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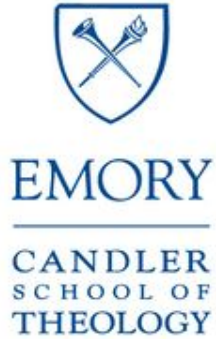
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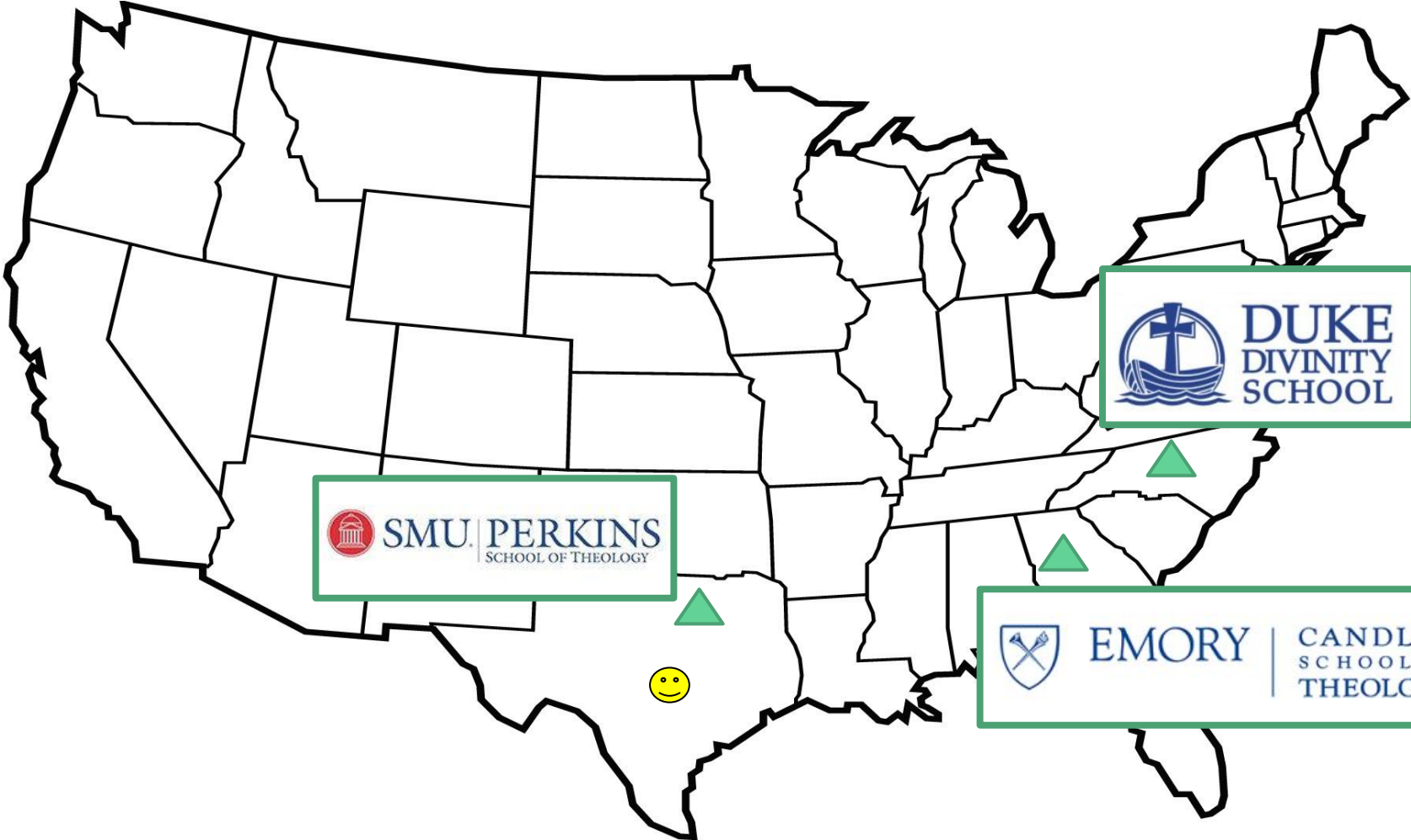
Juniors — East View High School

# Agenda

- How was the SAT???
- Week after Spring Break
- College and Major of the Day
- Roadtrip!
- Writing a College Essay

# Checking out graduate schools!





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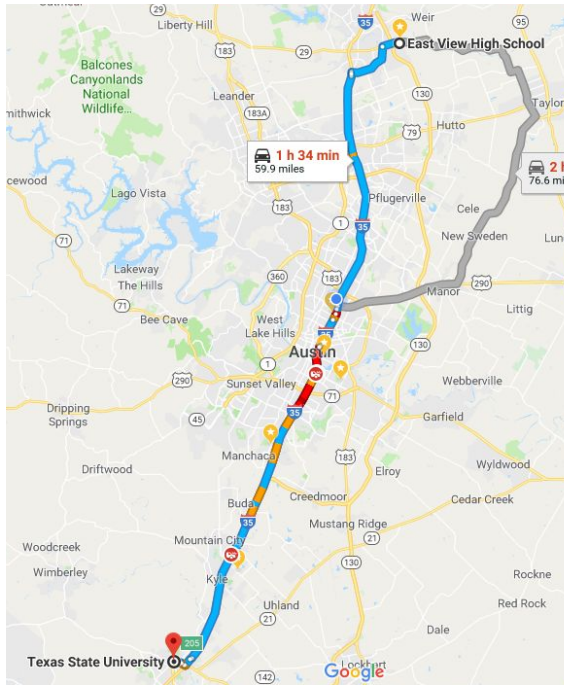
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# TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

*The rising STAR of Texas*



# Texas State University, San Marcos

Type of school: 4-year, public school

Size: Large size (34,000 undergraduates)

Setting: Suburban (San Marcos, TX off of I-35)

Commuter or Residential?: Largely Commuter (92% of 1st-yr, 20% undergrads)

Affiliations: Hispanic-Serving Institution

Racial makeup: 46% White, 37% Hispanic/Latino, 10% Black/AA

Female:Male ratio: 57:43

Popular Majors: Criminal Justice, Business/Marketing, Journalism

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/texas-state-university>

# Side-by-side Comparison

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## University of Mary-Hardin Baylor

4-year, private school

Medium size, 3,300 undergraduates

Suburban (Belton, TX off of I-35)

93% of 1st-yr, 56% undergrads

Baptist

56% W, 21% H/Lat, 15% Black/AA

64:36

Health Professionals, Business,  
Education (*Nursing, Pre-Physical  
Therapy*)

# Criminal Justice (Criminology) as a major

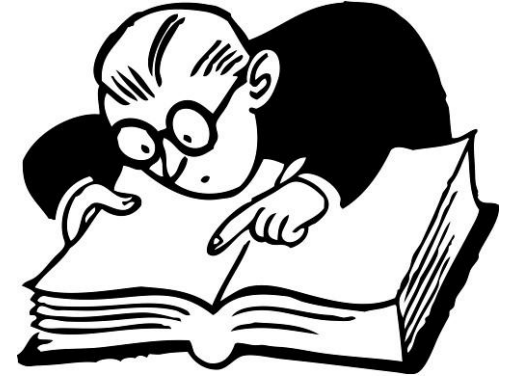
- For people that:
  - Value honesty, judgment, integrity, and a sense of responsibility
  - Are observant, analytical, enjoy investigations
- In this major, you will:
  - Learn to identify patterns of criminal behavior
  - Cover all facets of the criminal justice system: law, law enforcement, the courts and corrections
  - Study the processes for rehabilitation and treatment of offenders
  - Be introduced to the law, judicial philosophy, and the institutions of crime control in the U.S.





# Criminal Justice (Criminology) as a major

- Possible career paths
  - Police or corrections officer
  - Forensic science technician
  - Counselor
  - Policy Analyst
  - Research



# Criminal Justice at Texas State

This degree program is designed to provide students with the tools necessary to gain employment in related criminal justice fields such as probation, parole, policing, asset protection and other non-practitioner roles such as research and rehabilitation counseling ([Texas State University, Criminal Justice Department](#))

Concentrations: Law Enforcement, Corrections or General/Criminal Justice

Core coursework:

- CJ 1310 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJ 2310 Police Systems and Practices
- CJ 2350 The Courts and Criminal Procedure
- CJ 2355 Correctional Systems and Practices
- CJ 2360 Fundamentals of Criminal Law

Some Upper-Division courses:

- Juvenile Justice
- Race, Ethnicity and Criminal Justice
- Penology
- Terrorism in the US
- Cybercrime
- Contemporary issues in law enforcement

Full list can be found here:

[http://www.cj.txstate.edu/degrees-programs/undergraduate/undergrad\\_curriculum.html](http://www.cj.txstate.edu/degrees-programs/undergraduate/undergrad_curriculum.html)

# Roadtrip!!!

- Travel with College Forward to multiple university campuses
- Visit with college representatives and admission counselors
- Tour the college campuses and learn about a variety of university programs and opportunities
- Spend time bonding with each other through fun and engaging activities
- Receive free breakfast, snacks, and lunch

## When

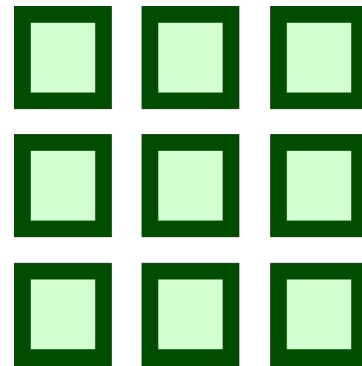
- Date TBD, full-day trip



# Roadtrip Requirements Refresher

## Requirements:

- Attending Class or 1x1s
- Completed 1 application essay
- Completed College Matrix



## Deadlines: (email to [kwalden@collegeforward.org](mailto:kwalden@collegeforward.org))

- Essay draft **Friday March 30**
- College Matrix completed **Friday April 6**
- Essay final **Friday April 13**



# Apply Texas Essays

## Essay A:

What was the environment in which you were raised? Describe your family, home, neighborhood, or community, and explain how it has shaped you as a person.

## Essay B:

Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.

## Essay C:

You've got a ticket in your hand – Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?

# Writing your essay

- Dissect and answer the prompt
  - What is the prompt asking?
  - What does the audience want to learn about you?
- Make an outline
- Write a draft
- Proofreading, editing, and taking out fluff
- Tips
  - Remember: It's all about you! So make sure everything you say links back to something great about you.
  - Be specific, be focused, and tell a story

# Today's goals:

- Pick what you want to write about
- Write an outline

# Essay Resources

- How to Write Perfect Apply Texas Essays
  - <https://blog.prepscholar.com/apply-texas-essays#WhatAreApplyTexasEssays>
- 7 Effective Application Essay Tips to Take your essay from Meh to Amazing
  - <https://www.petersons.com/articles/college-admissions/application-essay-tips>
- Tips for Writing an Effective Application Essay (College Board)
  - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays/tips-for-writing-an-effective-application-essay-college-admissions>