

# 11TH-GRADE COLLEGE

### NOVEMBER -Becoming a Well-Rounded Student

- ⇒ Join a community service project and use the opportunity to explore possible careers (and make new friends).
- ⇒ Sign up for group assignments and learn to work in teams to achieve a goal.
- → Choose opportunities where you can build your leadership skills.
- → Don't forget to add these activities to your resume!

### **DECEMBER Maximizing Your Break**

- → Talk to older friends or siblings who are already in college about their experiences and how they adjusted to life as college students.
- → Participate in a school or community service project over the holidays.
- Research college websites and take virtual tours—add this information to your portfolio.
- ⇒ Find a part-time job and save your earnings for college.

**FEBRUARY** 

Taking Ownership

of Your Future

your future.

→ Develop a set of study habits,

behaviors, and attitudes that

show you are serious about

New Put your best foot forward and

clean up your online image.

Decide which advanced courses

you will take next year.

## SUMMER Focusing on Fall

- → Update your personal goals for college.
- ★ Learn as much as possible about the colleges you want to attend, and visit those that interest you the most.
- Attend summer activities/classes offered at school or colleges.
- → Volunteer for a local community project.
- → Practice your leadership, academic and social skills at your summer job.

## **OCTOBER** Building a **College Foundation**

- → Explore various types of postsecondary institutions to determine entrance requirements.
- → Check on registration requirements for dual-credit courses that might be available this coming spring or next school year.

## - JANUARY -**Learning About Finances**

- ★ Learn about the FAFSA & TASFA. Get your PIN.
- → Begin managing your personal finances and understanding banking processes.
- → Learn about financial literacy and smart money ideas.
- → W Use the FAFSA 4Caster to investigate the costs of various postsecondary institutions.
- → Know the differences between various types of financial aid.



Coping with Change

## SEPTEMBER -Planning Your Future

- ★ There are a lot of reasons to go to college, including higher earnings and more opportunities. Learn more about the benefits of postsecondary education.
- → Do your research! Visit schools you're interested in, check out catalogs, take virtual tours, and attend college and/or career fairs.
- → There are many different paths to a postsecondary degree—figure out the path that will lead you to your dream career.

## & Course Planning

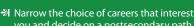
- credits, and attendance records.
- courses.

- you and decide on a postsecondary path.
- can plan ahead.

### MARCH

- ★ Learn about AP/IB exams now so you

## **Understanding Academics**





→ Register for advanced and/or dual-credit

## your money.

→ Set your goals for summer.

## - APRIL -

Register for summer programs at

advanced courses, if offered.

What changes will you make?

→ Find a summer job or internship related to your college major,

if possible, and continue saving

school or local colleges and take

M Evaluate your academic, social and

behavioral performance this year.

**Investigating Required Tests** 



- → Update your resume using information from your portfolio.
- → Draft college essays and add them to your portfolio.



- → Learn about passing standards and strive to do your best on benchmark and STAAR end-of-course tests.
- Find out about pre-college admissions tests and study guides or classes offered for SAT and ACT, THEA and other college entrance requirements.
- Take advantage of mentors, tutors, and extra study sessions.

