

College 101

RMD Key Club Fall Rally 2020

**Freshman
Year**

**Sophomore
Year**

Freshman - Sophomore Year

Don't Stress Out Too Much About College

Freshman Year

- Join a lot of **clubs/sports**
- Career path?
- Talk to **upperclassmen**
- Meet your **counselor**
- Focus on **finding what you like**

Sophomore Year

- Keep up **clubs/sports**
 - Try some new ones
- Talk to **upperclassmen**
- Keep on a friendly basis with your **counselor**
- Talk to **teachers**
- Not too stressful yet - **prepare for junior year**



Summer before Junior Year

Prepare early for Junior Year!

Testing:

- Do you need to take **ACT/SAT**?
- Do you want to take **PSAT/NMSQT**?
 - What is the National Merit Scholarship?
- Do you need to take **SAT Subject Tests**?
 - Which ones?

● **Colleges & Scholarships Research**

Coursework:

- Are you on track with **your credits to graduate**?
 - US Gov/US History
 - PE/Health
- Are you challenging yourself?
 - Career path?

Junior Year

Stay Organized!

Coursework

- Classes will be hard
 - Self-advocate
 - Talk to teachers
- Talk to your counselor A LOT
 - Talk about your classes, future plans
 - Ask questions
- College Visits
 - At your school
 - Check your email (Student Service)

Standardized Testing

- SAT/ACT every month
 - Website to register
- SAT Subject Tests almost every month
- PSAT/NMSQT for juniors - end of October
 - Results in December

Scholarships

DOT
DOT
TRACE

First Semester, Senior Year

Build your college list

- Visit
- Attend presentations
- College website
- Talk to parents, friends, counselor
- Financial factors, environment, college life, opportunities, education
- Decision (EA, ED, RD, rolling, etc.)
- Testing-optional? Interviews?
Supplemental materials? Letters of Rec?

Common App opens in August!

- Most colleges accept
- One 650 word essay
 - Many have supplements (!)
- Lots of forms to fill out
- Transcripts, Letters of Rec

FAFSA and CSS open in October!

Summer Opportunities

ICON (International Convention)

The background of the slide features a photograph of five young women, likely members of a Key Club, standing behind large, white, three-dimensional letters that spell out 'KEY CLUB'. The women are wearing cowgirl hats and are smiling. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Google Search

- Be specific!
- Subject: STEM, research, leadership, music, etc.
- Location
- Look for application dates
- Camp? Internship?

Scholarships

Online Resources

- www.scholarships.com
- Raiseme
- www.studentscholarships.org
- College Board
- Google Search
 - Might be specific to area of study, state, etc.

Examples

- Coolidge Scholarship
- Cameron Impact
- National Merit
- Boettcher, Daniels Fund
- Tulane
- Ask your LtG about Kiwanis

How can Key Club help?

- **Volunteering**
- **Resume**
- **Circle K**
- **Kiwanis Club Scholarships**

Questions?