

College Knowledge
Checklist for College-Bound Juniors

Student Name: _____

If preparing for UC, CSU, or other 4-year colleges:

- Prepare for and take PSAT in October (if you haven't yet)
- Continue taking A-G required classes
(A-F for class of 2001, 2002, and A-G starting with class of 2003)
- Consider taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Practice UC application essay
- Investigate colleges using library resources, the Internet or catalogs—include your parents!
- Prepare for and take the SAT I, II, or ACT in November or December
- Schedule a conference with your guidance counselor
- Consider taking a summer school class at the college

If preparing to enter community college:

- Take challenging and interesting courses
- Take Algebra I and Geometry

All students:

- Explore careers, explore your interests, and consider possible majors
- Arrange for tutoring to bring “C”s to “B”s, and “B”s to “A”s.
Good grades are the best assurance you have for receiving financial aid.
- Research scholarships. Find the biggest ones you are interested in and ask for an application packet. You will know ahead of time what you need to do to prepare.
- Organize a folder system for college information, financial aid, and scholarships
- Visit your top 3 choices of colleges, if possible
- Attend College Night