College Timeline

How can you support your student to be College Ready?

Goals

- Start thinking about the college application process...
  NOW.

- Help you feel prepared for when the college application period starts.

- Give you tools to gain more knowledge about the process.

Opening Discussion

What are some of the things your student may need to do in order to prepare to apply for college?

Why is Having a Timeline Important?

College Admissions = meeting requirements & deadlines

- Preparation is the key to a strong college application
- Waiting until senior year is *too* late!

Requirements in a Nutshell

- **University of California**
  - *a-g* coursework with "C" or better
  - Minimum GPA of 3.0
  - SAT with Essay or ACT w/writing
  - Personal Insight Questions

- **California State University**
  - *a-g* coursework with "C" or better
  - Minimum GPA of 2.0
  - SAT or ACT
  - Meet the CSU eligibility index

Requirements in a Nutshell

- **Private & Independent Schools**
  - Course requirements vary
  - SAT or ACT
    - **WITH WRITING** *may be required*
  - Letters of recommendation
  - College Essay

- **Community Colleges**
  - Be at least 18 years of age; *OR*
  - Be a High School graduate

Transition to High School

- **Develop good study skills- go to after school tutoring and communicate with their teachers**

- **Participate in summer programs such as the Summer Math and Science Honors Academy (SMASH) is a free of cost, STEM-intensive 5 week college preparatory program for underrepresented high school students of color.**
  - **UC Berkeley**
  - **Stanford**

- **Encourage student to participate in college field trips!**

Sophomore Year

- **<u>Extracurricular activities</u>**
  - **Sports, student clubs, volunteer opportunities, summer programs such as COSMOS from UC Santa Cruz**

- **Encourage your student(s) to become involved in their community.**

- **Universities want to know who the student is outside the classroom!**

Things to Begin Researching 11th grade

- Admission requirements
- College Entrance Exams
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- College Visits
- Eligible vs. Competitive
- Start college lists
  - Identify Safety, Target and Reach schools
- **DEADLINES!**

Questions?

- Any questions about junior year?

Senior year

Application Season starts

- 2nd round of SAT/ACT
- FAFSA or Dream Act Financial Aid app @ Cash for College
- Letter of Recommendations
    - Ask teachers and check deadline
- Apply to UC during the month of November
- CSU between October 1st and November 30th
- Private school deadlines vary - usually December or later

The MOST important question to consistently ask your senior!

Have you checked your professional gmail and all your college PORTALS?

Final Discussion

- What are some things that can be done to help your student prepare for the college application process and meet deadlines?

- What other concerns do you have about the college application process? What tools would you need to feel more prepared for it?

PAIR SHARE

SHARE OUT

How To Help Your Student

1. **Communicate with your student –** make sure they are maintaining their grades and good study habits.

1. **Communicate with teachers and counselors –** see how your student is doing and what they need to be doing.

1. **Take your student to visit potential campuses –** it is assuring to parents and students to see and experience the campus.

4. **Encourage your student to explore their interests** including sports, student clubs, volunteer opportunities and summer programs.

4. **Know where your student can receive tutoring** - after school tutoring or tutoring with teacher.

5. **Continue to show interest and support** them in their aspirations.

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Additional Questions?