

COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

11TH GRADE

FALL

TAKE PSAT IN OCTOBER

Not only is it a good way to practice for the SAT, it also qualifies you for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Be sure to use your legal name as spelled on your passport.



START REVIEWING COLLEGES

Look online. Sign up for virtual college fairs. Speak to college representatives that recruit on island. Start to actively learn more about admission requirements at the schools you are interested in.



RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

It's important to have a realistic idea of what you can afford. Learn about local scholarship requirements for ASG and ASCC. Attend an ASCC financial aid workshop with your parents/guardians to learn more.



WINTER

ORGANIZE YOUR SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE

Find out registration deadlines and the exact dates and times of important tests like the ACT, SAT and SAT Subject Tests.



STAY INVOLVED

Colleges like well-rounded students who participate in more than just school, especially if they display consistent involvement or take a leadership role



SPRING

TAKE SAT OR ACT

Experience what it's like to take a test from beginning to end. This will help identify subjects where you can improve. Usually your score can increase by about 100 points just by taking it a second time.



SENIOR SCHEDULE

Challenge yourself. Meet with your counselor and review possible classes. Colleges pay attention to senior year courses and grades, so set yourself up to stand out.



CONTACT RECOMMENDATION WRITERS

You are going to need recommendation letters when you apply to schools in the fall, so beat the rush by contacting those writers (teachers, coaches, mentors) you want to ask now. You'll give them time to prepare, and it's one less thing for you to worry about next fall.



SUMMER

SUMMER WORK

Seek out work, volunteer or internship opportunities that highlight interests, demonstrate your civic duty or display your willingness to learn.



COLLEGE LIST

Make a list of at least 3 safety, 3 target, and 3 reach schools. Your list should be specific to your interests. Consider: region, majors, size, and available aid.



ESSAYS

Compose rough drafts of the essays you will need for your college apps. Don't focus on your accomplishments, write about YOU, failing forward, lessons in leadership, family responsibilities etc. Ask a teacher or counselor for feedback and suggestions.

