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Our Dakota Dreams

ASVAB- October 27<sup>th</sup> (1:00)



# Academic Preparation

- Challenge yourself
- Do your best- ALL YEAR
- Consider Dual Enrollment  
(November 1 is when Spring registration opens)
  - Dual Enrollment presentation  
October 24 during PTC

# Making a decision

Aspects to consider when looking at schools:

## EDUCATIONAL

- Career/Job
- Major
- Program

## PERSONAL

- Location
- Extracurricular Activities
- Family

## FINANCIAL

- How much do you want to spend?



# Apply

- Apply Online
  - Common Application
  - Individual Colleges- SD Free Oct 1-Nov 30)
- Find out what you need to apply
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Essays
  - Payment
  - Transcripts/Test Scores
- Check Deadlines (find these on college websites)
  - Early Decision (binding)
  - Early Action (early response to application, no commitment)
  - Regular Admission
  - Scholarships

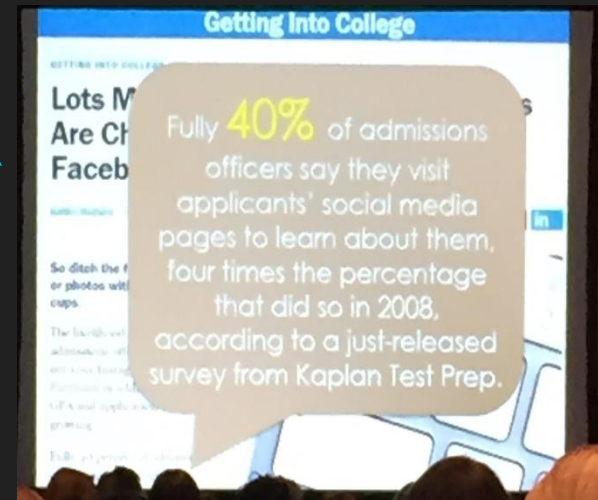
# Social Media & Letters of Recommendation

## ○ Social Media

- What you put on these sites could impact a person's willingness to write you a letter (or admit you, hire you, or keep you as an employee.)
- Employers/colleges/scholarship boards may ask for access to social media sites.

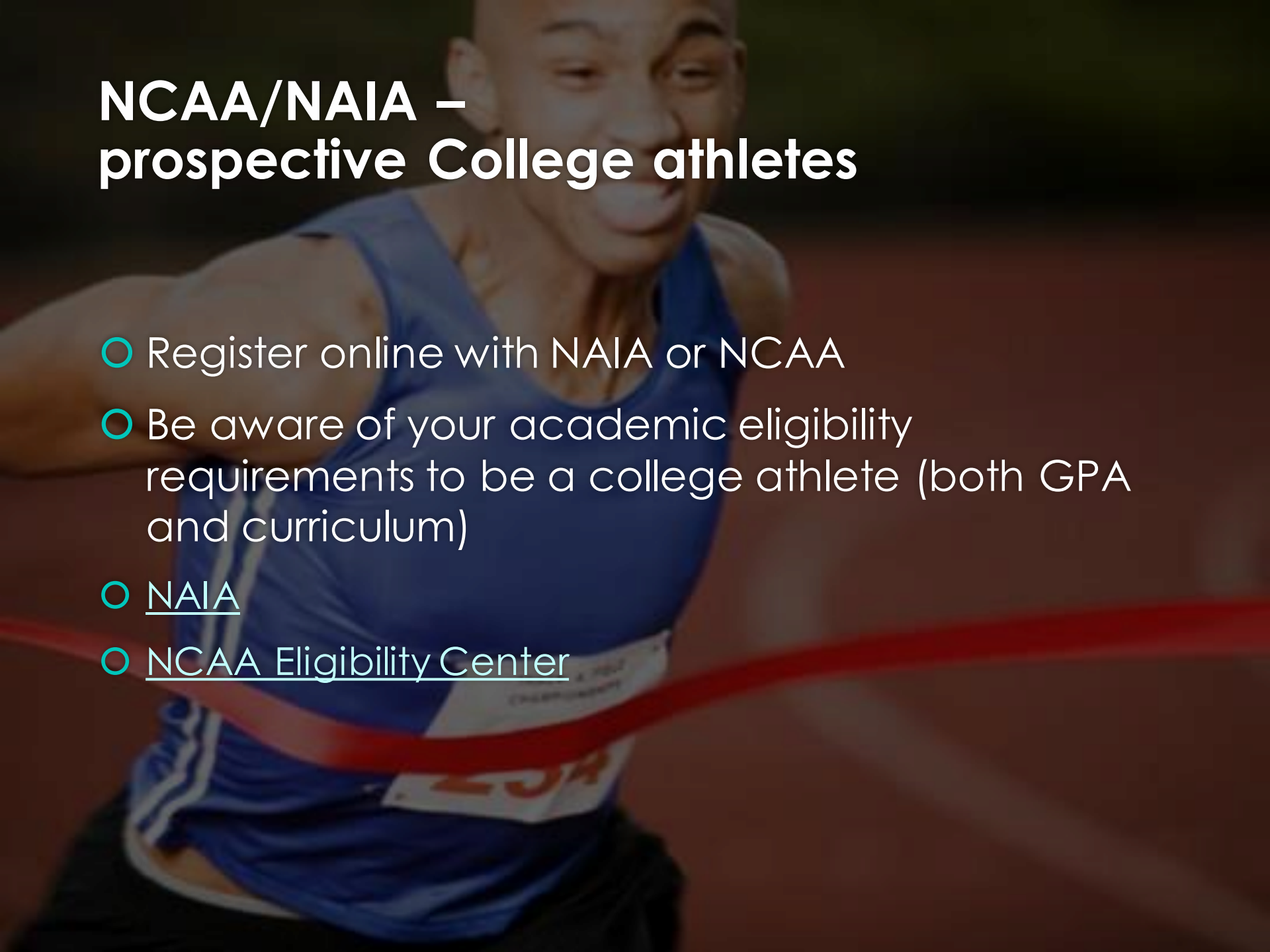
## ○ Letters of Recommendation

- Request letters 2 weeks in advance
  - Be specific: Who is it for? When do you need it?
  - Provide your Recommendation Brag Sheet
- Thank anyone who writes you a letter.



# Look for Financial Aid

- FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
  - Nov 9th – 6 pm information night location TBD
  - Apply after January 1
- Scholarships-SD
  - Stevens
  - National
- Private loans
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
- Reciprocity with Minnesota
- Military
- SD Opportunity Scholarship
- Dakota Corps Scholarship
- Build Dakota Scholarship



# NCAA/NAIA – prospective College athletes

- Register online with NAIA or NCAA
- Be aware of your academic eligibility requirements to be a college athlete (both GPA and curriculum)
- NAIA
- NCAA Eligibility Center

# Post-High College Fair

October 11th, 2023 (8:00-9:45 am)

## The Monument

- Post High Planning College Fair is Oct. 11th 8:00-am-9:45 am
- Over 40 in-state and out-of-state post-secondary schools will be in attendance.
- Register Online at [Strive Scan](https://app.strivescan.com/students)  
<https://app.strivescan.com/students>
- Must Register before being able to visit with reps
- Attendance is a GRADTime 12 requirement/must get scanned



**Schedule  
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meeting  
soon!**

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