

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

For

4-year Bound College/University

SEPTEMBER

- ❑ Stay up to date on scholarship searches. (The El Dorado County Scholarship website won't be available until October). *There are many scholarships available specifically for students attending community college & trade schools as well.*
- ❑ Volunteer! It looks great on college applications and builds character. Check out Justserve.org for local volunteer opportunities or visit the College & Career Center. You can also receive up-to-date info on volunteer opportunities by texting @volopps to 81010.
- ❑ Research careers of interest using websites like, mynextmove.org, WhoDoUWant2B.com, and California Career Zone.
- ❑ Create a list of awards, activities, etc. that you participated in throughout High School. You'll need to report these on college & scholarship applications. Print out an Activity & Awards worksheet [HERE](#), or pick one up in the College & Career Center.
- ❑ Begin identifying teachers for letters of recommendation. Many scholarships and some schools also require letters of recommendation from your counselor. Be sure to fill out a 'Brag Sheet' before requesting your letters. You can access one [HERE](#), or pick one up in the College & Career Center.
- ❑ Begin looking at college applications online. The UC application opened on August 1st and is available to start working on.
- ❑ Narrow down your college and major choices and decided where you will apply. Visit the college website to see if they offer your preferred major.
- ❑ Register to take or retake the [ACT](#), [SAT](#) and/or SAT Subject Tests in Oct. or Nov. Spots fill up fast so register early. Come to the College & Career Center to pick up a practice test or study for free online at Kaplan.com or KhanAcademy.
- ❑ Confirm application deadlines for the universities or colleges for which you are going to apply. Many deadlines can be found on the admissions page of the school's website.
- ❑ Discuss early action or early decision to a university with your counselor.
- ❑ Be in the upper quad at lunch to meet with college reps! Listen to the bulletin announcements to see who will be visiting or check out the 'Upcoming Events' page on the [College & Career webpage](#).

OCTOBER

- ❑ The College & Career Center will hold college application workshops on Sept. 12th, 19th, 26th and Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st at lunch! If you are struggling with your college application, be sure to come to these workshops for help!
- ❑ Attend the [Regional College Fair](#) on **September 24, 2019** at Union Mine High School. Universities, Colleges, Community Colleges, Trade Schools and the Military will be in attendance.

- ❑ Continue working on scholarships (the local scholarship website, www.callocalscholarships.org, should be open mid-October. Visit the College & Career Center for more scholarship information or join the scholarship text group by texting @scholopps to 81010.
- ❑ **FAFSA opens October 1, 2019.** Complete your [FAFSA](#) using your parent's 2018 tax information. The College & Career Center will offer workshops at lunch to help you complete your FAFSA. Listen for bulletin announcements on when those will occur.
- ❑ Continue researching careers and working on your plan to get there!
- ❑ Plan to take the ASVAB test if you are still not sure of a career choice, or are interested in joining the Military. The ASVAB will be offered at El Dorado on **October 28, 2018**. [Register here](#), or visit the College & Career Center.
- ❑ **The California State University application opens October 1, 2019.** Apply to the CSU's on CalStateApply.edu.
- ❑ Check out 'Preview Days' or college open houses. It's a great way to help you make a decision on what school you may attend.
- ❑ Follow through on getting your letters of recommendation complete. Remember to pick up a brag sheet from the College & Career Center.
- ❑ Take the ACT, SAT or Subject Tests as necessary.
- ❑ Confirm which universities require a transcript to be sent with your application. Visit the Counseling office for copies of your transcript.
- ❑ If attending a UC, work on your Personal Insight Questions. Have your English teacher or counselor assist you in the process. Visit the [Personal Insight Questions](#) page on the UC website or pick up a packet in the College & Career Center.
- ❑ If interested in applying to a private college, visit the [AICCU website](#) for more information.

NOVEMBER

- ❑ **Remember that CSU & UC Applications are due November 30th! Visit the College & Career Center If you are struggling and need help with your application.**
- ❑ Be sure to complete your FAFSA if you haven't already.
- ❑ Once your FAFSA is filed, visit webgrants4students.org to create an account and view your Cal Grant status.
- ❑ Continue scholarship searches and send in applications. Visit the [CALocal](#) webpage to view local scholarships that are available.
- ❑ Work on your resume! Use the resume templates on the '[Forms/Resources](#)' page of the College & Career Center website for help. Everyone will need a resume at some point. Get started now and see Mrs. Yurkovic if you need assistance.
- ❑ Continue to send in college applications and acquire necessary documentation to complete forms. **The window to submit the UC application is Nov. 1-30.** Apply online at www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- ❑ Keep your grades up! If your grades slip in your senior year, colleges may rescind (take away) your acceptance to their school.
- ❑ Last chance to register for SAT's and ACT's. Most UCs and CSUs will accept a December test.

DECEMBER

- Study for finals!
- Continue scholarship searches and send in scholarship applications.
- Complete your FAFSA! All seniors should apply regardless on if you plan to go straight to college or not.

JANUARY

- Talk to your counselor to ensure you are on track for graduation and for the college or career of your choice.
- Continue scholarship searches and send in scholarship applications. Most local scholarships will be due March 1. **Visit the College & Career Center on Jan. 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th for help with scholarship applications.**
- Activate your Cal Grant account if you have not done so already at www.webgrants4students.org
- Send transcripts, if required, to universities you applied to. You can request transcripts through the counseling office.
- Check your email and school portals for any communication from your colleges.
- Apply for your college's honors program, or housing, if applicable.

FEBRUARY

- Continue scholarship searches and send in scholarship applications. Most local applications are due at the beginning of March.
- Activate your Cal Grant account if you have not done so already at www.webgrants4students.org
- Finalize your FAFSA - It is **due March 2, 2019!**
- You may begin to receive acceptance/denial letters from private universities. Be sure to read all information thoroughly!
- Check your email and school portals for any communication from your colleges.
- Check with colleges that they have received all necessary materials. Send in any additional items (transcript, application fee, test scores, etc.)

MARCH

- Continue scholarship searches and send in scholarship applications.
- Most local scholarships are due **March 1st!**
- FAFSA/CAL GRANT DEADLINE is MARCH 2nd!**
- Attend Career Expo on March 19 at Union Mine High School.** This is your chance to apply for internships and summer jobs. You can also learn more about apprenticeship programs and job shadow opportunities.
- Register for AP exams if applicable.
- Check your email and school portal for any communication from your colleges. If colleges request additional information, send immediately!
- Notify your counselor of any acceptance or problems with your application process.
- You should hear from most CSUs and UCs by the end of the month.

APRIL

- Carefully consider financial aid packages as they arrive.
- Continue scholarship searches and send in scholarship applications.
- Finalize your university selection - letters of intent are due by May 1st!
- Visit any college that has accepted you if you have not done so already. It may help you make your final decision.
- Carefully follow college acceptance instructions, including applying for housing if you have not done so already.
- Take placement exams as directed by your college. These are **required** and are different from the SAT & ACT. See your counselor for more information.

MAY

- Prepare for and take AP exams if applicable.
- Make your final college selection if you have not done so.
- Talk to your counselor for any additional assistance with financial aid, housing, etc.
- KEEP YOUR GRADES UP! Remember that your dream school can reject your acceptance if your grades slip. Do not let Senioritis or laziness get the best of you. Finish strong!**
- Be sure that you have followed through on all financial aid offers.
- Be sure to notify colleges you are declining by the end of the this month if you have not done so.
- Take placement tests as required.
- Order your final official high school transcript and have it sent to the college you will be attending.
- Make final arrangements and pay deposits for housing.
- Sign up for your college's Freshman Orientation.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU DID IT!