

Hi (school name) students:

*Counselors: add your own intro here in your own voice and with school-specific info.*

### **11th-graders**

- [Ask teacher\(s\) for letters of recommendation you'll need in the fall](#): Many teachers cap the number of letters they'll write, so it's good to make the ask early. They may write your letter this summer while your work and contributions to the classroom are fresh in their mind.
- [How to Create a College List \(with tracking spreadsheet\)](#): Keep making progress. Make sure you're excited about *all* the schools on your list, not just the reaches. [Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be](#) is a great read.
- Free test prep:- If you're planning to test in late summer into the fall, take advantage of these resources:
  - [Official SAT Practice Tests \(College Board\)](#)
  - [Khan Academy \(SAT Free Official SAT Practice Tests | College Board\)](#)
  - [ACT Academy](#)
  - [How to Improve Your ACT Score by 2 Points in 20 Minutes](#)
- [How to Write a College Essay](#): Wondering how to get started on your college essays this summer? Read this step-by-step guide, which walks you through the process.
- [5 Resources and Tips for Getting Scholarships and Financial Aid](#): These are a great set of tips and resources as you begin your scholarship search. Use [this template](#) to keep track of opportunities that might be a good fit.