



SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

*This timeline mainly focuses on important dates for students planning to attend college.

However, there are many dates included that pertain to **ALL** Utica Seniors*

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

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

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!!

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

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.

Reminders:

Stay on top of your email, the school website, and our social media for updates from your senior class advisors, Miss Rice and Mrs. Fairbanks.

Keep your grades up—colleges DO see your final transcript!!

Reach out to your counselor with questions at any time

