

## Senior College Planning Timeline

### Fall (September - November)

- ✓ Last chance to take SAT or ACT in October
- ✓ Keep your grade upward trend
- ✓ Maintain good grades in manageable and challenging classes
- ✓ Continue your contribution in classroom and extracurricular
- ✓ Take a leadership role (it doesn't have to have a title)
- ✓ Finalize your college list **in early September**
- ✓ Show your demonstrated interest by attending college representative visit events and college fairs
- ✓ Ask teachers for recommendation letters
- ✓ Work with school college counselor to have all your college application materials ready
- ✓ Apply for ED to your dream school (you need to be 100% sure, academically and financially)
- ✓ Meet deadline for UC and CSU schools by November 30<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Submit your FAFSA and CSS Profile

### Winter (December - February)

- ✓ Complete your essay and supplemental questions for regular applications
- ✓ Finish portfolios, auditions and writing samples for special majors
- ✓ Create a quality LinkedIn profile, personal website or video in case needed
- ✓ Apply a balance of Likely, Possible and Reach schools (9-12)
- ✓ Use check list for each school's requirements
- ✓ Continue scholarship research
- ✓ Schedule with colleges for interviews

### Spring (March - May)

- ✓ Compare your award letters from accepted colleges
- ✓ Appeal for financial aid if family situation changed
- ✓ Negotiate tuition prices if appropriate
- ✓ Visit or re-visit campuses to ensure the right fit choice
- ✓ Sit in a class or stay overnight in your considered colleges
- ✓ Send in deposit to the chosen school on time
- ✓ Graduate from high school with your best academic performance

### Summer (June - August)

- ✓ Get a summer job to earn money and gain real life experience
- ✓ Attend summer orientation before school starts and make new friends
- ✓ Apply for school housing (ASAP for public school with difficult housing)
- ✓ Connect with your future roommate
- ✓ Strengthen your capabilities in academic works, social life and independent living
- ✓ Thank teachers and those who helped you, and inform them where you are going...