



Planning Calendar for Sophomores

In your Sophomore Year

- ✓ Use your Naviance account to explore colleges. Begin to create your list of colleges under “colleges I am thinking about” page located under the “colleges” tab. To login to your Naviance account, your permanent ID number (i.e., 8000xxx) is your username and your Troy student number (listed in your Aeries account) is your password.
- ✓ Finish the semester with strong grades. This year counts as half of your UC/CSU GPA eligibility.
- ✓ Continue your extracurricular activities and volunteer work. Ex: sports, clubs, leadership. Remember, it’s the *quality* of your effort in these activities, not the *quantity*. Add all activities and awards to the resume on your Naviance account (it’s under the “about me” tab).
- ✓ Look into leadership opportunities within your activities in which you are currently involved.
- ✓ Attend college fairs. There is a national college fair in the Orange County area in April. Check the Troy website for updates on this event.

Summer

- ✓ Continue researching colleges and their entrance requirements. Add colleges to your list of schools in the “colleges I am thinking about” page in Naviance located under the “colleges” tab. You may research four-year and community college campuses within Naviance.
- ✓ Tour college campuses to help you learn what to look for in a college. You may tour four-year as well as community colleges.
- ✓ Continue to build your high school resume using the Naviance resume tool located under the “about me” tab. List all your activities, volunteer work, honors, awards, and internship experiences.
- ✓ Prepare and register for any standardized tests such as the SAT, ACT with writing, or SAT Subject tests that you plan to take next year.
- ✓ Continue or start your volunteer work. Volunteer opportunities can be found on the Troy counseling webpage.
- ✓ Along with your family, do some research on financial aid including what aid is, where it comes from, and how to apply for it. The Troy counseling website has a financial aid section.

Reminders For Next Fall

- ✓ Attend Troy’s College Night in September. Check the website for the date and time.
- ✓ Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October. You can sign-up and pay for the PSAT/NMSQT when school begins.
- ✓ Continue getting strong grades. Your UC/CSU gpa is based on 10-11 grades earned in a-g courses.
- ✓ Attend college representative presentations held on campus. Register for these in your Naviance account under the “colleges” tab, labeled “college visits”.
- ✓ Maintain or start extra-curricular activities either at Troy or in the community; it’s never too late to get involved.
- ✓ Continue researching colleges and touring the campuses if you are able. By the end of your junior year, you should have a completed list of the colleges to which you will apply.