

# Seniors – Class of 2010

## Academic Planning Calendar

### *September*

- Plan visits to colleges and set-up interviews if you didn't get to them during the summer.
- Narrow list of colleges you plan to apply to. (A good number is usually between 5 and 8 schools).
- Collect all college admission application information. Write, phone, or go online to request missing information.
- Check application and financial aid deadlines for schools to which you plan to apply.
- Get started on your applications and begin working on your college essays.
- Register for your final ACT or SAT, or SAT Subject Tests.
- If the colleges you plan to apply to require Counselor Letters of Recommendation:
  - Make sure your **Student Data Packet (SDP)** is on file in the Career Center. Student Data Packet is due **Friday, September 25, 2009**.
  - Attend **“How to Open a College Letter of Recommendation”** workshop on **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
  - Request letters at least 4 weeks prior to the deadline.
  - *Please note:* Last day to request ANY letter from a counselor is **October 30, 2009**.
  - You may want to consider asking teachers who know you well if they can write you a first-rate Letter of Recommendation. Some teachers have a limit to how many students they can write for.
- Sign up for the ASVAB in the Career Center (this test helps narrow career choices).
- Sign up to hear College Reps in the Career Center - ongoing throughout the Fall.
- Check the Scholarship Bulletin in the Career Center.

### *October*

- Attend **UC Application Workshop – Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** lunchtime in MB1.
- Attend **CSU Application Workshop - Thursday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** lunchtime in MB1.
  - CSU application available online beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- **Athletes - Attend NCAA College Recruiting Workshop – Oct. 28** 6:30 cafeteria.
- **Counselor Letters of Recommendation** can be requested beginning **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.
- Pay special attention to application deadlines if you will be applying for Early Decision or Early Action.
- Register for your final ACT or SAT, or SAT Subject Tests if you have not completed the required tests or if you want to try and improve your scores.
- Send official ACT or SAT test scores to colleges to which you are going to apply.
- Sign up to hear College Reps in the Career Center - ongoing throughout the Fall
- Check the Scholarship Bulletin in the Career Center.
- **Saturday, October 31 – Financial Aid Workshop, Part I** (9-11 am North Gym)

## ***November***

- **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** - UC applications are now available online.  
[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)
- Apply for your PIN for FAFSA applications online [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- Register for the CSS Profile if the colleges to which you are applying require it.  
[www.profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp](http://www.profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp)
- Complete applications to colleges. Make copies of all applications before mailing. Get certificate of Mailing at the Post Office.
- **Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline to submit CSU and UC applications.
- Pay attention to all Private Colleges' Application Deadlines.
- Take your final ACT or SAT, or SAT Subject Tests. The November 1<sup>st</sup> test date is the only time you may take the Foreign Language SAT Subject Tests.
- Athletes:
  - Division I or Division II must register at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
  - SAT score report must be sent to NCAA Clearinghouse. (Code 9999)
- Make sure your 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades reflect your best effort – senior grades count!
- Keep all records, test score reports and copies of applications for admission and financial aid. Do not throw anything away until at least the end of your first year in college.
- Check the Scholarship Bulletin in the Career Center.

## ***December***

- **Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - Financial Aid Workshop (FAFSA) Part II** (9-11 a.m. South Gym).
- Take your final ACT or SAT, or SAT Subject Tests
- Send SAT or ACT scores to colleges. (AHS does NOT send scores).
- Submit Cal Grant GPA Information Release Form to the COD desk before winter break.
- Check to make certain the test scores you have sent have been received by the colleges to which you applied.
- If you applied for Early Decision and have been accepted, follow the instructions for admitted students. Withdraw applications from all other colleges.

## ***January***

- GPA verification forms for the Cal Grant will be distributed to you via your English class on Jan.8.
- Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1, 2010 as possible:
  - Income tax information will be needed to complete the FAFSA form online.
  - Men 18 or older must register with the selective service to receive federal financial aid. [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)
  - File additional financial aid forms if required – CSS PROFILE  
[www.profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp](http://www.profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester begins on January 25. Maintain good grades. Remember, colleges can rescind their offer of admission if your grades fall below a “C” or if your senior grades decline significantly.

### ***February***

- GPA verification forms for the Cal Grant are due at the COD Desk by Friday, February 5.
- Notify all colleges of 'D' or 'F' grades in college-prep classes.
- Notify all colleges of changes in class schedules not reflected on your application.
- Request (through Docufide) mid-year transcripts to be sent to those colleges who require them.
- Complete scholarship applications.

### ***March***

- FAFSA Deadline is *usually* March 2.
- Look for Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail – it contains federal financial aid information from FAFSA. If you have not received SAR report 4 weeks after submitting FAFSA, contact Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.

### ***April***

- Review your college acceptances and financial aid awards. Be sure to compare financial aid packages in your decision-making process.
- If possible, visit colleges to which you were accepted to help make your final decision.

### ***May***

- **May 1, 2010** is the deadline most colleges have established for Student Intent to Register (SIR). This is your notification to the college that you plan to attend their college.
- Inform all other colleges that accepted you that you have selected another college. This allows them to offer another student your place.
- If you are on the waiting list for your first-choice college, tell the admissions director of your intent and ask how to strengthen your application.
- Take AP examinations if appropriate and request your scores be sent to the college you will attend.
- If you have not received a notice regarding Cal Grant application from the CA Student Aid Commission, contact them at 1-888-CAGrant.

### ***June***

- June 11 – Graduation! Celebrate!
- Request (through Docufide) your final transcripts be sent:
  - To the college you will attend
  - To NCAA Clearinghouse for Division I or Division II athletes.
- Notify the college of any private scholarships or grants you will be receiving.
- Know when the payment for tuition, room and board, meal plans etc. are due.

Congratulations, you've made it through high school! Enjoy graduation  
and look forward to life after high school.