



NEW MEXICO  
SIMON SCHOLARS

## Junior Year Planning Calendar 2017-18 Academic Year

***\*\* Please check your monthly Simon Scholars newsletter for more details\*\****

### August

- Attend Simon Scholars Summer Retreat
- Submit final class schedule, including dual credit classes, and final tutoring needs to Simon staff
- Junior year begins!
- Determine central extracurricular and other activities for year
- Finalize your speech for the Induction Ceremony
- Attend CTCL College Fair in ABQ **Aug. 14**
- Attend first Saturday gathering **Aug. 26**

### September

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Attend Induction Ceremony **Sept. 16**

### October

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Attend Colorado College Tour **Oct 15-17** (tentative date)
- Attend RMACAC College Fair: **Oct. 1**
- Take PSAT at your school (if applicable)
- Confirm ACT plans with SSP Staff
- Begin researching summer programs and opportunities
- Reach out to teachers/advisors/Simon staff with any mid-semester challenges, concerns, etc.

### November

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Research spring semester dual credit options and begin applying if desired

- Continue researching summer programs and opportunities

### December

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Complete Simon Scholars Midyear Survey, reviewing and reflecting on your first semester, and setting goals for second semester
- Attend Simon Scholars holiday gathering (TBD)
- Continue researching and begin applying for summer programs and opportunities

### January

- Attend Simon Scholars January Retreat  
*We will officially “kick off” the college research and essay writing process at this time*
- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Meet with teachers/advisors/Simon staff at beginning of semester re. any struggles, challenges, or loose ends from first semester
- Register for the April ACT with writing by **March 9**
- Consider registering for the SAT (test dates in March, May, June)
- Begin working on Common Application essay draft with your tutor
- Attend New Mexico Davis Scholarship information session
- Apply for summer programs and opportunities

### February

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Schedule one-on-one Midyear Check-In and College Interest Meeting with Simon staff
- Confirm with Simon staff the summer programs/opportunities you have applied for
- Begin Simon Scholars ACT test prep!
- Continue working on Common App essay with your tutor
- Deadline to register for March SAT **Feb. 9**

### March

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Register for April ACT, deadline **Mar. 9**
- Continue ACT test prep
- Begin researching colleges/universities of potential interest

- Confirm/solidify plans for summer
- Apply for local Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award scholarship ([www.nmvoices.org](http://www.nmvoices.org))
- SAT test date **Mar. 10**

#### April

- Take the ACT on **Apr. 14**
- Continue college research
- Submit Common App essay draft

#### May

- Attend Final Saturday tutoring session and group gathering
- Approach teachers/mentors with whom you have a strong, positive connection about writing letters of recommendation on your behalf (for college applications, scholarships such as the Davis, etc.). It is good to identify your recommenders early!
- Research dual credit opportunities for Fall semester if planning to take classes at UNM, CNM, or SFCC
- Deadline to register for June ACT is **May 4**
- SAT test date **May 5**
- Continue college research
- Revise Common App essays based on feedback from Simon staff

#### June

- Submit results of college research to date
- Submit revised Common App essay draft
- Confirm dual credit plans for Fall semester if planning to take classes at UNM, CNM, or SFCC
- ACT test date **Jun. 9**
- SAT test date **Jun. 2**

#### July/August

- SUMMER! Enjoy your programs, jobs, internships, TIME OFF, etc.
- Continue your college research and work on Common App essay
- Attend Simon Scholars Summer Retreat!