



# 10 THINGS EVERY PARENT AND STUDENTS NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT GOING TO COLLEGE

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**SENIOR YEAR IS  
Exciting!**

What will it be  
like???

- Mail High School Transcript
  - Meal Plans, Residence Halls and Placement Tests
    - Placement Tests
  - Decline Offers of Admission
    - Intent to Register
  - Financial Aid Packages
    - “Acceptance Letters”
  - Financial Aid Award Letters
    - **“PROM”**
    - Scholarships
    - CAR, SAR
  - Financial Aid Forms:

FAFSA, Supplemental Forms, Institutional Forms, PROFILE, GPA Verification Form

- Letters of Recommendation
    - Essays, Autobiographies, Personal Statements
      - EOP or EOPS
  - College Applications: Application Fees, Fee Waivers, Common Application
    - Entrance Tests (SAT, ACT, Subject Tests), ASVAB, CAHSEE. AP
  - Extracurricular Activities, Sports. Clubs, Community Service, Employment
    - College Fairs
    - Outreach Programs:

Talent Search, ETS, Mesa, Trio, Puente, Upward Bound, Cal-SOAP

- Counselor, Teachers, AVID, Mentors and Parents
    - Classes: A through G Courses, Honors / AP / IB Coursework

What's Next??

College!!

## The List of Ten

Why do our best and  
brightest students not  
make it to a college  
campus of their  
dreams?

# Problem One

## Lack of organization

- ▣ Put things in file folders not the floor
- ▣ Organize essays into folder
- ▣ Throw away what you do not need once a week.
- ▣ Know and keep up with passwords

## Problem Two

Expectation of  
someone else to do  
the work or waiting  
to last minute

## Problem Three

Not having honest  
conversation with  
parents / guardian

- ▣ Money
- ▣ College choices
- ▣ Career



# Problem One

Not answering and  
responding to college  
emails and letters

- ▣ Missed deadlines = Misses Opportunities

## Problem Four

Did not do enough  
college research

- ▣ Right fit, right college
- ▣ College visit before accepting

## Problem Five

# ▣ “Senioritis”

## Wrong Priorities

Late or skipping classes

Attitude problem

Friends more important

Taking an easy 12<sup>th</sup> grade year

## Problem Six

Did not complete  
Financial Aid Process

or

Apply for Scholarships

# Problem Seven

Not taking / retaking  
the required college  
entrance tests

SAT

ACT

Accuplacer

## Problem Eight

# Saving for Pre-College Costs

- ▣ Intent to Register
- ▣ Housing
- ▣ Testing
- ▣ Orientation

## Problem Nine

▣ Forgot about Family/  
Community/School  
Support for College  
Dream

## Problem Ten

# Drama Factor

- ▣ Life
- ▣ Poor choices
- ▣ Fear of success



# Your Future is NOW!

- ▣ You can change your direction
- ▣ You can keep the same direction
- ▣ Have a direction

**START AND FINISH THE  
COLLEGE PROCESS!!!!!!**

# The road to college... starts here, today



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