

Senior 2018

A Guide to Your Senior Year

Objectives

- Important To-Do List
 - College Entrance Testing
- Choosing/Touring/Applying to College
 - Scholarship/FAFSA
- Letters of Recommendation
- NCAA
- Celebrating and Graduation

Important To-Do List

- Males – Register with the selective service
 - Within 30 days of your 18th birthday
 - Why? It's the law!!!
 - <https://www.sss.gov/Home/Registration>
- ACT, SAT, and TSI Testing
 - Check out your college for specific requirements
 - Examples:
 - SFASU – Page 99 of Copenidium
 - KC – Page 73 of Copenidium - TSI Test – Reading 351, Writing 340 with 4 on Essay , or <340 with 5 on Essay with score of 363 in Reading, Math 350 or ACT/SAT – Same as SFASU,
 - Texas Tech University – Page 114

Touring A College

- Choose a College to Tour
- Search Online (Fill out Tour Request Form) or Call to Set Up the Tour
 - Some have a form online to complete and apply for the tour date (a scheduled tour lets the college set the tour according to your needs and may allow you to visit more specific parts of the college such as your program)
 - Some have a drop in policy (a drop in tour may not let you ask as many questions as you have or see specific parts of the college, and you could be with many other people that day)
- College Days – 2 to use for your senior year and 2 for Junior Year
 - Request for a College Day Form – available in the Registrar's Office
 - Parent Signature Required (regardless of student age) 3 days in advance of the absence
 - You must return to College-Signed form to be counted present for the college tour absence.
- Don't forget Saturday Visits
 - Time out for Tech 9/30/17 \$20/person = Tee Shirt, Lunch Card, and Football Game Entrance
 - UT Tyler Patriot Preview Day 11/18/17 = Free, Tee Shirt and just a couple of hours

Applying to College

- Deadlines – Check with your school to learn to deadline date
 - Competitive University – December 1st
 - Program Admissions is Different than college Admission
 - Texas A&M Example: (Application Opened 7/1/17 for Fall 2018 Admission)
 - College of Engineering – admits 25,000 students total for the Bachelor's Degree (Includes all students not just freshmen entering for the first time) – Requires a Separate Engineering Essay
 - It is First Come-First Served
 - If you wait to apply to A&M until December 1st –the College of Engineering May be FULL!!!
 - You may get accepted to Texas A&M, but not into Engineering
 - Semi-Competitive – (i.e. SFASU) December 1st and/or July (Check with your prospective school)
 - Open Enrollment – (i.e. Junior College) Any time before August of the Fall Semester
 - Apply at www.applytexas.org (Write down and Keep safe your logon/password info)
 - Complete Application Packet May Include:
 - Application
 - Letters of Recommendation – some may be optional – make sure you follow your college's requirements
 - Essays – certain ones are required – check your college specific requirements
 - (Texas A&M requires A, B and C is optional, but if you don't do C, they won't look at you for scholarships.)
 - Transcript
 - Test Scores (ACT/SAT/TSI)
 - The Packet MUST be Completed by the Deadline Date of the College

Scholarship Deadlines ***From the College Specifically***

- The Scholarship Deadline is Different than the Application Deadline
 - To Be Eligible for THAT College's Scholarships – You must fill out the separate application and by the deadline date.
- FAFSA
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Required for Any Student Attending College
 - Application Opens up on October 1st Parent/Guardian/Self
 - W-2's or Federal Income Tax Form Required to Complete the FAFSA
 - Deadline
 - Check with the College
 - (Competitive Colleges have a deadline date of 12/15/17 for the SAR to be received in their office – Check with your prospective school.)
 - Most Deadlines are MARCH 1, 2016
 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
 - ADVICE: Become friends with the Financial Aid Office
 - Other and Local Scholarships
 - Available Online Through Searching
 - The Registrar's Office – has some national and mostly local scholarships
 - Available starting in January
 - Social Media, Remind 101
 - Counselor's Website at: www.newdianacounselor.weebly.com

Scholarships Continued

- ACT/SAT scores determine a lot of scholarship monies
 - Example: Louisiana Tech University, Ruston LA
 - Bulldog Scholarship – ACT 23, GPA 2.5 overall unweighted:
 - In State Tuition - Savings of \$18,243 based on 12 CH/3 Quarters
 - Merit Scholarship – ACT 33+, GPA 3.75 + = \$9,000 annual scholarship
 - Tuition & Fees (NOT R/B) - \$3,085 for 12 or more CH/1 Quarter = \$9255 /3 Quarters (Year)
 - Room and Board – MAKE SURE TO APPLY EARLY, NOT THE DEADLINE
 - Regular Room \$970 (2-3 to a room and Floor Showers/RR)
 - University Apartments \$2120 (2 & 4 Bedroom – Lease – 1 RR/W/D/Kitchen)
 - Meal Plan – All Access \$1,150 or 10 Meals/Week \$1150 (They Vary depending on Housing) 1/qtr
 - Cost of Attendance (Including Above) \$20,406 based on In State Tuition, 3 Quarters & Housing Est
 - Example: UT Tyler
 - Tuition, Fees, Resident = \$23,176 (2/Semesters/Year)
 - Regents Scholarship - ACT 29+ = \$4,000 year (based on 2 semesters)
 - Housing, \$3,852/semester to 2,430/semester

Letters of Recommendation (for Scholarships)

- Students Need at Least 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - Each Letter Should Have a Different Focus
 - Example: Leadership, Teamwork, Work Ethic
 - Think about your non-academic abilities and that should be the letter's focus
 - Ask Your Prospective Letter Writer in WRITING
 - State the purpose of his or her letter (for college app, scholarship, or other)
 - State the date you need the letter (be specific: Please have the letter ready for me by November 7th)
 - State your gratitude (Thank you in advance for writing this letter and helping me get into SFASU)
 - Enclose a copy of your resume or Achievements and Recognitions
 - Ask for a generic letter and/ or several copies of the same letter with an original signature on each letter.

NCAA

- College Athlete
 - NCAA Eligibility
 - <http://www.ncaa.org>
 - <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-center>
- Work with Your High School Coach on Eligibility Steps

Celebrating

- Senior Awards Ceremony
 - May 21, 2018
 - Dress for Success
- College Acceptances Announced
- Scholarships Awarded and Announced
- Recognitions and Awards Announced
- Student Responsibility
 - Bring a Copy of Your College Acceptance to the Counselor by April 2nd
 - Bring a Copy of Your Scholarship Letters to the Counselor by April 13th
 - If we do not have a copy of an official award/acceptance we cannot announce

Important Dates

- ACT On Campus – 10/3/17 – Money Due by 9/22/17
- ACT/SAT National Test Dates (Dates and Register Online)
 - www.actstudent.org
 - www.sat.org/register
- Cap and Gown Order Date 9/18/17 – High School Library 3:30 – 7pm
- FAFSA opens 10/1/17
- TODAY – Check with your prospective school for admission deadlines, scholarship deadlines, housing deadlines, orientation dates, etc.

Questions/Comments

- Please email: (Email is the best way to communicate with me)
 - bhumphreys@ndisd.org
- or Call:
 - 903-663-8001
- Check out the Counselor Website:
 - www.newdianacounselor.weebly.com
- Facebook Link:
 - www.facebook.com/NDHSCounselor