

Senior/12th Grade Class of 2025

College Checklist

***Every senior should access to the Class of 2025 - College & Career Google Classroom.** (Email: adrian.navarro@ousd.org)

August

- ☐ Meet with parents/guardians to discuss college finances and any other help you need
- ☐ Check transcripts to make sure they are complete and there are no errors
- ☐ Create your CaliforniaColleges.edu account with your OUSD email.
 - Add a personal email as a secondary (OUSD email erases after graduation)
- ☐ Create a separate email account (non-OUSD) for all college info – check it daily
- ☐ Complete your Senior Brag Sheet (helps teachers with recommendations and you with applications).
- ☐ Start/continue drafting college application essays – Check with Advisors in the CCC
- ☐ Begin searching for scholarships – Check the CCC website for the scholarship list
- ☐ Download and start personalizing the [OTHS College App Tracker](#) in Google Classroom
- ☐ Request letters of recommendation from teachers and counselor if you need them for the colleges you're applying to, and complete your [Senior Brag Sheet for Letters of Recommendation](#) (in Google Classroom)
- ☐ Common App and UC applications open August 1st - create your accounts through CCGI!

September

- ☐ Keep working on the steps above if not completed in August.
- ☐ Attend the College and Career Center's Road to College series:
 - **Road to College 1: College Application Overview** - Thursday, Sept. 19th 6:30 - 8:00 pm - Tech Auditorium
 - **Road to College 2A: Tackling the University Of California's Personal Insight Questions (PIQ's)**- Thursday, Sept. 26th 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Student Center @ Oakland Tech
 - **Road to College 2B: Navigating the Common Application Essay Prompts**- Tuesday, Oct 1st 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Virtual on Zoom
- ☐ Complete a draft of the UC Personal Insight Questions (and **sign-up for a free College Essays Mentor appointment**)
- ☐ **Attend OUSD College Night Fair - Wednesday, Sept. 25th 5-7pm - Oakland High School**
- ☐ Sign up to receive more info about schools that interest you (on their website), and follow schools on social media
- ☐ Attend college rep visits at Tech - check OTHS instagram, and Google Classroom for updated information
- ☐ Make a list of colleges you will apply to and their deadlines - add them to your College App Tracker
- ☐ Submit your Senior Brag Sheet for Letters of Recommendation (LOR) to your counselor and teachers by Friday, September 27th. If you miss this deadline, make sure to give teachers and counselors your profile at least three weeks before your first deadline.

October

- ☐ Filing period for CSU and UC applications opens October 1st – do not submit until someone has reviewed your application for errors
- ☐ Complete Common App essays if applying to private colleges for Early Decision/Action
- ☐ Complete any rolling admission, early action, or early decision applications
- ☐ CSS Profile (financial aid application) opens Oct. 1st. Begin completing it if you are applying to private colleges that require it

November

- ☐ *If you are applying Early Decision or Early Action*, submit your application(s) and check your Financial Aid and deadlines
- ☐ Continue working on applications/essays for UCs and private colleges (regular decision)
- ☐ **Attend College Crunch Week** to finish applications- watch website, IG and Google Classroom for dates
- ☐ Financial Aid forms to parents – apply for your FSA ID for FAFSA – both students and parents need to apply for this ID number so you can sign your FAFSA
- ☐ Complete UC Application early – do not wait until the end of November!
- ☐ **UC application deadline is November 30th**
- ☐ **CSU application Deadline is November 30th**

December

- ☐ **Attend Road to College 3: Fund your Future** (Scholarships and Financial Aid)- **Tuesday, December 3rd, 6:00 - 7:30 PM**
- ☐ FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens December 1st 2024 (estimated) – do not submit until someone checks it for errors
- ☐ Continue working on Essays/Applications for private and out of state schools
- ☐ Submit applications as they are due, keep track of them on Calendars
- ☐ **Check your online portals to make sure your applications are complete**
- ☐ **Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible!**

January

- ☐ **Attend Cash for College - (Look out on website, IG and Google Classroom for date and time)**
- ☐ Keep checking deadlines – many Private college applications will be due sometime in January
- ☐ Send thank you notes to teachers and counselors for recommendations
- ☐ Keep checking your college portals to be sure applications are complete
- ☐ If you are admitted somewhere by early decision you must withdraw all other applications
- ☐ Continue looking for scholarships – Check the website for updated scholarship information

February

- ☐ Research community college options

March

- ☐ Submit community college applications
- ☐ **FAFSA Deadline for CA is March 3rd**

April

- ☐ Visit colleges you were admitted to if possible
- ☐ **Send Intent to Register** and then notifications to colleges you are not attending (Deadline for Intent to Register is May 1st). If deferring for a Gap Year, notify the college
- ☐ Check for other deadlines (e.g. Housing, Scholarships) – some deadlines will be in early May
- ☐ Take any assessment tests for colleges if they are required

May

- ☐ **May 1st – Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) Deadline**
- ☐ Send deposit for housing
- ☐ Take AP tests
- ☐ **Attend Future Forward Fest Celebration – TBA**

- ☐ Request final transcripts through **<https://ousdca.scribborder.com>**
- ☐ Common App Schools – report to your counselor where your final report needs to be electronically sent to
- ☐ Complete OTHS check out process, (including the senior survey!), prior to graduation