

## JUNIOR YEAR

### August

- ❖ Maintaining your grades this year is important, but at the same time you need to make sure that you're challenging yourself academically.
- ❖ Focus on your college and career research.
- ❖ **Explore college degrees** if you haven't.  
CSU: [www.degrees.calstate.edu](http://www.degrees.calstate.edu)  
UC: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/>
- ❖ **Explore colleges** – Become more familiar with admission requirements. Watch YouTube or virtual tours on colleges you're interested in.  
[www.calstate.edu/apply/](http://www.calstate.edu/apply/) (CSU's)  
[www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu) (UC's)  
[www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu) (Private Universities)  
[www.HBCUconnect.com](http://www.HBCUconnect.com) (Historically Black Colleges)  
<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>  
**Apprenticeship Programs:**  
<https://sites.google.com/bacc.net/apprenticeship/programs-in-colleges/#h.uliwsc8fq6g>  
**More Apprenticeship Programs:**  
[https://www.dir.ca.gov/databases/das/results\\_aiglist.asp?varCounty=CONTRA+COSTA&varType=%25&Submit=Search&offset=100](https://www.dir.ca.gov/databases/das/results_aiglist.asp?varCounty=CONTRA+COSTA&varType=%25&Submit=Search&offset=100)
- ❖ **Job Corps Treasure Island:**  
<https://treasureisland.jobcorps.gov/>
- ❖ Talk to your academic counselor, and make sure you're taking the correct A-G courses to meet your college application requirements (passing with a "C" or better grades).
- ❖ Does your college require an essay, short answer questions, or letter of recommendation for the application? Get a notebook and keep a record of information.
- ❖ Want to play sports for a Division I/II/III college? Sign up at the NCAA Eligibility Center [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).
- ❖ Virtual College Fairs: [www.nacacfairs.org](http://www.nacacfairs.org)
- ❖ **Register to take the PSAT Test by August 8th** – FHS Web Store (limited tests).

### September

- ❖ **Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – District Career & College Night Fair at Liberty HS Gym 6:00 pm**
- ❖ Think about taking courses at Los Medanos College in the Spring and earn college credit while in high school. Talk to your counselor.
- ❖ **September 21<sup>st</sup>** – UC Personal Insight Questions – in Career Center 1:30 pm. Get a sneak peak on what this is about.

### October

- ❖ Learn more about the FAFSA <https://studentaid.gov/>
- ❖ Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – CSU Application workshop Career Center at 1:30 pm
- ❖ Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – PSAT TEST – pre-registration required/fee
- ❖ Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – UC Application workshop Career Center at 1:30 pm
- ❖ Research 5-10 potential colleges and try to visit them during October break.
- ❖ Think about which teachers/counselor that you could request a letter of recommendation your senior year.
- ❖ Take a career interest assessment for free.

[yourfreecareertest.com](http://yourfreecareertest.com)  
[eureka.org](http://eureka.org) (FHS site ID code: K1CZCBD)  
[collegemajors101.com](http://collegemajors101.com)

### November

- ❖ **Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – ASVAB Test 8:15 am.** Preregister in Career Center.
- ❖ If you plan to apply to a HBCU, private or out of state college, make sure you check admission dates and deadlines so that you are better prepared your senior year.
- ❖ Talk to your parents/guardians about what your plans are for after high school. Discuss cost, location, goals, housing, transportation, etc.

**Turn Over** 

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## December

- ❖ Start researching scholarships: [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com) or [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com).
- ❖ Research merit scholarship requirements for the colleges you're interested in.
- ❖ Start planning for a productive summer. Job, internship, athletics, academic clubs, & resume building.
- ❖ Take time to research careers you're interested in.

## January/February

- ❖ Stay focused on maintaining and increasing your GPA.
- ❖ Your 12<sup>th</sup> grade course selection will happen in February.
- ❖ Build your resume – High school graduation will happen sooner than you think.
- ❖ Make an appointment with your high school counselor if you need any help with school, personal self or opportunities.

## March/April/May/June

- ❖ April 25<sup>th</sup> – ASVAB Test at 8:30 am. Preregister in Career Center.
- ❖ Summer before 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Create a username and password called the FSA ID that you'll use to confirm your identity when accessing your government financial aid information and electronically sign your federal student aid documents. You and your parent will each need your own unique FSA ID. (**USE FULL LEGAL NAME/SSN**) Learn about the FSA ID, and create yours, at [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid). DO NOT share an email for this FSA ID. Keep a notebook/folder with all your usernames and passwords. FAFSA is one of the steps to attend a 4 year colleges and or community colleges.
- ❖ Learn about the FAFSA information YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9apxxQrx-WY>

- ❖ Get organized - June. Narrow down which colleges you want to apply to, know your deadlines, have a list of 2-3 teachers that could write a letter of recommendation for you, fill out a “brag sheet” so that you can give this to the person who is writing your letter of recommendation, work on your personal insight questions to the UC application, review college essays, write a personal statement about yourself and have your resume completed.
- ❖ Getting a Job after high school? Begin putting a resume together for job applications.

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**DATES To be Determined and announced at a later time:**

- ❖ TBD - Financial Aid Night presentation
- ❖ TBD - Ramping up for College Event