

## College Counseling Timeline

### TIMETABLE FOR THE CLASS OF 2014

#### September 2013

- Schedule meeting with your counselor to update him/her on your process and develop plan of action for the fall.
- Narrow list down to 5 schools. Start making final application plans, particularly for the UC system, early action, or early decision. Be aware of schools with rolling admissions.
- **September 21:** ACT date
- Read weekly *Updates* for information on deadlines, events and required paperwork.
- Attend Senior College Night sponsored by the Counselor.
- Attend evening programs sponsored by colleges at locations throughout the city. Invitations are posted on the bulletin board in the classroom.
- Work hard in your courses—first semester grades count!

#### October 2013

- **October 1:** Deadline to submit Early Action/Early Decision contract to your counselor and to notify the Deans Coordinators of the schools to which you are applying early or rolling.
- **October 1:** Deadline to ask your teachers for a recommendation.
- **Early October:** Retake SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests if necessary
- **October 26:** Retake ACT if necessary
- Attend workshops in class meetings on college essay writing, UC application-filing and other issues.
- If you are applying for financial aid, file the CSS PROFILE Registration Form.
- Begin submitting rolling applications.
- If your family is applying for financial aid, attend Financial Aid Workshop Part I.
- Have test scores sent to your Early Decision/Early Action and Rolling Admission schools.

#### November 2013

- **November 1 and 15:** Deadlines for Early Action and Early Decision applications.
- **Early November:** Retake SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests if necessary.
- Consult with your dean regarding essay drafts and final list of applications.
- **November 30:** Deadline to file your UC application and priority

deadline for CSU applications.

- Continue submitting Rolling Applications.
- Start working on applications with January deadlines.

### **December 2013**

- **December 4:** Deadline to submit Final College List to your dean and to notify the Deans Coordinators of the schools to which you are applying regular decision.
- **Early December:** Retake SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests if necessary. This is your last chance to take them for UC consideration.
- **December 14:** Retake ACT if necessary
- If your family is applying for financial aid, attend Financial Aid Workshop Part II. Also submit CSS Profile forms and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Have test scores sent to your regular decision schools.
- Receive early decision/early action decisions.
- Notify and thank teachers who wrote letters for you.
- Work on applications with January and February deadlines.

### **January 2014**

- **January 1 and 15:** Meet appropriate application deadlines.
- **Late January:** Last chance to retake SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests. These test results are considered at many private colleges.
- With your dean, confirm the list of colleges to which you are applying.

### **February 2014**

- **February 1:** Meet appropriate application deadlines.
- Wait.

### **March 2014**

- Colleges begin notification of admission decisions. UC campuses begin March 1. Most highly selective schools will mail near end of the month.

### **April 2014**

- All decisions should be received by mid-April. If you have done all you are supposed to do, you will have choices.
- Decision-making time. Consult deans, friends, current students, and family.
- Attend Open Houses for Admitted Students.

- If you have been wait-listed and wish to pursue admission to that institution, see your dean for appropriate guidelines and procedures.

### **May 2014**

- **May 1:** National Candidates' Reply Date—Notify all colleges to which you are admitted where you have decided to matriculate.
- Request that a final transcript be sent to the college you have chosen by turning in the College Admissions Summary (goldenrod sheet).
- Continue to work. Colleges do look at your final senior grades—your matriculation is contingent on continued academic performance through the end of the senior year.
- Inform and thank teachers who wrote your letters of recommendation.

### **June 2014**

- Graduate. Good Luck!