

# Rising Junior Parent Summer Checklist

- ✓ Have a discussion (we encourage keeping it casual and open-minded) with your child about beginning the college search process.
- ✓ Encourage your child to be [productive over the summer](#). They should be considering some of the following: opportunities for academic enrichment, part-time work, volunteering, career exploration through shadowing and conversations.
- ✓ Ask to see your child's CIALFO account. Note the colleges they listed on their "Longlist." Review their personality/career assessments. Ask questions about the site. You will soon gain access to this site.
- ✓ Visit some college campuses – We will meet with your child toward the end of first semester, and **it will be most helpful if they have visited at least three campuses**.
  - With direction, put your child in charge of scheduling the visit or finding options to do virtual info sessions and/or tours.
  - Attempt to visit schools that contrast each other (ex. small & large; rural & urban) to introduce differences in schools.
  - Early in the process, students are more influenced by what they know and where others promote and have gone. Please attempt to visit and explore at least one school that isn't on all their friend's lists.
  - The [College Visit Guide](#) is available on the College Counseling resource page of MyArchmere
- ✓ Contact the College Counseling Office with any questions.
- ✓ Sign up for an optional 30-minute family meeting with College Counseling, if interested, and offered throughout June & July on a first-come, first-served basis (registration forthcoming). Parent or guardian attendance required.
- ✓ Discuss "areas" of study with your child. We recommend that you do not push students to have a specific major or field; rather, move conversation toward your child's strengths as well as topics and classes your student enjoys. The CIALFO personality assessments provide reports that can kick-start this conversation.
- ✓ Review the College Counseling Office's [testing recommendations](#) and discuss testing plans and decisions. These recommendations can be found on the College Counseling Resources Page in your MyArchmere.