SENIOR - College Check List

   - Location
   - Size (total # of students? Big lecture hall?)
   - Student/teacher ratio
   - Major/areas of study
   - Sports
   - Reputation

2. □ Request information on-line from colleges (see back of list for schools in Colorado)
   □ Write down the name of the admission rep: memorize her name, learn her email, ask great questions

3. □ Sign up to take/retake tests (talk to your counselor)
   □ ACT sign up in October for ACT test in December
   □ SAT I? SAT II (subject tests)
   □ Practice timed tests

4. □ Determine deadlines and requirements for each college  (Apply by Thanksgiving)
   □ Application
     - Interest/job/service description - consider non-traditional service (i.e. translating for your family)
     - Essays – draft your essay based on the question from each college; get help editing the essay
     - Letters of recommendation
       - Who should write your letter of recommendation?
       - Give that person: personal request, resume, why college x, a self addressed/stamped envelope, the Deadline/s, a letter of recommendation form, and write a “THANK YOU” note!
     - Transcripts (when you request transcript from counselor or registrar, give her/him same information as for letter of recommendation, because the counselor will have to write counselor recommendation)

   □ Test Scores from ACT/SAT + Does college want you to take SAT II?

5.   Go to a College Fair!  Hundreds of colleges visit Denver this week, in-state and out-of-state
   □ Kennedy HS, Oct 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. OR
   □ Douglas County HS, Oct 15, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

6.   Keep track of deadlines.  Write down the name of the person you talked to at each college

7.   Explore scholarship options (Start now.)
   - Find hundreds of scholarships at www.denverscholarship.org/scholarships  (ANY college)
   - Look at each college brochure/website for scholarship deadlines/procedures
   - Complete all application requirements, meet deadlines, re/write essays. Keep track!

8.   Complete Financial Aid steps  (due April 1)
   □ Complete the FAFSA forecaster to determine family contribution - Summer or Fall, www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
   □ OR in February, complete FAFSA on www.fafsa.ed.gov with 2010 tax information – parent & student
   □ Complete DSF Scholarship application by April 1, www.denverscholarship.org
   □ Work with financial aid office at college to MAKE SURE your financial aid file IS COMPLETE

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