
Reference Sheet A: Plan of Action

- Identify areas of career interest for you to consider.
- Understand the framework of college and the educational system.
- Identify the major concentration(s) of study that will prepare you for this career.
- Identify top colleges that have very strong programs for your major.
- Compare your grades and SAT/ACT scores to this list of colleges.
- Choose 6 to 10 colleges that include safety-, target-, and reach-caliber schools.
- Complete all materials and requirements for applications in a relaxed manner before the deadline.
- Identify and apply for scholarships.
- Complete and submit financial-aid forms and paperwork in a timely fashion.
- Receive multiple acceptance letters so you have *options* when it comes to deciding which college to attend.
- Choose the best college for you and your intended major by the universal May 1st deadline.
- Consider college life and contemplate potential issues and complexities.