

# SENIOR COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS CHECKLIST

**Pro Tip:** Use the College Readiness PowerPoints provided by counselor for step-by-step instructions, check you emails daily, follow us on social media and listen to announcements for important information - Deadlines matter!

## ✓ August – September

- Get familiar and monitor the Senior Activities calendar and school website (Senior parking spot, Grad Bash, Prom, etc.)
- Keep your grades strong – GPA and passing all classes is critical to be cleared for graduation.
- Attend the **mandatory Senior/Parent College & Career Meeting** in September.
- Finalize your college list and application deadlines in Common App & Naviance.
- Continue to work on your Common App (Essay sections reset August 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Take your Senior portraits with FoxMar- send selected pose to Yearbook with your baby picture
- Follow @CarrollCollegeCorner and @CarrollBulldogs on Instagram for the latest news.
- Request and **pay for transcripts** through “Quick Links” on the school website.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers in person first then in Naviance ( **2 weeks in advance**).
- Register for the SAT/ACT if still have not reached your goal score, and keep studying. In Florida scores matter!
- Athletes seeking scholarships/offers: register with NCAA and NAIA and request school update your transcripts.



## ✓ October – November

- Request and **pay for transcripts** through “Quick Links” on the school website no later than October 10<sup>th</sup>
- Submit **FAFSA (Financial Aid) and CSS Profile** (opens October 1st) and include the names of colleges you applied to.
- Update Raise.me and submit with your Early Action application to FIU and Barry if interested. Monitor deadlines.
- Apply for scholarships- they are stackable. Goal is to apply to 5 per week or more \$\$\$\$
- Attend all school workshops (Application Help during lunches and seminar, FAFSA, Scholarships, Bright Futures, etc.).
- Complete Bright Futures application on the FFAA website and provide Mrs. Hernandez with your social security on Fall Survey.
- Attend the **Carroll College & Career Fair** in October to meet colleges and Trade schools from all over- parents are welcomed.
- Submit **Early Action/Early Decision** applications (Starting October 15<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to also earn Merit Scholarships
- Complete **self-reporting profiles** (SSAR & SPARK for UCF) if required.... Example FSU, US, USF etc.
- Monitor your emails and college portals daily as your applications are in process- this is critical!

## ✓ December – January

- Submit all **Service Hours in X2Vol** before winter break, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> so hours to show on your mid-year transcripts.
- Send test scores (SAT/ACT) if required to the colleges you applied to ( this is required for consideration)
- Apply for **Honors Colleges** like FIU, MDC or others you are interested in– check deadlines!
- Complete any remaining **Regular Decision** applications and follow all steps.
- Apply for more scholarships and confirm FAFSA is complete and status.
- Mid-year transcripts** go out around Jan. 10-15<sup>th</sup> after returning from break.
- Finalize your college choices – National decision day is May 1<sup>st</sup>- don’t wait for last-minute, dorms fill up fast!
- Stay focused – **don’t let senioritis win!**

## ✓ February – April

- Review college acceptance letters and compare financial aid offers to see your best option and finalize your selection
- Submit your Decision Post questionnaire (link in bio) to be featured on Carroll Decision page on IG!
- Apply for college housing if applicable (especially if leaving Miami).
- Complete any orientation or enrollment checklist for your chosen college. If leaving Miami apply for housing early.
- Students going to a Trade school, Military or Community College (MDC) finalize applications and tasks to be ready for transition.
- Complete **Senior Exit Survey in Naviance** by April 15<sup>th</sup> include where you committed to- required to be cleared for graduation!
- Initial clearance to receive Cap and Gown:** students must be cleared from any “Holds” with attendance and business office, cafeteria balance paid, hours met, passing all classes and no pending credits owed or detentions unserved. - NO EXCEPTION!!

## ✓ May – June

- Officially **commit to your college** by May 1st (National Decision Day).
- Order your **final transcripts** from your Dual Enrollments classes at the end of May from (STU & MDC) sent to your college
- Update all your platforms with your personal email as the school email may be deleted in June and you will lose access.
- Attend **Graduation** in May – celebrate your success!
- Pick up your **diploma early June** – YOU DID IT! 🎓🎉