

CHOOSING A COLLEGE



LEARNING TARGETS

- X DESCRIBE THE SDOC4E PATHWAYS
- X IDENTIFY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE TODAY
- X IDENTIFY IMPORTANT FACTORS TO YOU IN A POTENTIAL POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL
- X INVESTIGATE HOW A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STACKS UP TO THEIR PRIORITIES
- X REFLECT ON WHY A POTENTIAL SCHOOL IS A GOOD CHOICE TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS



THE FOUR E'S

- x Students are expected to graduate with a confirmed plan and knowledge of financial aid resources
- x Plan relates to a “4E pathway”
- x Your planning began freshman year and will continue through your senior year!



THE FOUR E'S

- x **ENROLL:** college, university, technical school, trade school
- x **ENLIST:** military enlistment or military reserves
- x **EMPLOY:** pursuing a full-time job, internship
- x **EXPLORE:** study abroad, Peace Corp, full-time mission/volunteer service work





PLANNING FOR EACH

PATHWAY:

11TH GRADE

THE FOUR E'S

- x **ENROLL:** Ensure SAT/ACT/CLT scores meet requirements of schools on your college lists and scholarships (Bright Futures)
- x **ENLIST:** Take/retake the ASVAB exam – *only most recent score counts!* Make sure the branch you're interested in offers your career pathway.
- x **EMPLOY:** Participate in OTECH Career Fair in April, continue to update resume
- x **EXPLORE:** Explore field trip opportunities, summer enrichment and pre-college programs

THE FOUR E'S

*HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD BE THINKING
ABOUT AS YOU SET GOALS AND EXPLORE
OPTIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE.*

FIND THIS GUIDE...

- X ON THE SDOC COLLEGE & CAREER WEBSITE
- X BY ASKING YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR FOR A COPY
- X BY FOLLOWING YOUR DISTRICT COLLEGE & CAREER COORDINATOR ON INSTAGRAM – @MRS.MALFARA

11th Grade Spring Semester Planning

- ☐ Continue to check your school and/or grade level's Remind or Canvas and your school email, listen to announcements, etc.
- ☐ Share your goals with your School Counselor during scheduling. Enroll in challenging courses aligning with your chosen SDOC4E pathway and be sure you are on track to graduate AND qualify for Bright Futures.
- ☐ Make sure your full legal name (the one on your birth certificate) is the one you see in Focus. (You will use this for scholarship, financial aid, and college applications.)
- ☐ Use Khan Academy to build on strengths and areas of growth to score as high as possible on the SAT this semester.
- ☐ College bound? Be sure to have a full, rigorous class schedule your senior year. Learn about choosing the right college (match, reach, and safety) and search for scholarships. Review Common Application essay prompts.
- ☐ Stay consistent with extracurricular activities that align with your values and interests. Build on leadership opportunities.
- ☐ Continue building your resume in Xello, including your accomplishments, sports, awards, community involvement, and leadership experiences.
- ☐ Maintain competitive weighted and unweighted GPA (through AP, honors, IB, and AICE coursework).

#SDOC4E

SDOC4E
ENROLL • ENLIST • EMPLOY • EXPLORE

Future
Ready!

YOU CAN FIND LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE RIGHT ON YOUR XELLO DASHBOARD!



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Grade 9

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My Saved Careers

Get started

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Saved options

My goals and plans

Course Planner

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YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH

- x This lesson is to help you make an informed decision on whether or not college is the right pathway for you now or in the future.



APPLYING TO COLLEGES: WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED?

- X WEIGHTED & UNWEIGHTED GPA & CLASS RANK
- X FAMILY DEMOGRAPHICS (PARENT HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION, INCOME, MARITAL STATUS)
- X ACT, SAT, CLT TEST SCORES
- X CTE PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS
- X ARTS PORTFOLIO (VISUAL ARTS, MUSIC, THEATRE, ETC)
- X AP, AICE, DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSEWORK
- X EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: INTERNSHIPS, LEADERSHIP, SPORTS, VOLUNTEER, PAID WORK EXPERIENCE
- X IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES (SOCIAL REFORM PODCAST, LEUKEMIA RESEARCH CASE STUDY)
- X HOBBIES



CREATING YOUR COLLEGE LIST

PLAN. TARGET COLLEGES

Reach School

I may not fit into the average acceptance GPA, test scores, or requirements. However, I may still have a chance.

Match School

In most of the admissions requirements, I fit the qualifications.

Safety School

I more than fit all of the admission recommendations,

Consider applying to at least 3 schools in each target category.




1. Open
CLASSLINK
2. Find and open
Xello

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Grade 11



Choosing a College


Get Started





Program Prospects

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By: Osceola County School District
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Status: Not Submitted

Resume Instructions.docx

Click *Get Started*.

(If you see the screen below, you need to save 3 schools!)

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Explore how a college pathway may fit into your future

To unlock this lesson:

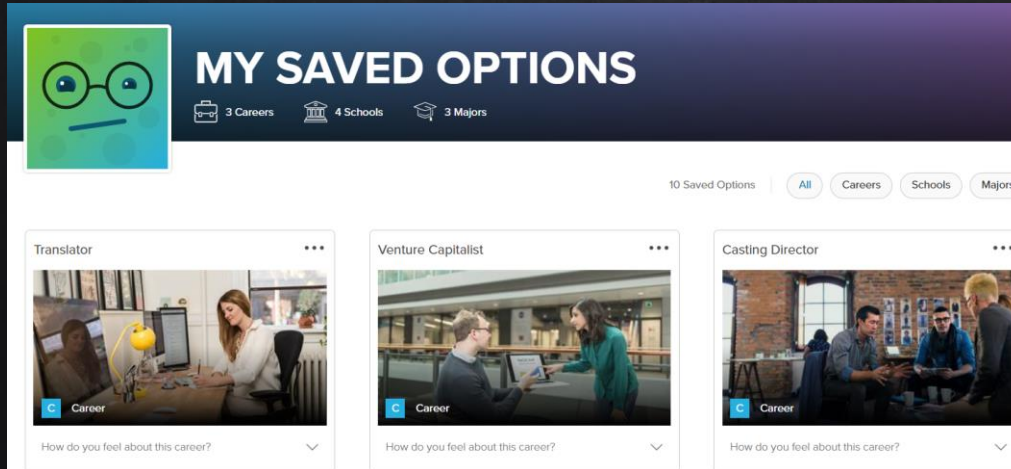
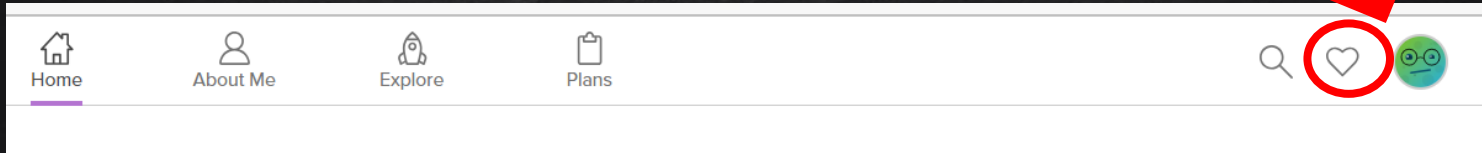


Save 3 schools you like

Explore Schools

HOW TO REVIEW YOUR SAVED OPTIONS!

CLICK HEART ICON ON TOP RIGHT OF SCREEN



SAVING 3 SCHOOLS

- x If you can list 3 schools you're interested in, go ahead and save them
- x If you're unsure, follow these steps...



Click the magnifying glass.

Home ▾

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EXPLORE SCHOOLS



Location

Add one or more states

Cost / year

\$0

\$85,000

More filters

3568 schools

Alphabetical (A to Z) ▾



Aaniiih Nakoda College



Harlem, MT

Abilene Christian University



Abilene, TX

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College



Tifton, GA

Abraham Lincoln University



Los Angeles, CA

Academy College



Academy for Nursing and Health Occupations



Academy of Art University



Adams State University



Type *University of Central Florida*. Then hit enter.

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University of Central Florida

Schools - 1 result

University of Central Florida


View all

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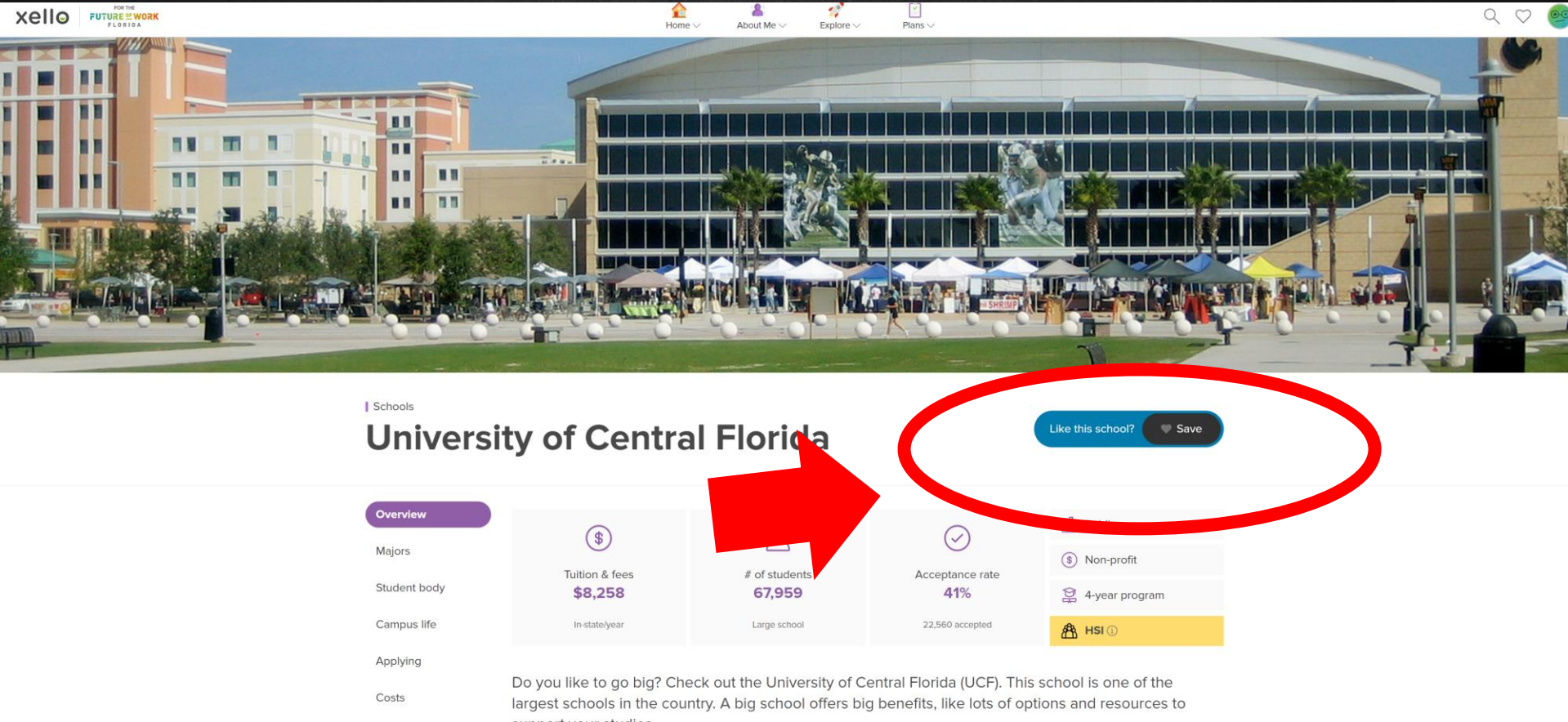
Academy of Art University



Adams State University



Click *Save*. The button will say “Saved” after clicking.



The screenshot shows the xello website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'xello' logo, 'FOR THE FUTURE OF WORK FLORIDA', and icons for Home, About Me, Explore, and Plans. A search icon and a heart icon are also present. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of the University of Central Florida (UCF) campus. Under the banner, the text 'Schools' is visible, followed by the 'University of Central Florida' title. To the right of the title, there are two buttons: 'Like this school?' and 'Save'. The 'Save' button is circled in red. A large red arrow points from the left towards the 'Save' button. Below the title, there's a section with 'Overview' and several statistics: Tuition & fees (\$8,258), # of students (67,959), Acceptance rate (41%), Non-profit, 4-year program, and HSI. A description at the bottom reads: 'Do you like to go big? Check out the University of Central Florida (UCF). This school is one of the largest schools in the country. A big school offers big benefits, like lots of options and resources to support your studies.'

University of Central Florida

Overview

- Tuition & fees: **\$8,258** (In-state/year)
- # of students: **67,959** (Large school)
- Acceptance rate: **41%** (22,560 accepted)
- Non-profit
- 4-year program
- HSI

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REPEAT THOSE STEPS...

- x Technical Education Center – Osceola
(oTECH/Osceola Technical College)
- x Valencia College



4-YEAR SCHOOLS

- x Xello has admission requirements for most 4-year colleges
- x For example, look at UCF's page. Identify the average GPA and test scores required for admission under *Applying*.



After you have saved your 3 schools, click on Xello on the top left of your screen to return to the dashboard

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About Me Explore Options Goals & Plans

EXPLORE SCHOOLS

Location

Cost / Year

[More Filters](#)

3503 Schools | Alphabetical (A to Z)


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Time estimate: 40 to 50 minutes

In this lesson:

- What's After High School?
- Confidence Boosters
- Institution Intuition
- Your School Must-Haves
- Break It Down
- School Exploration
- What's Next?

CLICK



Explore how a college pathway may fit into your future

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When you see this screen, you've completed the lesson!

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YOUR TOP 5 FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

Vibe, Financial Aid, Reputation, Student Life, and Graduate Success

You don't have to choose a college today. But now that you know what your top priorities are, you're better prepared for when the time comes.

Here are some ways you can use Xello to continue evaluating schools:

- check out the related programs in the career profiles for schools where you can prepare for a career
- explore related schools on a school profile to see what other schools have to offer
- add schools that interest you to the plans you build to make sure your choice will help you achieve your goals

Your research can help you pick a school that's the perfect fit!



Congratulations!

You've finished the **Choosing a College or University** lesson.

Done