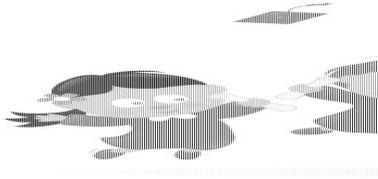




## Seniors- Your Homestretch To-Do List



### Ah seniors-

Just when you thought you were done with all of your action items, here are a few more! As you finalize your college decisions, you need to:

- **Accept** your chosen college & put in your deposit by May 1st.
- **Email** your other colleges that you're declining their offer of admission by May 1st.
- **Join** social media sites for incoming freshmen and start making connections! Attend local gatherings to meet other freshman (or organize one yourself) & perhaps find a roommate.
- **Sign up** for orientation to pick classes and learn all of the essentials of freshman year. (At least one parent should go along too. Lots of things for parents.)
- **Provide** the school with all of the needed medical and immunization information. Determine if you need to get the school's medical insurance (in case your insurance network is not strong where you're going.)
- **Pick your housing** and find out what is provided in the room. Coordinate with your roommate who will bring the microwave, fridge, area rug, etc. When picking your roommate, look for someone who shares your preferences about wanting the

room to be the social gathering place of the dorm (or not), who also likes to study in silence (or with noise), who is also an early bird (or night owl). Picking a great roommate and being a great roommate can make a world of difference in your freshman year.

- **Send AP scores to your college-** Go onto Collegeboard and have all of your AP scores officially sent to the college you chose. They will review the scores to determine which (if any) classes you will get credit for at that school.
- **Work out the funding-** If you need to liquidate part of a 529 plan, do that before the first semester payment is due. Parents can usually get their own id and password for the bursar's office at the college so they can check balances and pay bills online. Find out when the first payment is due and if there are any payment plans available so that you don't have to pay the whole semester up front. Students with the SC Palmetto Fellows scholarship should double check with their counselor to make sure all needed paperwork has been sent to the Commission on Higher Ed in SC.
- **Make your commitment and move forward.** Did you get into your dream school and great financial package? Great! However, what if you're one of the ones waitlisted at your top choice school? What if you didn't get a good enough scholarship package at your dream school? In that case, perhaps you had to pick a college that wasn't at the top of your list. Stop looking over your shoulder at the one that got away! This is why you cast the net wide in the first place.

**Get perspective-** Sometimes students end up at a college that wasn't their top school. However that doesn't make their college education any less promising or exciting. You can thrive and shine wherever you end up. **Where you go is not who you are.** Get the t-shirt, buy the bumper sticker, and jump in. Resolve to make this a great experience and you will. If you fixate on the one that got away, however, you'll miss how wonderful an experience you can have where you decided to attend.



## Non-seniors! Finish strong in these last weeks!

For those of you who are not yet seniors, this is not a time for spring fever! Look at your grades and if you're on the borderline between A and B, or B and a C, make the final push to bump it over the top to the higher grade. Ask your teacher about extra credit, advice on how to best study for the final exam, and put in the extra work to pull it up. Your future self will be so glad you did!



### Summer appointments

I will be available most of the summer for private sessions. If you'd like to set up a time to meet, please email my Student Services Coordinator, Lindsay. You can reach her at [Lindsay@scholarshipgold.com](mailto:Lindsay@scholarshipgold.com).

Private sessions are a simple \$75/hour- most initial meetings require two hours.

I look forward to working with you!

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