

## COLLEGE PATHWAY

# Creating a Portfolio

**Academic:** *Depending on your school or program, it might be required that you submit a portfolio of your work including graded assignments. Below are a few tips:*

- ☐ Save your best assignments that are graded by your teachers. Schools use the teacher's comments to gauge the level of work expected in your coursework.
- Do not worry about a few corrections on things such as spelling from a teacher on your assignment, these corrections are understood to be normal by colleges.
- Sometimes the work that best displays your abilities or talent doesn't necessarily have the highest grade, the grade alone will not be the school's only concern in evaluation.

**Artistic:** *If you are applying to an art school, certain artistic programs, or even some architecture programs, you will usually be asked to submit a portfolio of your work in the medium you are pursuing, below are a few tips to consider:*

- ☐ Save all your work.
- Be mindful of building your portfolio throughout your high school career including theater, art, music, dance, etc.
- Consult your art teacher(s) on whether or not to send pieces, it is only worth sending slides/photos of pieces of your highest quality.
- Look closely at schools' specific guidelines in regards to whether or not they want a recommendation from your art teacher or if the deadline for your portfolio is earlier/different from your application deadline.
- There are annual Portfolio Days at various art schools and local venues. Portfolio Days are typically an opportunity to have a professional admissions representative from highly selective art schools review your current portfolio and make recommendations/suggestions for improvement. This experience can give you the feedback you need to ensure your portfolio is at its best when actually being reviewed for admission.
- Most art schools utilize an online portal for the submission of your portfolio. See each schools admission criteria for portfolio submission.

### **Audition:**

- ☐ When you are performing sight-read music, take time to look over the piece and make sure you understand the key and time signatures before proceeding.
- Select your audition time and date early.
- Try to acquire audition information ahead of time. Ask for help from teachers as you prepare for your college audition.
- If you haven't already, get involved in high school performances.