

12th grade: what you can do to guide and advise your senior

1. Monitor academic progress
 - Grades are important! Many colleges request a seventh semester or mid-year transcript.
 - Senioritis is a constant battle. Sometimes they need a hug. Sometimes you do.
 - Don't drop the college prep classes. Keep up the rigor!
2. Help your students set up their calendar
 - Follow calendar in this packet
 - Highlight important events and deadlines
 - Remember – deadlines are deadlines
3. Sign them up for SAT and ACT
 - Sign up your students for any SAT subject tests required for specific programs
 - Review previous scores and determine fit for your college list
 - Impacted CSU campuses must have testing done by October at the latest.
 - All other CSUs and all UC testing deadlines are December.
4. Help obtain and complete college applications
 - Check for online applications and help your student create their account Make copies of all applications for students to do rough drafts.
 - Help your student to create a BRAG PACKET to give to college counselor for when he/she is writing the recommendation letter.
 - Help with student's three tier list. Make sure student asks for official transcripts for college applications
 - Check up on all deadlines (be encouraging...try not to nag ☺).
5. Financial Aid and scholarships
 - Be on the lookout for scholarships for your student.
 - In Sept., submit PROFILE registration form for colleges requiring PROFILE
 - Begin collecting all materials needed for the FAFSA in early fall and then submit FAFSA anytime after Jan. 1st
 - Watch for deadlines
6. Check out housing
 - Know deadlines
 - Make the deposit to hold housing (especially on impacted campuses). You may end up losing some of your deposit if your student goes somewhere else, but at least he/she will have somewhere to live if they decide to go there.
7. Visit campuses with your student before making the final choice (if possible)

8. Make the decision along with your student
 - Regardless of what they say, YOU MATTER! They want to know your opinion so really take the time to talk it over with them. Have dinner and really listen to each other.
 - Remind student to notify the college he/she plans to attend by May 1st.
 - As a courtesy, notify all schools the student will not be attending.
 - Be aware of financial obligations and timelines.

Remember: “College selection is a match to be made – not a prize to be won.”

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