

## COLLEGE COUNSELING TIMELINES: PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

### TWELFTH GRADE

1. Get off to a good start in your senior year! Do your very best in everything!
2. Reduce your preliminary list of colleges and return to school with a definite list of colleges to which you plan to apply.
3. Confirm that all of your information in Scoir is accurate. Change “*Applying*” colleges to “**Applied**” in Scoir as you submit your applications electronically. This generates an email to Mrs. Crawford informing her to submit your supporting documents.
4. Discuss your plan to apply Early **Decision** with Ms. Brewer to ensure you understand the obligations.
5. Take the school-day SAT in October. You may also take additional SAT or ACT tests in the fall if you wish. International students who are non-native English speakers must take the TOEFL or Duolingo test.
6. Attend college meetings, college nights, college fairs, etc. Contact your college representatives with any questions you have about their institutions.
7. Visit colleges. Darlington’s fall break and the first part of Thanksgiving break are excellent times for this, but you can also take a college leave if needed. The leave form is available in the Student Life Office.
8. Refine your college essay(s).
9. Apply for financial aid. If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, have your parents complete the FAFSA. Some schools also require students to complete the CSS Profile.
10. Take an additional SAT or ACT if you need to.
11. Send any additional **significant** information to colleges while awaiting their decisions (improved grades, higher test scores, major awards, etc.).
12. Wait patiently for colleges to make their admissions and financial aid decisions.
13. **May 1 - Candidates Reply Date** - Notify all colleges that have accepted you of your decision. Do so as soon as you know - **but definitely by May 1!**