

## April College Bound Checklist

### Freshman

- ✓ Plan a productive summer: community service, volunteer work, extra classes, sport camps, or jobs
- ✓ Talk to your counselor about what will help your resume

### Sophomores

- ✓ Begin researching college options
- ✓ Make a list of 10-12 that interest you
- ✓ Begin to compile information on these colleges: admission criteria, financial costs, housing, books, fees, etc.
- ✓ Be sure you register with those schools that interest you most (target schools) in order to begin getting information from them.

### Juniors

- ✓ ACT/PSAE testing
- ✓ Plan an interesting and challenging summer
- ✓ Get into the data bases of your target schools (via internet)
- ✓ Attend college fairs
- ✓ Write letters of intent to the service academies if applicable (military)
- ✓ Prep for AP exams (if applicable)
- ✓ Plan college visits over spring break
- ✓ Talk to your parents about financial aid options. Start looking for possible scholarships.
- ✓ READ!!

### Seniors

- ✓ Congratulations on all of your acceptance letters! Remember you have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to declare!
- ✓ Plan final campus visits if needed to help make your decision. Talk to people who can help you decide: alumni, older friends who attend the same college, parents, your counselor
- ✓ Prepare for finals and the AP exams
- ✓ Review and discuss financial aid offers as part of your decision making process. Remember, financial aid packages can also be appealed.