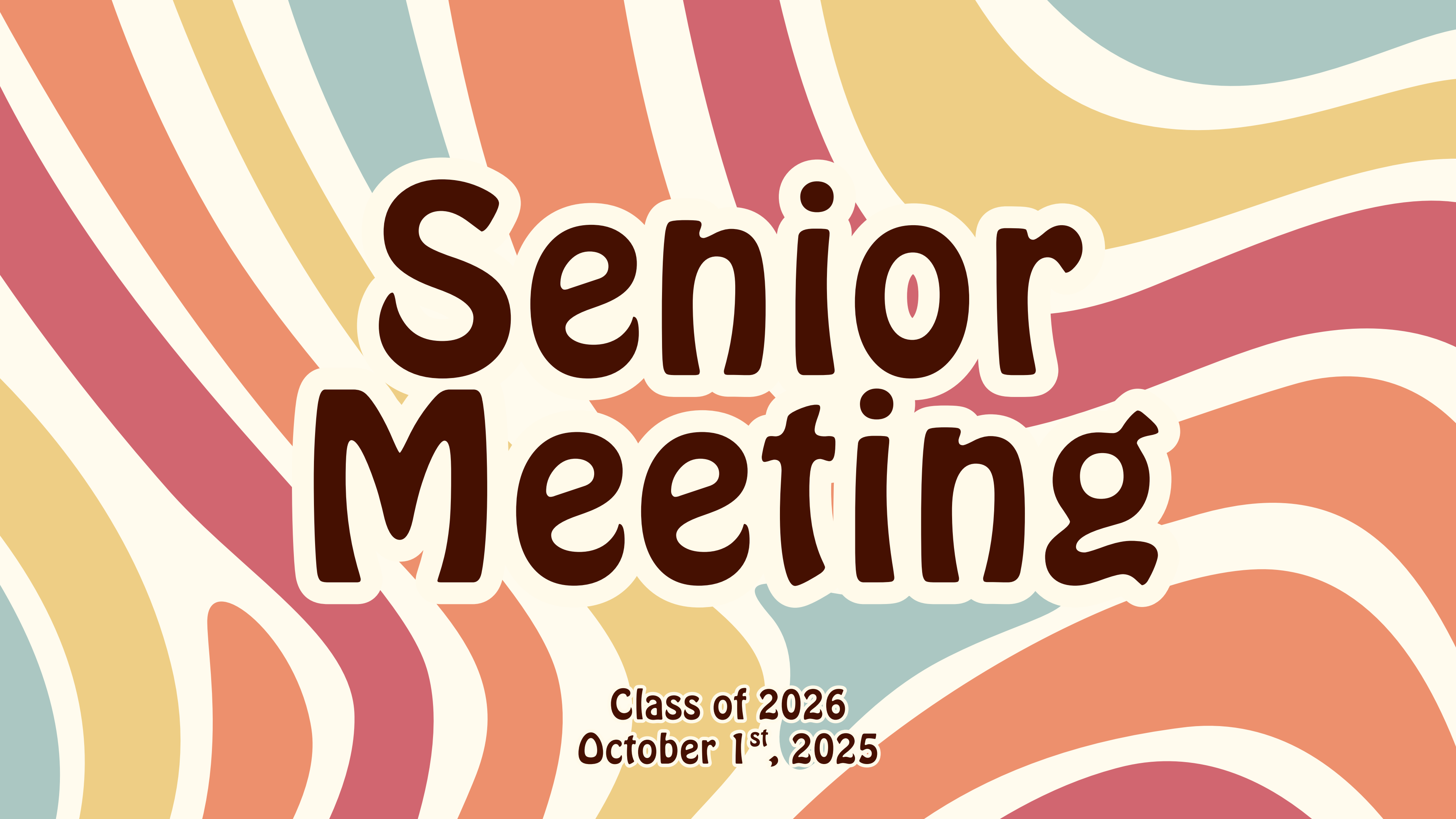




Senior Meeting

Class of 2026
October 1st, 2025

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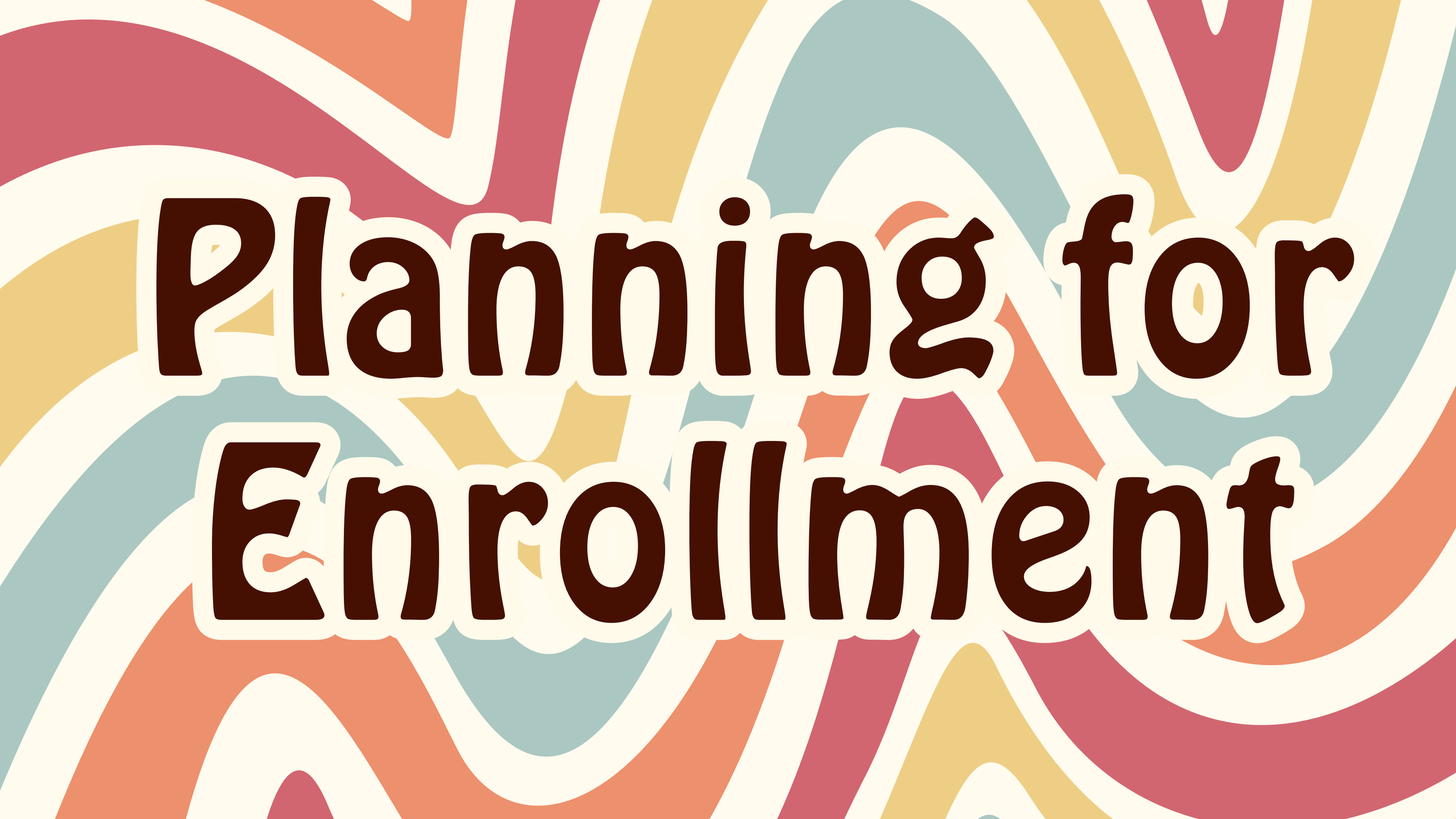
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Planning for Enlistment

01 **Enlistment**

- * Talk with a Recruiter: we have info in the Counseling Office for all branches
- * Take the ASVAB
- * Medical and Physical



Planning for Enrollment

02 Enrollment

- ✿ Explore and Compare Colleges (XELLO)
- ✿ Apply: CommonApp/College
- ✿ FAFSA: Open Now!
- ✿ Scholarships

Types of colleges



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Community colleges are open to everyone with a high school diploma or GED. They can prepare you for a specific career or trade, or be a stepping stone to a Bachelor's degree. Tuition rates are usually the lowest among all types of colleges.



COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

An institution that primarily offers Bachelor's degree programs. Public universities offer in-state tuition so residents pay less than out-of-state students. Private colleges usually have higher tuition rates, but may offer more financial aid.



CAREER OR TRADE SCHOOLS

Colleges that offer specialized programs for specific careers. These schools are usually for-profit businesses and may charge higher tuition rates than other types of schools.

Types of degrees



An undergraduate credential that focuses on skills for a specific career. Some careers may also require a license.



An additional certification, often requiring an initial licensing exam and continued education in the field.



An undergraduate or graduate credential that is awarded by a college or university after completing a program of study in a specific field or discipline.

Early Decision

vs.

Early Action

vs.

Regular Decision

Apps typically due around Nov.
Decisions sent out in Dec.

Apps due sometime in fall
Decisions sent out Dec. - Feb.

Apps due between Jan. 1 - Feb. 1
Decision dates vary

PROS

- An early acceptance letter means the stressful process is over sooner!
- Schools know your commitment, so your chances can be (slightly) increased.

CONS

- An acceptance is binding, and you must withdraw applications from other schools.
- Beware of senioritis: don't let your grades slip just because you got in early!

DO THIS IF...

You have one dream school

PROS

- You'll get an early decision, but it's not binding
- You don't need to withdraw your other applications if you're accepted

CONS

- You still have to prepare your other applications, just in case—the Regular Decision deadline falls right after decisions are mailed out.

DO THIS IF...

You love one particular school, but still want to keep your options open

PROS

- Later deadlines mean you have longer to perfect your applications
- You aren't committed to any school, so it's perfect if you want to keep your options open

CONS

- A large, general applicant pool means stiff competition
- You won't receive a decision until later, so you'll be on pins and needles for longer!

DO THIS IF...

You like a lot of schools, and want to weigh all of your options

August–September:

- Narrow down your college list
- Start working on applications and essays
- Request Teacher letters of recommendation (through XELLO is easiest!)
- Create FSA ID for FAFSA (student & parent)
- Have a plan to earn Service Learning hours

October–November:

- FAFSA opens (subject to federal release date)
- Order caps & gowns (through senior advisors, info will be shared)
- Continue submitting early college applications
- Attend college visits & FAFSA Workshop nights
- **November 1:** Common Early Action/Early Decision deadline

December–February:

- Other Early Decision & Early Action deadlines
- Follow up on letters of recommendation and transcripts
- Watch email for college communication
- January: Local scholarships become available

March–April:

- Colleges send decision letters
- Compare financial aid packages
- Visit/revisit campuses if needed
- Continue submitting local scholarship applications (available in the counseling office or on the UHS Counseling Website).
- Senior portraits (with cap and gown): Please watch your email and school announcements for the exact date.

May:

May 1:

- College decision deadline
- Service learning hours & paper due (can be turned in at any time!)

May 15:

- Senior Checkout and Graduation Practice
- Tell us where to send your final transcript
- All school & lunch fees must be paid, and your iPad must be returned in order to participate in graduation.

May 17: Graduation Day!!

03 Your Responsibilities

Request that your transcript be sent	College Visits-2 excused
Send standardized test scores (if needed separately from transcript)	Apply to take the ACT/SAT (If needed)
Ask for recommendation letters in advance (Don't wait until the last minute)	Find if your school is test optional
Send off college applications by the deadline	Read emails regularly
Know college deadlines especially if you are Early Decision/Early Admissions.	Apply for FAFSA pin starting Oct. 1st

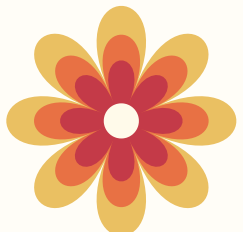


Planning for Employment

03 Employment

 Resume

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 Soft Skills

The Top 10 Soft Skills



Communication



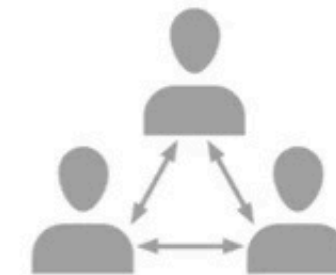
Self-motivation



Leadership



Responsibility



Teamwork



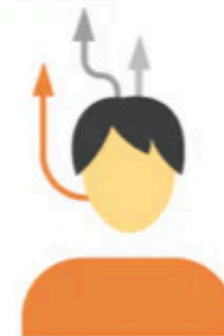
Problem solving



Decisiveness



Ability to Work
Under Pressure
and Time Management



Flexibility



Negotiation
and Conflict Resolution

04

Senior Meetings...

Coming Soon!



Thank you!

Have a Great Senior Year!