

Senior College Checklist - Class of 2021

*Check Oaklandtech.com for the events calendar for upcoming college admissions rep. visits.

*Essay Readers available by sign up only - hilaryzaid.com/mentors.html - sign ups posted Sunday at 8 am and Wednesdays at 2 pm.

August

- Meet with parents/guardians to discuss college finances and any other help you need
- Check transcripts to make sure they are complete and there are no errors
- Complete your resume (helps teachers with recommendations and you with applications)
- Begin brainstorming essays – Check with Advisors in the CCC
- Begin searching for scholarships – Check the website for a scholarship list
- Common app and UC applications open August 1st
- Road to College 1- College Application Overview – Tuesday August 25th**

September

- Request applications and other materials from schools that interest you
- Attend college visits virtually - check the website for updated information
- Create a separate email account for all college info – check it daily
- Make a list of people to ask for recommendations
- Make a list of colleges you will apply to and their deadlines
- Give teachers and counselors recommendation forms at least two weeks before your first deadline
- Road to College 2A: Common App Essay Presentation– September 22 at 6:00 PM – Virtual Webinar**
- Road to College 2B: UC Personal Insight Questions Presentation - September 29th at 6:00 pm - Virtual Webinar**

October

- Filing period for CSU applications opens October 1st – do not submit until someone has reviewed your application for errors
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens 10/1 – do not submit until someone checks it for errors
- First draft of UC Personal Insight Questions
- Complete essays for Early Decision/Action
- Complete any rolling admission, early action, or early decision applications
- Attend Road to College 3A: Tuesday October 6th at 6:00 PM - Virtual Webinar**
- Attend How to fill out CSU Application Webinar - October 6th at 12:30
- Attend How to fill out UC Application Webinar - October 8th at 12:30
- Attend Virtual College Crunch** for application help – October 19th - October 23rd
- Attend Road to College 3B: Tuesday October 27th at 6:00 PM - Virtual Webinar**

November

- Filing period for UC applications opens November 1st – do not submit until someone has reviewed your application for errors
- Continue working on applications/essays
- Register for CSS Profile (for financial aid at private schools)
- Financial Aid forms to parents – apply for your FAS ID for FAFSA – both students and parents need to apply for this ID number so you can sign your FAFSA
- Attend College Crunch Week** to finish applications- November 16th - 20th
- Complete UC Application Early – do not wait until the end of November and keep a hard copy
- UC application deadline is November 30th**
- File your FAFSA for Early Decision and Early Action schools

- CSU Application Deadline is December 4th**

December

- Continue working on Essays/Applications for private and out of state schools
- Send applications as they are due
- Call colleges and check your online portals to make sure your applications are complete**
- Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible!**

January

- Keep checking deadlines – most Private college applications will be due sometime in January
- Send thank you notes to teachers and counselors for recommendations
- Keep checking with colleges to be sure applications are complete
- Call financial aid office at colleges to make sure all paperwork is complete
- If you are admitted somewhere by early decision you must withdraw all other applications
- Continue looking for scholarships – Check the website for updated scholarship information

February

- Most Priority deadlines for CSS Profile are in February

March

- FAFSA Deadline for Cal Grants is March 2nd**

April

- Preview programs and visit colleges
- Send Intent to Register** and then notifications to colleges you are not attending (Deadline for Intent to Register is usually May 1st) If deferring for a Gap Year notify the college
- Check for other deadlines (e.g. Housing, Scholarships) – some deadlines will be in early May
- Take any assessment tests for colleges if they are required
- Check UC Entry Level Writing Exam test date if you are not exempt.
- Attend Virtual Community College Week: TBA**

May

- May 1st – Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) Deadline**
- Send deposit for housing
- Take AP tests
- Take assessment tests for UC if applicable
- Attend Decision Day Celebration – May 1st**
- Request final transcripts through **<https://ousdca.scribborder.com>**
- Common App Schools – report to your counselor where your final report needs to be electronically sent to.
- Fill out all necessary withdraw paperwork for graduation