

# Da Vinci Communications Senior Year Timeline/Checklist

## August/September

- As an extension of the college research you've been doing over the summer, continue to finalize your college list
- Get familiar with Naviance
- Senior Class College Counseling Meetings—counselors meet regularly with seniors to discuss important college related issues and procedures
- Follow up with teachers you asked in the spring to write recommendation letters
- Senior Night September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.
- Organize college application deadlines; continue to revise essays and supplements
- Register to retake the [ACT](#), [SAT](#) and/or subject tests (if necessary) in October, November, and December. Confirm testing requirements via university websites
- Complete letter of recommendation brag Google Form:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA415o3lNsqzg6Rs5iOb457zNdbEz4sAizqOcALKgC2e\\_zag/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA415o3lNsqzg6Rs5iOb457zNdbEz4sAizqOcALKgC2e_zag/viewform?usp=send_form)

## October

- Begin filling out the [FAFSA](#) and [CSS](#) profile forms (uses 2016 tax information)
- Complete and send financial aid applications ensuring that you file the [FAFSA](#) and [CSS](#) profile forms correctly and by the required deadlines (which vary at each college)
- CSU applications open up (10/1)-Begin application**
- Senior Class College Counseling meetings continue
- Seniors will work on apps every Tuesday (college writing class)
- Retake [ACT](#), [SAT](#) and subject tests, if appropriate
- Financial Aid Night 10/4 at 5:30 in DVD classroom**
- Continue to follow up with teachers regarding letters of recommendation. HARD REQUEST DEADLINE 10/13 (use link on Naviance)**
- Complete college essays and writing supplements
- Finalize colleges on “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list on Naviance and counselor will move over to “Colleges I’m Applying To”
- Multicultural College Fair @VistaMar TBD**
- Begin working on Common App and in state and out of state applications.
- Continue to work on UC and CSU applications
- October 23<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>- Senior families meet with Counselor (small group meetings)
- Thursday 10/28-Final Early Decision app check**

## November

- EARLY DECISION /EARLY ACTION applications must be submitted by the November 1st or November 15th deadlines
- Submit early applications, supplements, tests, and supporting credentials by the November 1<sup>st</sup> or November 15<sup>th</sup> deadlines
- UC applications open up on (11/1)-Begin application**
- Retake [ACT](#), [SAT](#) and subject tests (if necessary)- do the best that you can!
- Financial Aid Night #2 TBD**
- Continue to file FAFSA-complete by end of month
- Check for emails and mail from CSUs and setting up portals and accounts
- Friday 11/16-FINAL UC and CSU app check**

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- Confirm with the testing boards that all tests scores are sent to the colleges
- CSU and UC application closing date (11/30)**
- Follow up with colleges to verify that all applications and credentials have been received
- Continue to perform strong academic work! Colleges will be looking at semester and final year grades for admission

## December

- If admitted ED, withdraw all other college applications
- Finalize any college applications
- DVX Info Night TBD**
- Continue to check emails and mail from CSUs and set up portals and accounts
- Continue to research and apply for scholarships
- Report your best test scores to your colleges
  - o CSU Mentor-Can send to one CSU and all CSU's get it (SAT)
  - o UC Report to one and all will share your scores
  - o Private and out of state colleges-must report individually

## January

- Finalize any college applications
- Complete and send financial aid applications ensuring that you file the [FAFSA](#) and [CSS](#) profile forms correctly and by the required deadlines (which vary at each college)
- Follow up with colleges to verify that all regular decision application materials have been received

## February - April

- DVX Applications
- Begin applying to and registering for California Community Colleges (especially EOP and Honors programs)
- FAFSA-March 1<sup>st</sup> priority deadline
- Keep researching and applying for scholarships
- Receive college admission decisions. Carefully read all information from colleges about acceptance procedures, scholarships, housing, financial assistance, registration, and orientation
- Most colleges will contact you via email. It is your responsibility to continue to monitor communication from the colleges
- College Knowledge Night TBD**
- Attend college campus open houses and local events for admitted students
- Speak to family, college counselors, alumni, and your internal instincts as you think seriously about what college community is the right fit
- Sign up for housing and make deposits for CSU colleges (at some campuses spots fill up quickly)
- Make your final decision!

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## May

- May 1<sup>st</sup>! The Universal Candidates Reply Deadline - this is the date by which you must submit an enrollment deposit to the college or university of your choice**
- Select housing and meal plans and send in deposits
- Keep up grades and GPA-Colleges CAN and DO take away offers if your GPA drops too low!!!
- Prom!

## June

- Graduation!