12TH GRADE COLLEGE COUNSELING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
• Register for Oct/Nov/Dec SAT Reas/Subj Tests, and/or ACT with writing (if you have not taken them yet, are not satisfied with scores, or if you have learned more content or test-taking strategies since you first took them). Not required for community college. • Check your transcript for graduation status and your senior schedule for required coursework.12th grade should be as rigorous as any other year, and you should strive to earn good grades in every course. • Access your Naviance account to research colleges, majors and applications. • Attend 12th Grade Student Presentation in Sept/Oct during your Gov/Econ class. • Create a calendar and highlight all important dates that apply to you, including: •Standardized test (SAT, ACT) dates & deadlines •College application due dates •Financial aid due dates and deadlines •LCC deadline for letters of recommendation •Deadlines to send test scores, transcripts, and any other materials to colleges • If you intend to apply to any college Under the EARLY DECISION OR EARLY ACTION plan, talk to your counselor! You will need to begin your application process early. • Attend college representative visits and college programs. Information is available in Naviance, College & Career Center & on LCC Calendar. • Research scholarship opportunities and, if you meet the application criteria, APPLY!	• Take ACT or SAT Reas/Subj Tests and send scores to all colleges to which you will apply. For CSU, use code 3594 to send SAT scores to CSU Mentor/all CSU campuses and/or send ACT to one CSU campus and use CSU Mentor to share with other campuses. For UC, if you send official SAT scores to one UC campus, UC will share with all UC campuses to which you apply. • Attend LCC college visits. • Continue college research, add colleges to your college list in Naviance with accurate type (regular/early/rolling) of application. If a college accepts the Common Application, indicate if you are "Applying via Common App." • Go to college websites and review admission requirements, application deadlines, fees and financial aid information. Determine if these schools will need official copies of your transcript at the time you apply. • Attend CSU/UC Application Workshops at LCC when offered (CSU applications available 10/1.) • If you are applying to any college that requires a letter of recommendation, complete a Brag Packet in Naviance. LCC deadline is two weeks prior to December break. • Work on rough draft of personal essays • Send in any "early decision" or "early action" applications by the stated deadlines. Some schools have "rolling admissions," so you may be able to submit your application early if you are ready. • If you are an athlete, and plan to play a sport in college, register for NCAA if you have not already done so. • Continue to apply for scholarships.	• Take ACT or SAT Reas/Subj Tests and send scores to all colleges to which you will apply. See October (to the left for how to send your scored to colleges) • Finalize your list of "colleges I'm applying to" in Naviance with accurate type of application. If the college accepts Common Application, indicate if you are "Applying via Common App." • By two weeks prior to the Dec. break request required letters of recommendation, complete brag packet and turn in FERPA and any other required secondary school and supporting forms to teachers and counselor. • Finish all rough draft personal essays and have them proofread. • Send in UC and CSU applications as early in the month as possible and prior to the 11/30 deadline. • Keep your grades up. Colleges do look at 1st term and year-end grades. • Continue to complete applications, observing all deadlines and instructions. Save copies of everything you submit electronically. • If required, request official transcripts via the Registrar to be mailed (non-Common App./non-electronic only). • If you submitted early decision/action applications, contact admissions at those schools to make sure they have everything they need from you. ***Make sure to be checking your email that you used to apply to college regularly.	• Take ACT or SAT Reas/Subj Tests (LAST TEST ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTED BY MOST COLLEGES.) • If you haven't already done so, send official SAT and ACT test scores to all colleges to which you are applying. • Schedule visits or required interviews. • Complete and submit any college Applications with December deadlines. • Investigate the Financial Aid process and prepare whatever documents you may need. • Fill out the CSS Profile if you applied to any of these colleges. • If you have applied to any schools for early decision, you may receive decisions during this month. When you decide which school to attend, you need to notify that school of your commitment, and submit the required deposit. Many schools require this notification letter to be postmarked as early as mid-January for early decision. ***Make sure to be checking your email that you used to apply to college regularly. If you have a college portal after having applied to a school make sure to check that regularly.	• Attend LCC Financial Aid Night(s) and complete Financial Aid applications. • Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), information is available in the College & Career Center and FAFSA may be sent any time after October 1st, www.fafsa.ed.gov • Submit any college applications and supporting documents for January deadlines. • Complete financial aid applications for your school(s) of choice. • If required, fill out Mid-Year Report reports and request transcripts (non-Common App/non-electronic only). •Contact the admissions office at any schools to which you submitted regular decision applications to make sure these schools have everything. •If you are a male, over 18, you must register with the Selective Service or you will not be eligible for financial aid. •Continue to look for scholarships on NAVIANCE

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
• Check that colleges have received all your information and inquire about housing. • Some college acceptance letters may arrive. Update your admissions status in your college list in Naviance. • If you completed the FAFSA, you should receive your *Student Aid Report* (SAR). Review, make any necessary corrections and return it to the FAFSA processor. If you completed the FAFSA using estimated parent tax information but now they have filed IRS forms, the FAFSA must be updated. The schools listed on your application will also receive those results. Review your results and make any necessary corrections. • Continue to look for scholarships on NAVIANCE, watch due dates.	• If applying to MiraCosta College, meet with LCC MCC representative to get application process. • If applying to any community college, go to school website for application and sign up for community college placement tests. • Submit tax forms to the Financial Aid Office of colleges who request them. • Contact colleges with any new information or if you have had a schedule change or D or F grade. • Watch for Student Aid Report (SAR) to arrive, giving amount of student aid for which you are eligible. Make sure your colleges receive it. Keep the original. • Register for AP tests at LCC. • Contact the financial aid office at the schools to which you have applied to make sure they have received the appropriate application materials from you.	• Receive admission decisions from all colleges to which you applied. From those schools that accept you, compare your acceptance letters and your financial aid and scholarship offers. • Decide where you want to go, by (re)visiting if necessary, reviewing cost, and going to information meetings. • Wait-listed? Write letter of interest and ask for help. Most colleges decide in July. • Make your acceptance choice. Find out what deposits you will be required to make to ensure your place. • When you decide which school to attend, you need to notify that school by letter of your commitment and submitting required deposit check. Many schools require this notification letter to be postmarked by **May 1**. • Submit applications to community college and attend orientation. • CSU and UC campuses will notify you if you must take their placement tests. • Continue to look for scholarships	• Mail in deposit to selected college by May 1. Sign and return financial award. • Fill out loan applications. • If required, UC – Entry Level Writing exam. • If required, CSU placement exams. • Complete the Senior Survey in Naviance! • Send thank you notes to any teachers, counselors or administrators who wrote you a letter of recommendation. • Fill out housing forms, if available. • Start looking for a summer job – you may need the money! • Take the Advanced Placement exams, if applicable. • If you were placed on a waiting list for a particular school, and you decided to wait for an opening, contact that school and let them know you are still interested.	• Continue to work toward earning good grades ("senioritis" even now could negatively affect your admission status). • Contact your college to determine when fees for tuition, room, and board are due and how much they are. • Request a final transcript from the registrar to be sent to the school you will be attending. • Attend all advising days, open houses, orientation programs, and registration offered by your college. • Send thank you notes for any scholarships you have received. • Senior Checkout, don't forget to update NAVIANCE with your acceptances and denials and with where you plan on attending • Graduation!