

Specific Information for Seniors

The timeline below will assist you in planning a successful college application season and senior year.

August

- Review your unofficial transcript along with your schedule, making certain you have all classes you need to graduate and to meet college entrance requirements.
- Register for a SAT and/or ACT preparation class (if needed). See your counselor for details.
- Register for the ACT (www.act.org) and/or SAT (www.collegeboard.org)
 - Remember to send your scores to ACA and to your colleges of interest!
- Begin working on your college essay.
- Check your email at least once per week for information from your counselor and colleges.
- Begin to ask teachers for letters of recommendation for college applications. Give teachers at least two weeks to write your letter, provide them with a copy of your activity sheet and, if needed, provide a stamped envelope addressed to your college.
- Register with NCAA and/or NAIA if you plan to play a sport in college and you didn't take care of this in your junior year.

September/October

- Complete and return your Cal Grant GPA verification form to the school registrar.
- Attend the Senior and Parent meeting.
- Meet with your counselor for your Senior Graduation Review.
- Stay informed regarding CSF application deadlines, scholarship opportunities, SAT and ACT registration deadlines and college preview days through the Announcements, Weekly Newsletters and the Academic Quarterly Newsletter.
- In October, attend the Christian College Fair at Ontario Christian High School or at Woodcrest Christian High School (www.naccap.org).
- Finalize your college list.
- Write your college essay.
- Begin filing applications
- CSU applications may be filed from October 1 – November 30. APPLY EARLY! www.CSUmentor.org
- Research and apply for scholarships. www.fastweb.com or www.cappex.com
- Continue to visit college campuses; attend Preview Days and Open House events.

November/December

- UC applications may be filed from November 1 – 30. www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions
- Know and observe college application deadlines.
- Request needed information from your counselor, teachers and school registrar by December 5 for college applications with an early January deadline. Academic Services and teachers are not available during the Christmas holiday.
- Send test scores to all schools to which you are applying.
- Register for a parent and student pin number to be used in filing the FAFSA in January.
- Check your email weekly for messages from colleges and your counselor.

January/February

- January 1 is the first day to file the FAFSA. www.fafsa.ed.gov
- If applying to private colleges, know if a CSS PROFILE is required.
- Attend Financial Aid workshop at ACA.
- Rank your finalized list of colleges.
- Continue to apply for scholarships.
- Check your email weekly for messages from colleges and your counselor.

March/April

- Receive college admission notifications.
- Discuss your college options with your family, teachers and counselor.
- Compare your financial aid packages:
www.wiredscholar.com/deciding/award_comparison/ac_index.jsp
- If you are waitlisted, decide on your options.
- Return all paperwork on time, paying special attention to the **May 1 deadline** by which many colleges must have your decision and deposit.
- Continue to apply for scholarships.
- Check your email weekly for messages from colleges and your counselor.
- Notify colleges you have decided not to attend.

May/June

- Deadline for responding to colleges for admission, financial aid and housing is May 1.
- Request your final transcript sent to the college you will be attending.
- Notify your counselor of which college you have decided to attend and any awards or scholarships you have received.