

Welcome to Senior Year!

Senior "To-Do's"

*The following is geared towards college-/university-bound students.

FALL:

- ✓ If you haven't already, **create** a master calendar of application launch dates - some will be open already (you should also note college application, scholarship application, housing, and financial deadlines). Please consider applying to 5-7 colleges/universities.
- ✓ **Continue** to look for scholarships (Ms. Muir will post scholarship opportunities periodically on Minga).
- ✓ Make the last of your college visits (remember, there are **virtual visits** available via the schools' websites!)
- ✓ **Last chance** to take the SAT, if needed (most schools no longer require the SAT so be sure to check each school's application requirements).
- ✓ **Apply** (college applications, financial aid, and housing applications). To maximize chances of in-house scholarships, apply when applications launch (not by the deadline date). If you qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch, you may qualify for application fee waivers.
- ✓ **Verify** that your high school transcripts are correct and up-to-date.
- ✓ **Complete** the Letters of Recommendation Request Packet and ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, and coaches (allow at least 2-weeks for completion). Request packet may be found on website ("class of" section).
- ✓ **Finish** essays for college applications and scholarships.
- ✓ **Update** your resume.
- ✓ **Apply** "Early Decision" or "Early Action," if you so choose.
- ✓ **Gather** tax information for the FAFSA (or WASFA).
- ✓ **Keep** focused and work hard in your classes (don't fall prey to "senioritis".... it's a thing!)

WINTER:

- ✓ **Complete** financial aid forms. Apply for scholarships. (Your Senior Advisor will help you get the FAFSA/WASFA underway)

- ✓ **Have** your mid-year grades sent to colleges, if required. Follow up to make certain they were received.
- ✓ **Keep** focused and work hard in your classes (the colleges are monitoring you)!

SPRING:

- ✓ **Decide** on a college and notify the admissions office of your acceptance (typically no later than May 1st but verify with the school). Notify other colleges who have accepted you that you will not be attending.
- ✓ **Create** a budget to determine your needs.
- ✓ See your **doctor** for a physical and any necessary vaccinations.
- ✓ **Complete** your housing* and meal application(s). *For some schools, housing applications open early. Pay attention to this, as you don't want to miss out on the dorm/housing you prefer!
- ✓ Have your **final*** transcript sent to your college after July 1st. *Final transcripts do not come from Delta. (See home high school website for ordering instructions.)
- ✓ **Remember...** it's important to your college of choice that you remained a strong student all the way to graduation!

SUMMER:

- ✓ **Notify** your college of any scholarships you received.
- ✓ **Apply** for a summer job.
- ✓ **Take** a deep breath. Pack for college!