



It's summer before **Senior Year** – Here is what you can be working on!

- ❑ **Plan a Visit:** Visit as many college campuses as possible. If available, plan to take an official tour, plan a meeting with a department you are interested in, attend information sessions and ask lots of questions! If you can't visit, take a virtual tour!
- ❑ **Read:** Continue to collect and study college materials and literature. Be sure you are on the mailing and e-mail list for all the colleges you are applying for.
- ❑ **Revise and Determine your College List:** Start to seriously evaluate the colleges on your list as you visit and learn more. Note trends or characteristics shared by the schools that you like.
- ❑ **Naviance:** Move schools on Naviance from "Interested" to "I'm Applying".
- ❑ **Write:** Start writing the personal essays that you will need to send with your application.
- ❑ **Get Organized:** Start a spread sheet with deadlines and requirements for all colleges you are applying to. This includes application deadlines, essay requirements, supplemental information requirements, recommendations, transcripts and testing. Common Application has a useful requirements grid on their site.
- ❑ **Brag Sheets:** Prepare brag sheets for any recommendations you plan on requesting in the fall. Remember, teachers need MINIMUM four weeks' notice.
- ❑ **Testing:** There are a few ACT and SAT dates during the summer if you would like to retake either test.
- ❑ **Common Application:** Determine if you plan to apply to schools via CommonApp or through the school's application (note – the state schools may have a higher application fee if you go through the CommonApp). If you plan on using the Common Application, you can create your account now and connect it to Naviance.
- ❑ **Act:** Make early decision/early action preparations.
- ❑ **Apply!** State schools, such as ASU, will have their applications available and open online as early as July. Go ahead and apply but note- we will have application workshops in the fall.

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