College Advising
Annual College Planning Programs

Rochester Mall College Fairs
Held annually in the fall at Greece Ridge and Marketplace Malls, Upper School students and parents are welcome to attend these events to gather information and interact with admission counselors from over 100 colleges and universities.

Senior College Planning Meeting
Members of the senior class and parents will hear a keynote address from a Director of Admissions and important information from the College Advisor about the details of the college application process. Attendance is expected for all seniors, and students are encouraged to bring at least one parent or guardian to the meeting.

Chariot Learning’s SAT/ACT Intensive Course
Through our partnership with Chariot Learning, we host this course on AC’s campus for a convenient and competitively-priced test prep option for our students. The class usually runs twice per year and includes 15 hours of instruction, one full-length practice SAT and review session and one full-length practice ACT and review session. The full-length proctored practice tests are free for all AC students.

PSAT/NMSQT Administration
All 10th and 11th grade students take the PSAT. Similar to the SAT, the PSAT measures critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills, however, it does not include an essay writing section. AC students do not need to pre-register or pay for the PSAT; the school considers the test central to the college advising process and incorporates the fee into AC’s comprehensive tuition.

College Financial Aid 101
Open to the whole school community, this is an opportunity to learn about the college financial aid application and award process from a Director of Financial Aid. We review the federal methodology for determining financial aid and the various resources colleges use to build financial aid packages.*

College Life Program
Recent AC alumni from the past four graduating classes are invited to return to AC for a nostalgic visit with Upper School students, faculty, and staff. Upper School students hear from a panel of alumni about their college experiences. This event is for students only and is held during the school day.

Rochester National College Fair
Held annually in the spring, Upper School students and parents are welcome to attend this event to gather information and interact with admission counselors from over 200 colleges and universities.
Understanding Your PSAT Score Report & College Admission Testing 101
This program is geared towards 10th and 11th grade families, but all are welcome. At this program, the College Advisor will review the information included in the PSAT Score Report and provide an overview of standardized testing for the college admission process.*

Junior Parent Coffees
These informal coffee klatches are opportunities for junior parents to gather in small groups with the College Advisor to ask questions about the college search and application process before the Junior College Planning Meeting.

Junior College Planning Meeting
Members of the junior class and their parents will hear a keynote address from a Director of Admission and important information from the College Advisor about the details of the college search process. Attendance is expected for all juniors, and students are encouraged to bring at least one parent or guardian to the meeting.

Knowledge for College Program
This program was created for families in grades 6-10 to provide an overview of the college search and application process and College Advising program at AC. A panel of college admission counselors shares their expertise and answers questions from audience members.*

Mock Application Review (held every other year)
Upper School students and parents have the opportunity to serve as the admission committee through this guided exercise facilitated by a Director of Admission. Learn how college applications are reviewed and evaluated.*

May Term College Workshop
Members of the junior class can choose to participate in the May Term College Workshop where they will complete their Common Application, Personal Essay, Activities Resume, participate in a campus visit to a local college and complete a Mock Interview Workshop with visiting admission counselors.

College Transition Program
Seniors and parents gather to celebrate their college plans and share their hopes and fears for the upcoming transition to college. College Life professionals from Rochester-area colleges and universities share their expertise with participants.

*AC families are welcome to bring friends from other school communities to these events. Specific dates for all events can be found online in the MyAC calendar (requires login).