



Junior Checklist

- Have college discussion(s) with your parent(s).
- Review your curriculum plans with your counselor. Get to know him/her.
- Are you taking AP classes? Consider a prep book in the subject to assist you.
- Read, work on vocabulary and keep up your grades.
- Prepare list of questions to ask college representatives. What is important to you?
- Register on college websites to receive their information and catalogs.
- Sign up for then take any practice tests offered.
- Make your plan for prepping and actually taking the SAT and/or ACT and set up your account on their sites.
- Get organized. Set up a file with folders for each college and other materials.
- Attend college fairs and other meetings offered by your school.
- Continue searching for scholarships and aid. Research using the internet.
- Learn financial aid basics. Know the types of aid and where they come from.
- Visit colleges. There is no substitute for experiencing the college in session.
- Review any test results with your counselor.
- Consider taking the SAT and/or ACT in March and June.
- Start to narrow down your college list and fine tune your “must haves” in a school.
- Evaluate your colleges as “Likely/Safety, Target, or Reach”. You need some of each.
- Plan a productive summer that will enhance your resume.
- Discuss finances with your family, but don’t eliminate schools based on finances just yet. There is a great deal of aid available.
- Take AP and SAT Subject tests in any subjects that you have peaked in.
- Think about teachers or other people that you might ask for recommendations.
- Over the summer, research each of your target schools.
- Download your target schools’ applications and practice filling them out.
- Brainstorm essay ideas.
- Talk to people who know about your target schools or went/go there.
- If you are an athlete, have you registered with the NCAA clearinghouse?
- Allow time to relax and enjoy your friends and family. It’s all about balance!