# **Roadmap for High School**

|        | Freshman Year  | Sophomore Year   | Junior Year  | Senior Year   |
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| Fall   | <ul> <li>Join a club</li> <li>Get good grades</li> <li>Form relationships with teachers</li> <li>Reach out to tutoring services</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Take PSAT*</li> <li>Show leadership</li> <li>Check out<br/>scholarship website</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Take PSAT*</li> <li>ACT/SAT</li> <li>Parents' attend<br/>the Financial Aid<br/>Workshop</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>ACT/SAT test</li> <li>Tour college week</li> <li>Fill out UC/CSU application</li> <li>Attend Financial Aid and FAFSA Workshop</li> </ul>       |
| Spring | <ul> <li>Sign up for classes</li> <li>Explore your options</li> <li>Look for enrichment activities for summer</li> </ul>                   | <ul> <li>Take diagnostic     ACT/SAT</li> <li>Take Mock ACT</li> <li>Remediate any     grade below C</li> <li>Build and formulate     Resume</li> <li>Use Career One     Stop</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>AP Testing</li> <li>Subject Tests*</li> <li>Tour colleges</li> <li>Ask teachers for<br/>Letters of<br/>Recommendation</li> <li>Line up summer<br/>activities/internshi/<br/>work</li> </ul> | - Apply to DVC  |
| Summer | Enrichment Activities:  Online class Academic Enrichment Check Naviance Work Volunteer   | Enrichment Activities:  Online class Academic Enrichment Check Naviance - Work - Volunteer   | <ul> <li>Attend essay workshop</li> <li>Start college application</li> <li>Tour colleges</li> <li>Naviance Work</li> <li>Brag Sheet</li> <li>ACT</li> <li>Resume</li> </ul>                          | <ul> <li>Have fun</li> <li>Make money for college expenses</li> <li>Move into college</li> <li>Travel</li> <li>Meet with an Academic Advisor</li> </ul> |
|        | Begin your story   | Develop your story   | Refine your story  | Tell colleges your story  |

<sup>\*</sup>these are optional; most schools don't require it

#### Helpful Websites

### College Websites

- Naviance.com is the website used by Lamorinda schools for all college application information.
  - Check out scattergrams/ resume/ research colleges/ order transcripts/
- Niche.com Compares majors and entrance rates at each school.

#### Career Websites

Careeronestop.org

## Athletic Recruiting

- NCAA.org eligibility center for high school students hoping to play sports in college.
- ScholarshipStats.com provides detailed information on college athletic scholarships in every sport.

#### Financial

Google the Net Price Calculator for your college (ie) UCSB net price calculator --

WUE Colleges (Western Undergraduate Exchange) http://wue.wiche.edu/search\_results.jsp\_reduced

- <u>Fafsa.ed.qov</u> is the online FAFSA application that is free-don't pay to fill out the forms!
- <u>Fafsa4caster</u> helps you determine your Expected Family Contribution for better college planning.
- o Calgrants.org is the California financial aid website for grants and scholarships.
- o CSS PROFILE is the College Board financial aid application that is used by many private schools.

#### Enrichment

# Scholarships

- FinAid.org a non-profit dedicated to providing a comprehensive list of aid, loans and scholarships.
- o Fastweb.com is the leading online resource for scholarships and internships.
- Scholarship.com lists 1000+ scholarships, grants, and loans available across the U.S.
- Meritaid.com is a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships from colleges across
  the country.
- <u>College Data</u> offers search tools for scholarships based on location, interests and type of school.
- o <u>ScholarshipStats.com</u> provides detailed information on college athletic scholarships in every sport.
- o <a href="http://www.laslomasptsa.com/CollegeCareer/CollegeCareerHome.htm">http://www.laslomasptsa.com/CollegeCareer/CollegeCareerHome.htm</a>

# College Application

- o <u>CommonApp.org</u> makes submission to over 500 schools easy with one application
- o <a href="https://www2.calstate.edu/apply">https://www2.calstate.edu/apply</a> website to apply to all cal state schools
- Admission.universityofcalifornia.edu (University of California application)