

Malibu High School

SENIOR YEAR “PREP FOR COLLEGE” CALENDAR/TIMELINE

Summer before Senior Year

- Make up D or F grades on your transcript.
- In Naviance, make a list of colleges you want to apply to, if you have not done so already.
- Use the SuperMatch program to help you filter your college search.
- Visit each college website and read all requirements for admission.
- Organize yourself with a binder. Write down all deadlines and requirements.
- Make sure **you** have established an application account online for **each** college on your list. (The UC will require ONE and the CSU will require ONE) *Note- do NOT use your smmk12 email account to create your college application account. You will not receive communication from colleges.
- Make a list of all essay and short answer topics for each college. Brainstorm ideas for all essays.
- Student athletes must register with NCAA Eligibility Center (if you haven't done so already during your Junior year).
- Register to take the SAT and/or ACT exams in the fall, if needed.
- Research/request admission or alumni interviews for private colleges who offers them.
- Work on the brag sheet questionnaires for available in Naviance.
- Think about which teachers you would like to ask to write your recommendation letters.
- Look into scholarships. It is never too early to search for scholarships.
- Sign up to get text messages from the College/Career center.

August-September

- Visit the College and Career Center and say hi to Ms. Nguyen. Make your one-on-one appointment to discuss your college choices.
- Check the CCC website and Naviance for upcoming college visits and sign up on Naviance to meet with the college reps.
- If the college you are interested in is not visiting Malibu HS, check the college website for scheduled visits or receptions in the Los Angeles area.
- Attend Senior Parent Night.
- Finalize your “colleges I’m applying to” list in Naviance.
- Start the applications online. Common Application will be available in August.
- Start your UC application online. It is available in August, however, you cannot submit until November.
- Make a list of the colleges that require a letter of recommendation and other school forms.
- Contact each teacher that you want a letter of recommendation from. Let them know that you will be making a formal request soon.
- Review your **unofficial** transcript. Are all grades correct? Are all courses/grades recorded?
- Begin writing your college essays or continue to edit your essays.
- Request for your test scores to be sent directly from the testing agency to the colleges or universities you are applying
(For SAT: www.collegeboard.com and ACT: www.actstudent.org).
- Continue to check your email for updates from Ms. Nguyen.

October

- Brag Sheet need to be completed and submitted in Naviance by **October 1** for Early Decision, Early Action, and Restrictive Early Action applications.
- Attend the Samohi College Fair.
- Complete all ED, EA, REA applications and submit by or prior to November 1.
- Start your CSU application online, available on October 1. Try to complete and submit it in October.
- Continue to revise, update and work on UC application online; cannot submit until November.
- Retake SAT or ACT exams if needed; register for December SAT or ACT if needed.

- Complete all requests for letters of recommendation for Regular Decision applications.
- Attend the Financial Aid Night; remind your parents to gather financial records for upcoming applications.
- Register for CSS Profile (financial aid form for private schools) on www.collegeboard.com for schools that require it.
- Complete and submit your FAFSA after October 1, but no later than March 2 (check with individual colleges).
- Continue to check Naviance for college rep visits and other college events.
- See Ms. Nguyen for your one-on-one appointment.

November

- Brag sheet due on **November 1** in Naviance for Regular Decision and Rolling Admission applications.
- Continue to work on college applications (especially UC and CSU applications!) and essays.
- Submit CSU and UC applications by **November 30**. Do it earlier!
- Check with colleges by calling, emailing, or on their website, to make sure that your application has been completed and all required documents were received.
- If you have submitted your application, some colleges may send you a student application portal log in. Make sure to create one and keep checking your portal. IF you are missing anything, colleges will let you know on the portal or via email.

December

- Complete ALL other college applications.
- If you got admitted as Early Decision, notify other colleges and withdraw all other applications in progress.
- Write a thank you note to your teachers and counselor who wrote you a recommendation letter.
- Don't forget to send your official SAT or ACT scores to the colleges and universities!!! Request for your test scores to be sent directly from the testing agency to the colleges or universities you are applying (For SAT: www.collegeboard.com and ACT: www.actstudent.org).
- Study for your finals and do well! Your Senior year grades **DO** matter.

January

- Make sure all admission decision status have been updated. This is important for Ms. Nguyen to submit midyear grades.
- Notify all colleges in writing if you have a change in your Senior year schedule of classes.
- Check with colleges by calling, emailing, or on their website, to make sure that your application has been completed and all required documents were received.
- Respond to all requests for additional information from your colleges.
- Research scholarship opportunities.

February

- Complete all financial aid forms (FAFSA and CSS profile).
- Continue your scholarship search.
- Fill out the Malibu High School specific scholarship application.

March

- FAFSA due March 2 (for most schools).
- Carefully review the Student Aid Report (SAR) and make revisions as necessary.
- Check your e-mail regularly for college notifications and admission decisions.
- Visit schools that you are admitted to and are considering attending.
- Stay in touch with the financial aid offices to better understand your financial aid packages.
- Let the Ms. Nguyen know of your admission decisions and update your Naviance account with decisions.
- Continue your scholarship search.
- MHS Scholarship Application due.

April

- Visit schools that you are admitted to and considering attending.
- Stay in touch with the financial aid offices to better understand your financial aid packages.
- Make your decision on which school you will attend.
- If you are waitlisted, write to the school and follow their instructions.

May

- Notify your **ONE** school of choice by **May 1** and pay the enrollment deposit fee.
- Submit housing forms as early as possible to ensure your choice of residence hall and pay the deposit.
- Take AP exams and study for finals.
- Continue attending classes and doing well; you **must** maintain your academic profile. College acceptances can be rescinded!
- Complete the Graduation Survey and take your College Pennant picture!

June

- Request for your final high school transcript to be sent to the school you will enroll in.
- Student athletes must request a final transcript to be sent to the college as well as the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- If you have taken classes at a college or community college, request that these transcripts be sent to your college in order to receive credit for the classes.
- Request, through College Board, that AP scores be sent to the college you will enroll in so that you can receive college credit.
- Attend Freshman Orientation, take appropriate placement exams and register for Fall classes.
- Make sure to thank everyone who helped you this year. Send thank you notes to your scholarship donors.
- Have a great summer and look forward to the amazing adventure that awaits you!