

# Rising Senior Summer Checklist

## Throughout the Summer

- Continue to visit campuses to assist you in determining priorities and begin to decide which schools you wish to apply to. Plan ahead and schedule early, many visits will fill.
- Keep CIALFO your longlist and shortlist accurate.
- Update CIALFO Extracurricular Activities if you want to use it to create a resume.
- Enjoy time with friends and family.
- Inform College Counseling if there are any drastic changes in your search decisions.
- Discuss college costs with your parents.
- Consistently check your email for messages from College Counseling and your colleges.
- Contact your College Counselor with any questions about the application process or your application plan.
- Be constructive and curious about your intended major and potential careers.

## Early Summer

- Determine a late summer/fall testing plan and how you might prepare ([individualized prep, tutor](#), etc.) and remember registration deadlines are a month in advance.
- Look for emailed instructions on how to share your Common Application essay draft that you started in English class, if you want feedback from College Counseling.
- Sit for June or July [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) (if applicable).
- You will receive a communication requesting that you populate your *shortlist* on CIALFO, please act upon instructions promptly.
- Finalize productive summer plans – employment, summer enrichment program, discussions with people employed in your field of interest, shadowing professionals, and perhaps taking a summer college course.

## Late Summer

- Check CIALFO list for College Counselors' categorizations and email with any questions (will be completed mid to late July, all students and families will receive an email when completed).
- [Common Application](#) rolls over on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> and other applications launch as well.
- Share working drafts of essays (Common Application and supplements) to the College Counselors for feedback.
- Sign up for individual meetings with your Counselor to brainstorm and edit supplemental essays.
- Strategize and decide on application types with guidance from parents and College Counselor.
- Prepare for August or September [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) (if applicable).
- Attend practice mock interviews, supplemental essay sessions at Archmere, and Application Open Hours.
- Plan out any potential fall visits with family—check the [MyDay calendar](#) for days off from school.
- Schedule and complete an end of summer *mandatory* Senior Check-In with your college counselor.
- Complete Aukology (final survey) - due at Senior Check-In or first College Seminar class (whichever is first).

## Summer Goals

- Start senior year with Common Application (the general information sent to all colleges), SRAR (if applicable), and main essay completed as well as rough drafts started for supplemental essays for early deadlines.
- Start senior year with a near finalized *shortlist* in CIALFO for Counselor to give new categorizations —this includes knowing application, financial aid, and scholarships requirements and deadlines for each of your schools.
- Have a completed student resume (with summer additions).
- Start senior year having visited as many schools on your list as possible and consider second visits for the fall (interviews, sitting in on classes, specialized programs, etc.).
- Be prepared to start off senior year on the right foot in terms of academics (this includes your summer work)—to hopefully allow you the opportunity to share strong first quarter grades with colleges.
- Spend plenty of time relaxing and enjoying friends and family!