



Friendships Forged: These three Navigator PREP students became friends and suitemates at Beacon College through their participation in the program.

95%

PARENTS REPORT FEELING CONFIDENT that their son or daughter now understands their areas of needed improvement and will self-advocate when at college

97%

STUDENTS SAY THEY NOW UNDERSTAND areas in which they make struggle and feel confident that they can employ strategies learned

100%

ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS WERE SATISFIED WITH NAVIGATOR PREP and would recommend the experience to other families

WHAT students SAY

“I felt lucky to be part of the program.”

“The overall experience I had was extremely beneficial and helpful. It taught me skills and helped *instill confidence* about transitioning to college.”

“Navigator PREP *was amazing* ... preparing me for college by reducing my stress for college.”

“They got to *know me as a learner* and a person ... really a nice transition to college!”

COST OF PARTICIPATION

LENGTH OF PROGRAM	COST OF PARTICIPATION*
9 Months (November-August)	\$3,500
6 Months (February-August)	\$2,500
3 Months (May-August)	\$1,500

* For students who ultimately enroll at Beacon, cost is discounted \$500. Navigator Prep participants also can apply for early admission at Beacon; receive priority consideration for scholarships; and enjoy priority housing and course selection registration, plus other benefits.

WHAT parents SAY

“It provided real confidence when I was able to **communicate my understanding of my daughter’s strengths and weaknesses**. It was very gratifying to see these concerns addressed directly and openly as part of the Navigator PREP program.”

“**The focus and preparation was excellent**. It really helped prepare our son for college and put him at ease with information on all levels of what to expect and what’s expected of him. And it was great connecting with families prior to move in and start to build a community!”

“We were very pleased. Each month there was a new topic discussed with the students and parents, plus the transition coordinator worked with our son – all this help to **prepare him for his transition to college – invaluable!**”

“This program not only helped prepare our son for college, it also helped him manage his senior year of high school. **The tools taught him how to regulate his emotions and handle his stress and anxiety**. It was eye-opening as parents to learn about his executive function skills and working with him on his emotional regulation.”

To Learn More

Alexander Morris-Wood at **352-638-9777** or
AMORRISWOOD@BEACONCOLLEGE.EDU



Navigator PREP

The First Virtual Transition-to-College Program for Neurodiverse Students – and Their Families

For students who learn differently, the journey to college is filled with anxiety, fears and questions. For some, these issues can be so overwhelming that it threatens their ability to even complete their enrollment plans. For others, it dominates and overshadows their critical first few weeks at college.

Beacon College has developed the first college-based program of its kind to assist college-bound high school and transfer students who learn differently – and their parents – make the critical transition to college through relationship development and confidence building. **Its highly individualized approach focuses on identifying and proactively addressing specific skill-based barriers to success in the transition to college, with a special focus on social and emotional regulation, and executive function skills.**

Program Highlights

- Offered from November through August, with opportunities to participate in three, six or nine months modules (*see back for details*)
- Individual and group-based instruction that includes phone calls, videoconferencing, webinars, notes and newsletters led and coordinated by a Beacon College transition counselor. (*All transition counselors hold advanced degrees in education, special education, counseling, or social work.*)
- Each student receives individualized programming, evaluations and a personal Transition Assessment that identifies specific areas of potential struggle when the student enters college.
- Families are contacted more than 50 times throughout the 9-month program

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS | LEESBURG, FLORIDA
ONE HOUR FROM ORLANDO

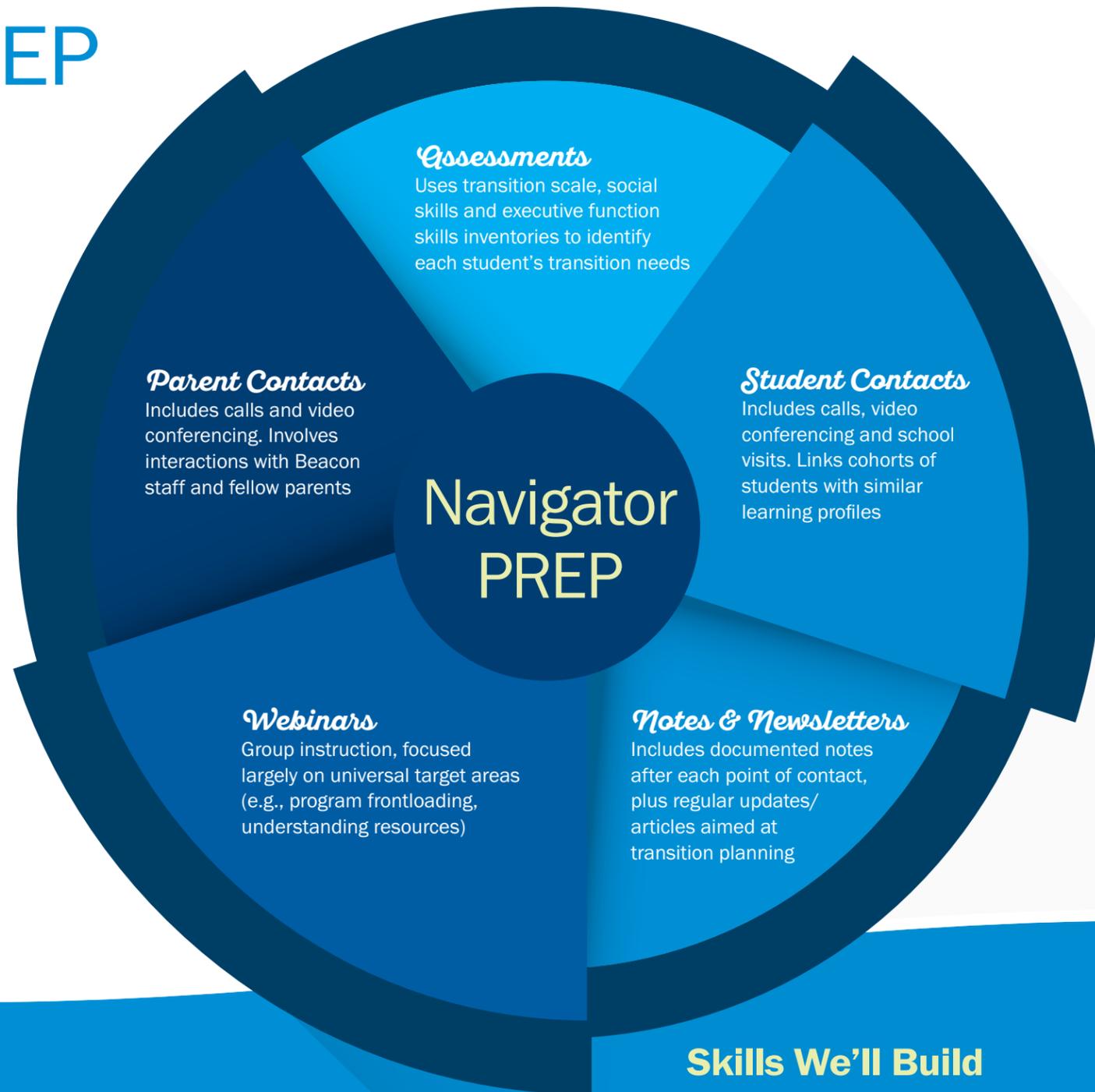
Navigator PREP

A new approach to college readiness coaching — featuring the comprehensive integration of parents in the transition process

PARENT BENEFITS

- Identify and support specific concerns parents may have about their son's or daughter's readiness for college
- Learn best practices and get advice from other parents on how to help prepare for the challenges of college independence
- Network with parents of other students, providing opportunities to discuss mutual concerns
- Gain a better understanding of the separation process and how it can impact your own family dynamic

Participating students who elect to continue their studies at Beacon College also receive priority consideration for scholarships and institutional grants.



OPEN TO

Students Entering Any College In The Country —
With Special Added Benefits For Students Who Ultimately Enroll At Beacon.

STUDENT BENEFITS

- Identify key academic, social and personal management areas requiring support
- Learn to navigate the basics of college life — from how to do laundry or get to class on time, to living with a roommate and more
- Establish advocacy action steps essential to college success
- Connect and plan with fellow students, assuring a ready group of friends before arriving on campus
- Learn how to connect with appropriate faculty and staff, including support services
- Develop the confidence to start classes free of typical worries

Students who enroll at Beacon College also receive priority housing and class registration, and participate in an early move-in program and welcome ceremony.

Topics We'll Cover

STUDENT WEBINARS

- The Importance of Community & Social Integration
- Introduction to College Academics
- The Learning Support Model
- Hearing From Your Peers: The Student Experience
- Introduction to Beacon's Residential Program
- Proactively Using Support Services
- Connecting to the College Campus
- Navigating Orientation

PARENT WEBINARS

- Fundamentals of Financial Aid
- Mental Health Services In College
- The Separation Process: Family Systems & Autonomy Development
- Hearing From A Student: The Beacon Experience
- Increasing Independence Over the Summer
- Communication With College Professionals: Law, Practice, & Policies
- Navigating Orientation & The Goodbye

NEWSLETTERS

- Developing Independent Living Skills Before College
- Assistive Technology: How To Access in College
- Accommodations & Modifications and the Change in College
- Community Integration and Social Routines
- Communication Policies in College
- College Safety: Physical, Emotional, and Social Wellbeing
- Establishing Healthy Routines for Success
- Understanding the Academic Program
- The Change In Dynamics Between College Students & Parents

Skills We'll Build

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

- Planning
- Prioritizing
- Time management
- Organization
- Attentional regulation
- Flexible thinking
- Initiation

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Understanding norms and conventions
- Initiation and conversational skills
- Relationship development and maintenance of new relationships
- Conflict resolution
- Communal living
- Self-advocacy

EMOTIONAL MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Recognizing emotions
- Understanding the cause of emotions
- Accurately labeling feelings using in-depth language
- Understanding resources for expressing emotions
- Appropriately managing emotions based on environment

SELF-AWARENESS

- Understanding strengths and weaknesses
- Perspective taking
- Identification of resources
- Self-advocacy

INDEPENDENT LIVING

- Organization of personal items
- Creating routines
- Identifying support services
- Medication management