**Junior Naviance Activity:**

**College SuperMatch**

**Title:** CollegeSuperMatch

**Grade Level:** 11

**Duration:** 45 minutes

**ASCA Domain:** Career and Academic

**ASCA Standards:** A:B2.7,A:C1A.2,A:C1.6, C:A1.2, C:A1.8, C:A2.6, C:A2.8, C:B1.2, C:B1.3, C:B2.1, C:C1.1, C:C1.7

**Materials Needed:** Naviance, student transcripts

**Goals:**

* Get students more familiar with Naviance activities as it relates to college/scholarship searching
* Students determine important factors for selecting a college
* Students prioritize factors of selecting a college
* Students compare and contract different colleges based on personal factors and information

**Learning Objectives:**

* Students will gain knowledge of deciding factors for college selection
* Students will learn about admission requirements for 2- and 4-year colleges
* Students will start a list of schools they plan to apply for

**Procedures:**

***Lesson:***

1. Review Fall Junior PowerPoint.
2. Hand out transcripts to students to allow them to apply the PowerPoint information to themselves.
3. Review 5 Post-High School options and pertinent information regarding the options.
4. Have students complete the Naviance activity: **College SuperMatch**. Students will save their search, pin 3 schools and compare them, then journal about what they learned.
   1. After this activity, explain at least two things that you learned about the colleges you pinned (either about the school or as you compared schools).
   2. Do you think either would be a good fit for you? Why or why not?
   3. Are you on track for the admission requirements? If no, what specifically do you need to do (increase GPA, take or retake SAT/ACT, take more core classes, take more advanced classes, replace some Ds you’ve earned, etc.)?
5. If time allows, show students the resume builder tool in Naviance (under **About Me** tab in the **Interesting Things About Me** category) and allow them to create/update resume.
6. Ask the class who found a new school (that they’d never heard of) that they are considering researching or applying to in the future? What factors drew their attention to that school?

**College Super Match Activity:**

1. Go to **connection.naviance.com/glencoehs**
2. Login to your Naviance account.
   1. Username:

First 4 letters of last name + first initial + last 3 numbers of student ID#

* 1. Password:

Student ID#

1. Under the Colleges tab at the top, select **SuperMatch** college search link from the **College Research** category.
2. Using the orange tabs on the left, click through each category, entering information that is important to you in a college. **Keep in mind**:
   1. If you don’t have a preference for that category, you don’t have to select anything
   2. The more preferences you enter, the fewer schools you will have to select from at the end
   3. It is recommended that you only select things that you feel very sure about; by selecting too many preferences, you may eliminate schools that might fit what you’re really looking for!
   4. At the bottom of each orange tab, it will ask **“How important is this to you?”** and you can answer “Kinda”, “Very” or “Must Have”, which will help the SuperMatch tool to calculate this into your list as well. You can see a summary of these choices at the top of your screen, in the blue box labeled “**My Choices**”.
3. As you click on each item, your list will start adjusting in the main part of the screen.
   1. Here, you can see schools that match your criteria, and also how well they match your choices (shown in a percentage). The higher the percentage, the better the match based on what you’ve entered as choices.
4. When you have completed the orange tabs/entering your preferences, take a look at your list of colleges. ***Pin at least 3 schools*** by checking the “**Pin it**” box to the left of the college name, which will save them to your account so you can look at them later on.
5. Click on the great box next to your Pinned schools that says “**I Want to…**” and select **Compare Pinned Schools**.
6. Review the information listed for the schools, including:
   1. Campus Setting
   2. Percent Admitted
   3. Average SAT/ACT scores, Average GPA
   4. In-State or Out-of-State Tuition and Fees
   5. # of Students
   6. Graduation Rate
7. Click the gray box in the upper left corner that says **Save**, and title this search “December 2015”.
8. Click on the **About Me** tab at the top of the screen, and select Journal from the Interesting **Things About Me category**.
9. Click **Add a New Entry**.
   1. Select **My Colleges** from the **Type** list
   2. Enter **SuperMatch Reflection** as the Subject
   3. Answer the following questions using complete sentences:
      1. After comparing and contrasting, the 3 (or more) colleges/universities that I pinned today were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
      2. After this activity,
         1. Describe one new thing you learned about each school.
         2. Compare two of the schools you pinned, naming 3 similarities or differences of the two.
      3. I believe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would/would not be a good fit for me because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
      4. Pick at least one school and describe if you are on track for the admission requirements?
         1. If yes, explain what requirements you have met or are on track for.
         2. If no, what specifically do you need to do in order to meet the admissions requirements?

**EXAMPLES**: (increase/maintain GPA, take or retake SAT/ACT test, take more core classes, take more advanced classes, replace some Ds you’ve earned, complete credit recovery or summer school, complete World Language credits, get involved in community service or an activity, etc.)?

* 1. Click **Add Journal Entry** at the bottom.