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Early decision and early action are two important parts of the college application process that current and future seniors need to be familiar with. In spite of their similar “early” titles, the level of commitment to a particular school is much greater for early decision. We break down the differences.

• Early action: Are your essays written, your recommendation letters in and your test scores ready to go? Then early action is a great option for you. Early action isn’t binding. You can apply to multiple schools early action and you aren’t committed to any of them. You have until May 1 to accept or decline if you are admitted. Early action can also ease the stress of students who want to get their applications out of the way.

“If you are OK with UGA reviewing your file academic info by late October (or) early November, go ahead and apply EA,” said David Graves, senior associate director of undergraduate admissions at University of Georgia. A few colleges that offer this option are University of Georgia, Lake Forest College, University of Chicago, University of Notre Dame and University of Michigan.

• Early decision: Are you 100 percent positive you’ve found your dream school? Then early decision is the way to go. The key word for early decision is “binding.” If you are admitted, you’re obligated to enroll for the following school year, barring serious financial issues. Early decision is a great way to show colleges that you’re genuinely interested in attending that school.

“If we identify those students we’d like to bring into the entering class early, we’ve eliminated uncertainty later on, whereas in the regular admissions process, we’re competing with other wonderful schools out there,” said Seth Allen, dean of admissions at Pomona College in California. If you have the slightest doubt about a particular school, then early decision is not for you because you’re obligated to go if you get accept- ed. There’s no looking back.

A few colleges that offer this option are Duke University, University of Pennsylvania, Pomona College and Boston University.

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Elisabeth Spak of Storrs, a student at Clark University in Massachusetts, recently completed a project for the Worcester Art Museum, “Jeppson Idea Lab: Statuette of an Olmec Figure,” which was funded through Clark’s Liberal Education and Effective Practice initiative.

ECSU participates in research conference
Twelve students from Eastern Connecticut State University recently presented at the Northeast Regional Undergraduate Research Conference sponsored by the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The work of 15 Eastern students was showcased in total, making Eastern among the top participating schools for participation at the conference. Presentations included poster and oral presentations of research, as well as creative activity such as performances and creative writing.