



## Senior Year Checklist: October

- Document accomplishments.
  - Make a list of all the activities and awards you have received and make a simple resume.
- Tell your story.
  - Write a personal statement about who you are and your unique qualities; practice writing college or scholarship essays.
- Clean up your online act.
  - Create a professional email and control privacy settings on social media accounts.
- Narrow the field.
  - Narrow your list of colleges – 3 to 5 is a good number. Always have a backup plan! Visit colleges and attend college fairs.
- Request letters of recommendation.
  - Think carefully about whom to ask for letters of recommendation. Give them plenty of time to write them, as well as your resume or activities chart, and any instructions from the application.
- Take or re-take the ACT.
  - Review practice tests and ask for help from teachers. Get a good night's sleep before the test and eat breakfast that morning!
- Get ready for payday.
  - The FAFSA for 2018-2019 opens on October 1. Talk to your parents about getting necessary information like social security number and tax information.

**Next month:** Finalize your list of college choices and apply!