

College Planning Calendar

Junior Year and Summer Before Senior Year

- Compile your college list. Include 1 or 2 dream schools, 1 or 2 reach schools, and 1 or 2 safe schools.
- Begin choosing a major. A major is a subject area of interest. Explore majors at www.assist.org or www.californiacolleges.edu. Explore your interests, which may help you choose your major at <http://www.careercruising.com>. Make sure that colleges of your interest offer the major you are considering. Some colleges require that you declare a major at time of application. See your counselor for further guidance.
- For student athletes planning to play Division I or II college level sports, register at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and complete the amateurism questionnaire.
- Take the SAT I and/or the ACT tests. Take the Subject Tests for UC eligibility. Register online at <http://www.collegeboard.com> (SAT I or Subject Tests) and <http://www.act.org> (ACT).

SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Area

DATE	REGISTER BY
10-10-2009	9-9-2009
11-7-2009	10-01-2009
12-5-2009	10-30-2009
1-23-2010	12-15-2009

ACT Examinations

DATE	REGISTER BY
9-12-2009	8-7-2009
10-24-2009	9-18-2009
12-12-2009	11-6-2009
2-6-2010	1-5-2010

- Visit colleges of interest to make sure you like the town, geography, climate, and campus size. Most colleges host college preview days in the spring or fall. Check for these dates on the college websites. Some colleges send representatives to Casa's Career Center. Visit the Career Center often for college visit dates.
- Verify your high school transcript – have you taken all required courses? Does it show **all** the classes you've taken?
- Attend Casa's spring College Planning Night on March 31, 2010.

September and October of Senior Year

- If you want to retake either the SAT I, ACT, and/or the Subject Tests, register now. Testing should be completed no later than December of your Senior year.
- Finalize your list of colleges. Know application deadlines.
- Request admission and requirement information from private and out-of-state colleges.
- Some private universities may require that you register for the CSS/Financial Aid Profile through <http://www.collegeboard.com>.
- Attend Casa's Senior Overview evening offered on October 1, 2009.
- Make sure you have a working email address. Use this address for all college correspondence. Colleges are relying almost exclusively on email to deliver critical admission and housing information.

November

- CSU filing deadline October 1 – November 30th.
- UC filing deadline November 1 – November 30th.
- Check private and out-of-state colleges for application filing periods.
- Request College Board and/or ACT to send test scores directly to colleges. Colleges only accept scores sent from the testing agencies.
- Attend Casa's SRJC Information Night. SRJC presenters give information about admission, programs, transfer opportunities, and financial aid.
- Apply for your FAFSA PIN at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.
- Ask staff members for letters of recommendation. Complete the Senior Résumé, which is available in the Counseling Office, and give it to staff members when you ask for letters of recommendation. Give your letter writers at least 2 weeks notice when requesting a letter of recommendation.

December

- FAFSA filing period is January 1 – March 1st. Begin collecting your financial aid information. Download the FAFSA Worksheet from <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.
- Attend Casa's Financial Aid Information evening on December 3, 2009 in the NMU.
- Pick up the Cal Grant GPA Verification form from the Counseling Office and return it to the Registrar for Cal Grant eligibility.
- Check the Scholarship Wall in the Career Center for available Scholarships.
- Pick up the local Scholarship Handbook from the Career Center.
- CSU admission decisions begin to arrive.

January

- Submit completed FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Deadline is March 1st.
- If required by colleges, request a 7th semester transcript from the Registrar.
- Continue checking the Scholarship Wall in the Career Center for Scholarships.
- CSU admission decisions continue to arrive.

February

- Verify the FAFSA and/or Profile deadlines for our-of-state colleges.
- Send Midyear Reports to private colleges. Give counselors two weeks' notice to complete these forms.
- Continue checking the Scholarship Wall in the Career Center for Scholarships.

March/April

- Check email for the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), which will summarize the amount of aid, if any, you're eligible for. Save all financial communication.
- Watch email for college specific financial award letters. Compare financial award offers.
- UC admission decisions begin arriving.
- Attend college information meetings and visit campuses to make final college choice.
- Return the Intent to Register for the college of your choice by deadline.
- Student athletes planning to play Division I or II college level sports, review your amateurism questionnaire and request final amateur certification on or before April 1st.
- Watch for housing information and deadline payment dates. Many colleges have limited dorm housing so meeting deadlines may mean the difference between dorm housing or off-campus housing.
- Continue checking the Scholarship Wall in the Career Center for Scholarships.

May

- Take specific college math and English placement tests: CSU - English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry Level Mathematics Test (ELM); UC - Analytical Writing Placement Exam. Colleges send this information via email. Missing a placement test deadline may delay your course sign up time period.
- SRJC bound students, sign up for the SRJC Orientation class, Coun 270. Take the SRJC Placement tests. SRJC now accepts the EAP results if you place at college level in Math or English.
- Continue checking the Scholarship Wall in the Career Center for Scholarships.

June

- Request final transcript to be sent to the college you will attend in the fall. Provide a preaddressed, stamped envelope to the Registrar indicating where the official transcript should be sent.
- Sign up for the college orientation program.

Congratulations! You are on your way to college!