Summer Before Sr Yr Checklist

Summer Before Senior Year Checklist

Congratulations soon-to-be Seniors! You've just wrapped up one of the biggest years of high school, and senior year is just around the corner! Time to Jumpstart College Apps! Follow this Summer Checklist so that you start senior year strong and won't stress!

Please note that the timeline dates may look different depending on your college list

June	☑ Begin PIQs (UC Apps) and Personal Statement (Common App) and start the Common App Profile using the OSP Essay Tracker ☐ Complete OSP College Organizer Template ☐ Update your OSP Grad Plan Template that can be found in your OSP College Organizer Template (NOTE that PMA will have a different Grad Plan Template) ☑ Find meaningful and intentional summer activities/resume builders ☑ Start UC Activities List Tracker ☐ Apply to college fly in programs! ☑ Review your transcript with an OSP Program Director during the Crash Course
July	☑ Identify your senior year courses. Remember to challenge yourself! ☐ Continue applying for college fly in programs ☐ Visit college campuses with your family ☑ Continue to participate in meaningful summer activities and hobbies ☐ Finish drafts of PIQs and Personal Statement ☑ Research colleges ☑ Self-Care!
August	☑ Finalize college list and organize OSP College Folder ☑ Add updated transcript to OSP College Folder ☑ Start UC Application (opens August 1st) ☑ Update UC Activities List ☑ Update your Navience or Scoir profile ☑ Log back into Common App and update college list ☑ Add your OSP Program Director as an Advisor on Common App ☑ Request Letters of Recommendation. Use this GUIDE to help you! ☑ Get ready for senior year! Have faith and trust the process! ☑ Take the SAT or ACT

🎯 Fall College Checklist

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Fall College Checklist

Senior year has begun! Hopefully you've had a chance to GET AHEAD this summer!
Keep following this checklist to stay on track.

Please note that the timeline dates may look different depending on your college list

Sept	
	☐ Attend college fly in programs!
	☐ Attend first Scholar Saturday
	☐ Finish Personal Statement and PIQs
	☐ Update OSP College Organizer Template
	☐ Finish UC Activities List Tracker
	☐ Start college supplemental essays

Oct	
	☑ Start UC Application
	☐ Create an FSA ID and apply for FAFSA
	☐ Submit CSS Profile for private colleges
	☐ Attend college fly in programs
	☐ Continue working on college supplemental essays for private colleges
	☐ Continue to participate in meaningful summer activities and hobbies
	☐ Final edits of PIQs and Personal Statement DUE
	☐ Finish Cal State Application
	☐ Request tutoring if falling behind in classes
	☐ Take 2nd SAT or ACT

Nov-Dec	
	☐ Submit first Common App college application (Nov 1st)
	☐ Finish financial aid applications
	☐ Submit UC App (suggested deadline Nov 15; final deadline Nov 30)
	☐ Finish all supplemental essays for private colleges
	☐ Remind your recommenders to submit their letters
	☐ Log back into Common App and update college list
	☐ Politely ask your HS Counselor if they submitted your GPA Verification form to CSAC. You can verify here.
	☐ Research Scholarships!

Common App Checklist

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Common App Checklist

Use this checklist to guide you through the Common App. It's very important you don't skip a step or fall behind!

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| Common App | ☐ Profile/Family Sections completed accurately
☐ Education - Check senior schedule is accurate, list honors ect.
☐ Testing - List only 4s and 5s for APs and discuss if you will use your SAT scores
☐ Activities Sections
☐ Personal Statement
☐ Additional Information Sections
☐ Writing Supplements
☐ Letters of Recommendation - check they have been submitted
☐ FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - completed and SAI received (October - December)
☐ CSS Profile (in October)
☐ IDOC - All forms uploaded (in December) |

January College Checklist

January College Checklist

You're almost done! January will continue to be a busy month for college applications. Continue to communicate with your OSP Program Director and use this checklist to stay on track.

Please note that the timeline dates may look different depending on your college list

- ☐ Update Naviance and Scoir with your final college list
- ☐ Be sure all colleges you applied to are on the CSS Profile and FAFSA
- ☐ Complete the IDOC - this is the second part of CSS Profile. Your application is not complete until you finish IDOC!
- ☐ Check that you've completed ALL financial aid forms. Some colleges have their own forms (ex. USC and UPenn)
- ☐ Update your [OSP Grad Plan Template](#)
- ☐ Open College Portals for every college you applied to and document your Username and Password
- ☐ Double check that your HS Counselor submits your mid-year academic report via Common App
- ☐ Look for communication for UCs. You may be asked to "verify" your information and some UCs may even ask for additional info such as a recommendation.
- ☐ Read ALL emails from private colleges you applied to. Sometimes colleges monitor if you open their emails!
- ☐ Continue to explore the websites and follow social media pages of each college you applied to. Sometimes colleges will track your engagement!
- ☐ *If you submitted test scores,* double check that the colleges you sent them to received them.
- ☐ Write Thank You emails to your recommenders
- ☐ Research and apply for scholarships
- ☐ Have some senior fun!

You've submitted! Now what?

After Submission Checklist

You've submitted! Now What? Follow this checklist to make sure you don't miss anything!

☐ Continue to review your college portals at least twice a week
☐ Answer all voicemails and emails from colleges
☐ Check your Spam Folder to be sure you don't miss anything
☐ Double check that your FAFSA, CSS Profile, and IDOC have been processed
☐ Write Thank You emails to your recommenders
☑ Get a Real ID. You may need to travel to a college in the next few months
☐ Double check that Naviance or Scoir has been updated
☐ Research and apply for scholarships
☐ Have some senior fun!

Senior: College Enrollment Checklist

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Senior College Enrollment Checklist

Congratulations, Scholar Graduate! You are on your way to being a college student. To prepare for this summer transition, please keep in mind the below steps. Contact your Program Director with any questions.

Please note that the timeline dates may look different depending on your college

May	☐ Pay the enrollment deposit by May 1 ☐ Accept financial aid offers and follow the instructions given ☐ Pay the housing deposit and submit the housing application ☐ Review information for student orientation (options for dates/times) ☐ Research if your college has summer freshmen programs ☐ Transfer important college-related emails from your high school account to your personal/college email
June	☐ Graduate! ☐ Request your official final transcript be sent to your college ☐ If you took a community college course(s), request a transcript sent to your college ☐ Confirm orientation dates and times ☐ Complete all enrollment forms by the deadline (e.g., housing arrangements, health/emergency, online trainings) ☐ Review your college's course catalog to select your courses
July	☐ Attend orientation events ☐ Confirm all scholarships are applied in your financial portal ☐ Review housing selection for August move-in ☐ Enjoy quality time with friends and family
August	☐ Review student tuition bill (set up monthly payments) ☐ Confirm your class schedule and create a study plan ☐ Start your new journey as a college student!