

COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR FOR SENIORS

SEPTEMBER

- Meet with your guidance counselor to check your status for graduation and re-evaluate your course load for college preparation.
- Create a list or calendar that includes:
 - tests (SAT, ACT) you'll need to take and their fees, dates, and registration deadlines
 - college application deadline dates
 - financial aid application forms required and their deadlines
 - other materials you'll need to obtain (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
 - dates of College Office events
 - the College Office's application processing December 1 deadline
 - if you apply to colleges online, be sure to request the College Office send your official transcript
- Attend college fairs and open house programs for colleges you are interested in attending.
- Register for October and/or November SAT or October ACT.
- Narrow your list of colleges to 5. If you have not yet done so, check each school's college preparation requirements for admission and see if you have what they require. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.
- If you can't afford the application or test fees, request a fee waiver from the College Office.

OCTOBER

- Try to finalize your college choices.
- Prepare Early Decision, Early Action, or rolling admissions applications as soon as possible.
- Ask for counselor and teacher recommendations if you need them.
- Complete the student self-assessment form (long pink form).
- If you need to write essays, write first drafts and ask teachers and others to read them. If you're applying for Early Decision or Early Action, finish the essays for that application now.
- Obtain monthly Scholarship Newsletter from College Office and apply to scholarships.
- Take October SAT or ACT.
- Register for December SAT or ACT if needed.
- Attend John Bowne's Fall College Fair.

NOVEMBER

- November 1-15 for Early Decision admissions, colleges may require test scores and applications between these dates.
- Complete at least two college applications by Thanksgiving.
- Take November SAT if needed.
- Obtain monthly Scholarship Newsletter from College Office and apply to scholarships.
- Register for January SAT if needed.

DECEMBER

- As you complete and send your applications and essays, be sure to keep copies.
- If a college requests mid-year grades, be sure you give the form to the College Counselor.
- Take December SAT or ACT if needed.
- Obtain monthly Scholarship Newsletter from College Office and apply to scholarships.
- Mark date and attend Financial Aid Night workshop.
- Obtain pin for completing FAFSA form online.
- Collect tax documents to complete FAFSA form.

JANUARY

- Complete FAFSA form.
- Obtain monthly Scholarship Newsletter from College Office and apply to scholarships.
- Apply for Pell Grant.
- Take January SAT or ACT exam if needed.

FEBRUARY

- Obtain monthly Scholarship Newsletter from College Office and apply to scholarships.
- If not already done so, complete FAFSA form and apply for Pell Grant.

MARCH

- Obtain monthly Scholarship Newsletter from College Office and apply to scholarships.
- If not already done so, complete FAFSA form and apply for Pell Grant.

APRIL

- You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. If you have not done so yet, visit your final college before accepting. As soon as you decide, notify the College Counselor of your choice.
- If you are interested in housing, contact the college.
- Obtain monthly Scholarship Newsletter from College Office and apply to scholarships.

MAY

- Colleges require a deposit or commitment to attend by May 1. By this date, you must notify every college of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid.
- Send your deposit to one college only.
- Speak to the College Counselor to resolve any admissions or financial aid problems.
- Obtain monthly Scholarship Newsletter from College Office and apply to scholarships.

JUNE

- Request the College Office send a final transcript to your college.
- Graduation from high school.
- Prepare for your life after high school. **BEST WISHES AND GOOD LUCK!**