

## **College Counseling Calendar: SENIOR YEAR**

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### **August**

*August:* Finalize your list of colleges. Read applications carefully to determine which, if any, SAT Subject Tests are required for admission or placement.

*Friday, Aug. 16:* Deadline to register for the Sept. 14 ACT. Schedule to take this ACT if you do not have at least an 18 in English and at least a 19 in Math and you plan to attend a state university.

***Wednesday, Aug. 28:* Attend the "College Application Workshop" (6:30 p.m. SMP Library) with a parent, and schedule a Senior Meeting with me or Ms. Neal-Jones.**

### **September**

*September:* Come to your Senior Meeting with me or Ms. Neal-Jones to go over your list of applications and deadlines.

*September:* Plan to attend Open House events this semester at your prospective colleges. These are valuable opportunities to help you make a final decision about which school is right for you.

*Friday, Sept. 28:* Deadline to register for Oct. 26 ACT. Do you still need a specific score? Do you need to take the ACT Plus Writing for one of your applications?

*Friday, Sept. 27:* Request teachers for recommendations no later than today. Make sure I know which teachers you have requested to recommend you.

*Friday, Sept. 20:* Reminder to make final decisions regarding Early Decision and Early Action options.

**All requests for transcripts and counselor letters must be made at least TWO WEEKS prior to admission deadline.**

### **October**

*Oct. 1:* The FAFSA (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available for you to complete. Visit [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). This is one way you can apply for TOPS. The other

way is through LOSFA:

<https://www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/faces/jsf/onlineApp/onlineAppFAFSA.jspx>

*October:* Reminder to see teachers, peers, and Ms. Fournet to perfect college essays.

*October:* Reminders about possible competitive scholarship deadlines this month will appear in announcements and emails.

*Oct. 15:* Deadline for some Early Decision/Early Action applications.

*Mid-October:* Complete CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE if applying to private colleges and selective state universities. Visit The College Board website at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for more info.

### November

*Nov. 1:* Deadline for many Early Decision/Early Action applications.

*Friday, Nov. 8:* Deadline to register for the Dec. 14 ACT.

Finalize the remaining applications. **All should be complete by Dec. 1.**

### December

*Sunday, Dec. 1:* Deadline for many remaining applications, including LSU. This is also Ms. Fournet's preferred deadline for all remaining applications. **Requests for transcripts, letters of recommendation, or secondary school reports will no longer be given priority treatment after the fall semester.**

*Dec. 1 – 16:* Prepare for semester exams. First semester grades are often a deciding factor in admissions decisions.

*Over Christmas Break:* Make sure that you are well on your way to completing your service hour requirements. Turn in documentation to Ms. Fournet as you complete them.

### January – February

*Friday, Jan. 10:* Deadline to register for Feb. 8 ACT.

Reminder to complete remaining scholarship applications.

*Friday, Feb. 28:* Deadline to register for the Apr. 4 ACT.

## March

Colleges notify students of admission decisions through early April. Copies of **all** acceptance, wait-listing, denial letters, and scholarship offers must be given to Ms. Fournet.

If placed on the waiting list of a school of choice, send additional information to update and support your application at this time. Showing strong interest by staying in touch is important.

## April

If available, attend on-campus “Accepted Student” events to help with your decision.

*By May 1:* (Common Reply Date) notify the college you will attend and submit your deposit. It is customary to notify all other colleges that you are declining to enroll.

Notify Ms. Fournet of your college choice so Ascension can submit your final transcript following graduation.

Contact the financial aid office at your college with any questions concerning your financial aid package.

If you wish to remain active on a wait-list, be sure to notify the college well before May 1.

Prepare for any AP exams to be held in early May.

## May

*May 1:* Be sure that your deposit reaches the college of your choice by the Common Reply Date. Your deposit secures your place in the freshman class. It is also a binding contract that you make with the school, so you cannot send a deposit to more than one school.

*Monday, May 4:* This is the deadline to turn in documentation for all of your required service hours. **You will not graduate if you do not fulfill this graduation requirement.**

*Thursday May 14:* Graduation at Cajundome Convention Center at 6:30 p.m.

*After Graduation:* Request the UL Registrar’s Office to send your dual enrollment transcripts to your future school. Ascension cannot send those.