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Share, Learn, Connect –  
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# Using Technology in College Counseling

# Bellarmino Context

- 1650 boys
- 5 college counselors (Jr-Sr only)
- Naviance users since early 2000s
- 1:1 Microsoft Surface tablets for faculty and students (formerly iPad)
- PowerSchool
- Canvas

# Questions We've Tackled Recently

- Is there a product that will serve our needs better than Naviance?
- How can we best record/store the info we learn from colleges?
- How can we best record/store meeting notes?
- How can we use technology to assist students with essays?
- How do we get messaging out to students/families?

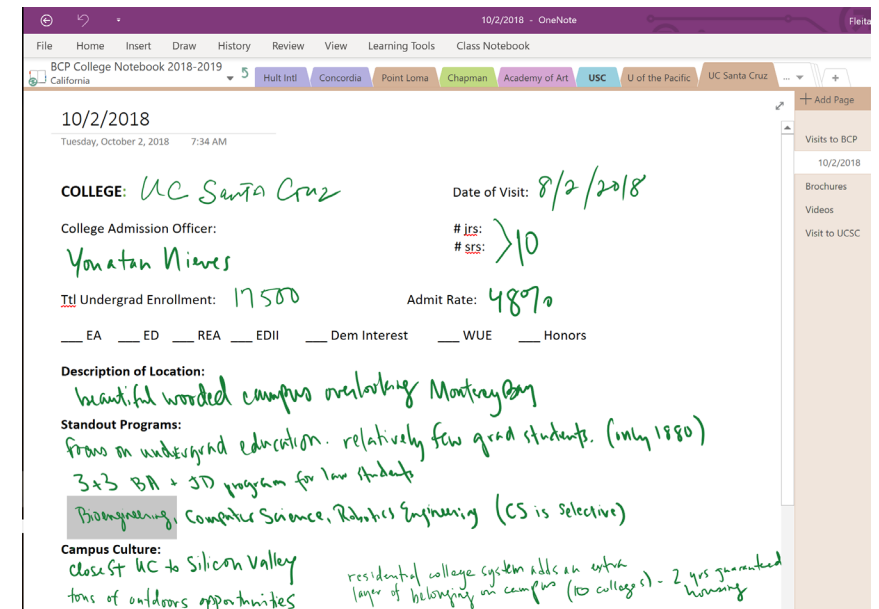
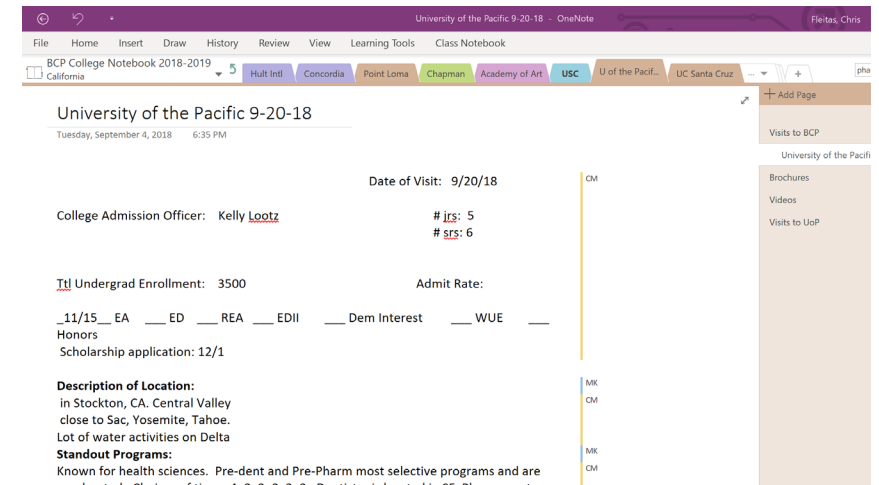
# Replacement for Naviance?

- MaiaLearning
  - Pros: create assignments and lesson plans, docs can be uploaded, reports and resources functions, integration with Common App, data from IPEDS
  - Cons: surveys under construction, email function needed adjusting for our needs
- Cialfo
  - Pros: essay prompts, algorithms for college data (scattergrams) with major definitions, assessments by grade year
  - Cons: internationally focused, only one US high school using and not similar to Bellarmine
- SCOIR
  - Pros: free mode in startup, student interface mimics Netflix, partnering with You Science, mobile app
  - Cons: only 450 colleges accepting document submissions- we would have to ask additional colleges, kids have more control on college actions

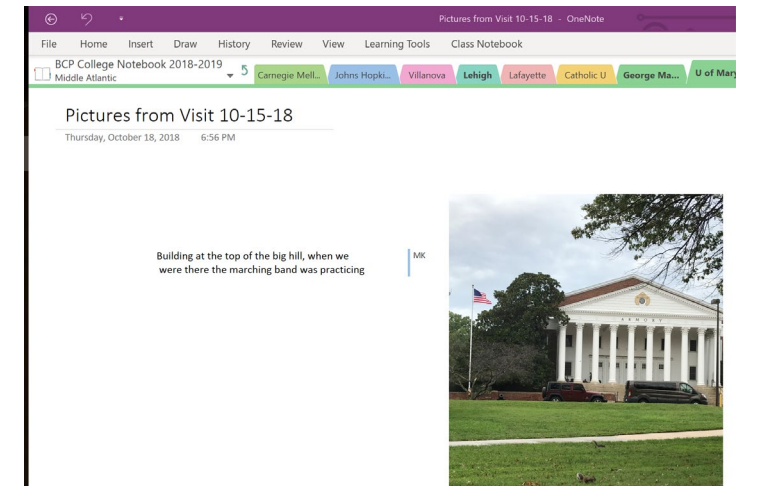
## Data from College Rep visits

- Have used Evernote for a few years, but that was limited to just us
- Needed something searchable, but ideally shareable
- MS OneNote Shared Notebook accessible to students

- Typed or handwritten in One Note
- Ability to use template
- Ability to create groups of colleges



- Can upload pictures and brochures
- Particularly helpful for one-page info sheets



## Brochures

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 11:13 AM



# Student or Family Meeting Notes

- on paper, in a file folder
- on a template in Notability (iPad), then emailed to self and saved to hard drive as PDF
- on a template in OneNote with searchable text





Monday, March 25, 2019 2:55 PM

### FAMILY INFO

### ACADEMIC INTERESTS

### CO-CURRICULAR INTERESTS

### TESTING PLAN

### FINANCIAL

### SCHEDULE

### COLLEGE VISITS

# Essay review in One Note

The screenshot displays the Microsoft OneNote application interface. On the left, the 'Notebooks' pane lists several notebooks, with 'College Essays 2019' selected and expanded to show a 'New Section 1' at the bottom. The main workspace shows the 'New Section 1' tab active, with a date and time stamp 'Thursday, October 4, 2018 12:21 PM' at the top. The top ribbon area shows various tabs for collaboration and content management, including '\_Collaboration Space', '\_Content Library', and several user-specific tabs like 'De Palma, Ryan '19', 'De Wild, Brian '19', 'Deck, Peter '19', and 'DeKlotz, Matt '19'.

Notebooks

- My notebook
- College Counseling Co...
- BCP-MIE Office 365 Teacher A...
- College Essays 2019
  - New Section 1
- \_Collaboration Space
- \_Content Library
  - Instructions for using ...
  - Essay questions and p...
  - Calendar
- De Palma, Ryan '19
  - Common App essay
  - UC Personal Insight Q...
  - UC Personal Insight Q...
  - UC Personal Insight Q...
  - UC Personal Insight Q...
  - Personal statment
  - Supplemental essay
- De Wild, Brian '19
  - Handouts
  - Class Notes
  - Common App essay
  - UC Personal Insight Q...
  - UC Personal Insight Q...
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  - UC Personal Insight Q...
  - Personal statment

New Section 1

Thursday, October 4, 2018 12:21 PM

\_Collaboration Space

\_Content Library

De Palma, Ryan '19

De Wild, Brian '19

Deck, Peter '19

DeKlotz, Matt '19



## Common App New Draft

+ Add Page

Version 1  
Version 2  
New Draft  
New New Draft

Before technique, method, or attention to detail, the most difficult and important skill in acting is the process of failure. It's often said that failure is a part of success, that learning from one's mistakes is the most powerful tool – but for an actor, failure is literally the only way to learn. The process of rehearsal requires repetition, experimenting with countless incorrect choices. In this sense, acting is contradictory: it will never be perfect, and thus is perfect.

My freshman year, I was rejected from three performance ventures in two weeks: a production of *Of Mice and Men* at my high school, a production of *Chicago* at our sister school, and my school's improvisational comedy troupe, the Sanguine Humours.

I had seen Sanguine perform when my older brother attended an open house three years prior. Watching these kids forge unscripted, hilarious, and engaging scenes made my ears ring with the inevitable thought that *That could be me*. The inexorable feeling followed me until auditions my freshman year, when I shuffled into the black box theatre and filled out my audition form as the adrenaline pumped through my system. We were given a short outline of what was expected of us, and we got to work.

Full disclosure: I knocked it out of the park.

Callbacks were rare for freshmen, but I got an email that evening letting me know I had earned one. Clearly, I had shown talent and promise, and Sanguine's existing members had eaten it up. I showed up to my callback on Friday feeling bulletproof and wholly in my element.

Full disclosure: I bombed it.

My callback was a mess of tasteless jokes and constant negation of my scene partners. I didn't make Sanguine that year. Nonetheless, I had hope and a bundle of untapped talent. I led two musicals and sought vocal training that year, which I continue to this day. I was determined to improve and grow, then try my luck again.

The next year, I walked into my Sanguine audition and bombed that too. Rather than

I think this is a great essay. My only small critique is that your opening paragraph reads more like an analytical essay than a personal essay. I think adding one or two "I" statements would help the tone. "I believe..." or something along those lines.

# Using Canvas for curriculum alignment

## Classroom instruction for Juniors

- Two days in October
- Six days in January
- Assignments
- Daily PowerPoints and handouts

## Presentations for Seniors

- Senior Orientation
- UC and CSU application workshops
- Essay workshops

# Canvas tools



## Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Wed Jan 9, 2019	Me at College picture	due by 11:59pm
Thu Jan 10, 2019	Journaling Day 2	due by 11:59pm
Fri Jan 11, 2019	Journaling Day 3	due by 11:59pm
Tue Jan 15, 2019	Journaling Day 4	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jan 16, 2019	Junior Questionnaire	due by 11:59pm
	Journaling Day 5	due by 11:59pm
Thu Jan 17, 2019	Resume	due by 6pm
	Journaling Day 6	due by 11:59pm
	SAT or ACT registration	due by 11:59pm
Fri Jan 18, 2019	Course Assessment Quiz	due by 11:59pm
Fri Jan 25, 2019	Complete and submit your Online Course Request	due by 11:59pm
Fri May 10, 2019	College Exploration: Spring College Fair or April Case Studies	due by 11:59pm



- Announcements
- Assignments
- Discussions
- Grades
- People
- Pages
- Files**
- Syllabus
- Outcomes
- Quizzes
- Modules
- Conferences
- Collaborations
- Prulu
- Office 365
- LockDown Browser
- Grade Sync

CG 2019 > Files

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▶ Summer Workshops	College Research Resources	Dec 1, 2016		--	
▶ Testing Resources					

# Screencasts

- PowerPoint now has built-in audio recording functionality
- Can add audio to a PowerPoint (each slide saved separately)
- Can do a screen recording
- Works well for parent information evenings

# Filming



Questions? Advice?  
Time to Share!