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SIMON SCHOLARS

Senior Year Planning Calendar
2017-18 Academic Year

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August

- Attend Simon Scholars Summer Retreat
- Submit final class schedule and final tutoring needs to Simon staff
- Pursue Dual Credit, service-learning and other program opportunities
- Determine central extracurricular and other activities for year
- Continue College Research
- Continue to revise college/scholarship essays
- Register for September 9th ACT if need be (BA/MD, early action applicants, Davis/Daniels applicants, etc.) Registration Deadline **Aug. 4th**
- Attend CTCL College Fair **Aug. 14th**
- Research college fall fly-out/visit programs (http://blog.collegegreenlight.com/blog/college-fly-in-diversity-programs/)
- Contact teachers/mentors/advisors to request letters of recommendation (specifically, ask if they are willing to write for you when the need arises)
- Consider applying for Martin Luther King Scholarship (www.mlkmc.com)
- Determine eligibility for Gates Scholarship (September deadline)

September

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Continue College Research
- Attend 1:1 college planning meeting with Simon Staff
- Attend scholarship application support sessions
- Register for Oct. 7 SAT if you decide to take this also. Registration Deadline **Sept. 8**
- Submit Martin Luther King Scholarship application by September 9
- Determine eligibility for Davis Scholarship; application available Sept. 1
- Determine eligibility for Daniels Scholarship; application available **September 29th** (www.danielsfund.org)]

- Determine interest in and eligibility for UNM BA/MD Program (www.bamdas.unm.edu)
- Take September 9th ACT (or register for October ACT; deadline **Sept. 22**)
- Gates Scholarship due **Sept. 15**
- Apply for college fall fly-out/visit programs
- Attend UNM's Senior Day (*register on UNM website*)
- Participate in college admissions visits at your high school
- Determine central extracurricular commitments/activities for year
- Attend Financial Aid/FAFSA/College Application Workshop (with parent/guardian)
- If interested in UNM's BA/MD program, begin application for mid-November deadline
- Confirm teachers/advisors/mentors to request letters of recommendation
- Continue to revise college/scholarship essays
- Confirm colleges/universities to which you will apply and determine application deadlines and requirements (Note: colleges/universities all have different application and financial aid deadlines. We can help you determine these deadlines, but it is your responsibility to keep track of them!)
- Finalize Common Application Essay

<u>October</u>

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Attend college admissions events including:
    - Albuquerque Convention Center college fair: **Oct. 1**
- Research and apply for scholarships
- Application deadline for Davis Scholarship **Oct. 12**
- Work on college and scholarship applications including essay drafts!
- Follow-up with teachers/advisors/mentors who are writing letters of recommendation on your behalf to confirm that they are on track with deadlines.
- FAFSA is available October 1 for the 2018-19 academic year (using 2016 tax information). Ask family about their tax filing status for 2016.
- Determine if colleges/universities to which you are applying require the College Board Profile in addition to FAFSA. If so, go to www.collegeboard.org to complete and submit this form.
- Meet with high school teachers/advisors and communicate with Simon Staff regarding any academic struggles you are facing.
- Update families on your college planning process

<u>November</u>

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Attend SSP NMSU College tour
- Early action deadline for many colleges/universities (Davis applicants must apply to at least one Davis school Early Action)
- Registration deadline for December ACT **Nov. 3**
- Deadline for UNM's Combined BA/MD program
- Deadline for Daniels Scholarship Application **Nov. 30**
- Davis Scholarship Awards announced **Nov. 15**
- Continue progress on college/scholarship applications
- Apply/register for Spring Semester Dual Credit classes
- Meet with school counselor to discuss their role in your college application process (submitting school profile, letter of recommendation, transcript, etc.)
- APPLY TO AT LEAST ONE IN-STATE UNIVERSITY

<u>December</u>

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Deadline for UNM Regents/Presidential Scholarships **Dec. 1**
- If possible, complete college applications by Winter Break
- If possible, visit college campuses over Winter Break
- Complete mid-year survey.
- Continue to research/apply for scholarships!

<u>January</u>

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Attend Simon Scholars January Retreat
- Meet with high school teachers/advisors at beginning of semester re. any struggles/challenges from end of last semester
- Submit FAFSA by January 1 (UNM priority deadline is early January)
- Continue scholarship research and applications

<u>February</u>

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Regular admission deadlines for submitting CSS Profiles for many colleges (*Feb 1, Feb 15)*
- Regular admissions deadlines for many colleges/universities (*Feb 1, Feb 15)*
- Deadline for additional UNM scholarships
- NMSU applicants complete "Scholar Dollars" scholarship application (https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/)
- Continue scholarship research and applications

March

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- March 1: FAFSA Priority deadline for all colleges/universities that do not have an earlier deadline
- Visit college campuses—if possible, through 'fly out' programs
- Communicate college/scholarship updates to Simon Staff
- Confirm that schools have your FAFSA information
- Set April 1:1 college meetings with families and Simon Staff
- Apply for local Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award scholarship (*www.nmvoices.org*)
- Continue scholarship research and applications

April

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Deadline by which colleges must notify you of their admission decisions and financial aid award
- 1:1 meetings with families and Simon Staff re. college and financial aid letters
- Communicate with family regarding decision-making process for final college choice
- Communicate with high school college advisor and Simon Staff re. final college choice
- Continue scholarship research and applications-*Alb Community Foundation, Southwest Airlines!*

May

- Attend Saturday tutoring and group gatherings
- Deadline by which time colleges/universities expect you to confirm plans *(May 1)*
- Complete all necessary paperwork—including for housing—for college you have chosen to attend
- Complete year-end survey.
- Send letters to admissions representatives of colleges to which you were admitted but have chosen not to attend
- Attend year-end graduation celebration

Summer

- Complete necessary documentation for Simon scholarship fund request
- Participate in College Orientation!