

## Closing in on 2016

Just two months left of 2015! Because November and December tend to be some of the busiest months of the year, they may be over if you blink. Don't let them fly by without remembering to focus on your grades, get ready for next semester, and try to make the most of your time during the holidays.

## Remember Me

SAT Registration

November 5

ACT Registration

November 6

SAT Test Date

November 7

SAT Test Date

December 5

ACT Test Date

December 12

SAT Registration

December 28

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## High School Students

- As you look at options for next semester's classes, consider taking [Advanced Placement](#) or dual credit courses. Earning college credit while in high school can save you time and money when you start working on a college degree.
- Did you know there are thousands of scholarships available for students? It's never too early to start applying. There are even scholarships geared toward students as young as middle-school age. Just remember, never pay to apply! Scholarships are free.
- For more tips and scholarship opportunities follow *Journey to College* on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## High School Seniors

- Getting organized is one of the most important things you can do to prepare for life after high school. Use a file folder to keep submitted admissions applications, scholarships, and college admissions information. Don't forget to write down important deadlines for college scholarships, tests and projects to keep you on track.
- Have you applied to only one school? Even if your heart is set on a certain school, you should consider applying to at least one more college. Circumstances can change, so it's good to have a back up plan just in case. Find more good options with the [college and degree search](#).
- If you aren't considering college at this point, apply anyway! It would be good to at least explore the option, and who knows, you may change your mind.
- Do a deep [comparison](#) of your college options by looking at the majors offered, the cost, scholarship opportunities, location, extra-curricular activities, etc.
- Finals are coming up soon, study hard and keep up the good work!

## College Students

- The holidays are just around the corner, which may mean extra trips home, holiday parties, and gift giving. Set yourself a holiday budget so you don't overspend and can prioritize your next few months. Consider fuel, everyday expenses and gifting.
- Be sure you're signed up for enough credit hours to keep you on track to graduate on time, and to keep any scholarships that have a credit hour requirement. As you register for classes, think 15 to finish — you need a total of 30 credit hours a year for on-time completion.
- If you currently attend a two-year college and plan to transfer to a four-year university, make the transition smooth with these [transfer tips](#).
- If you are a recipient of [Bright Flight](#) or the [A+ Scholarship](#), keep in mind that as a renewal student, a 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to continue receiving the award.

## Parents

- Help your children, no matter their age, prepare for college. Encourage kids to explore their interests, help them develop good study habits, and keep college at their forefront. Encourage good grades and applying for scholarships as early as possible.
- On Jan. 1 you'll be able to file the 2016-2017 FAFSA. Set up your [FSA ID](#) now, to save time when filing. The FSA ID is new, replacing the previously used PIN, so you and your college student and/or high school senior will each need to set one up before completing the [FAFSA](#).
- Student loan repayment starts this month for May graduates. Remind your recent college graduate to contact his or her servicer with any questions and make that first payment.