



# College planning Timeline and tips

Whether you're starting off your journey as a high school freshman or nearing that final college destination as a senior, we are excited you checked in at Davenport University.

Check out the guidelines below in each high school year to create an itinerary for the college trip ahead of you!

## Freshman Year      Sophomore Year      Junior Year

- Take advantage of summer opportunities to learn about different career fields.
- Participate in school activities and volunteer efforts.
- Start off strong! Your GPA can impact your chances of admissions and the scholarship money you receive.
- Athletes — Research NAIA/ NCAA eligibility.

- Continue research on career fields and college possibilities.
- Consider adding **early credit options**.
- Take the PSAT!
- Explore adding AP or IB courses to earn credit.
- Experience a job shadow in the career field you have in mind.
- Create a resume and add honors, awards and volunteer experience.
- Maintain good grades — They matter!
- Start saving — Ask your parents about a savings plan for college expenses.
- Attend college and career fairs — Ask questions!

- Consider adding **early credit options**.
- Review and take courses for articulation credit with your college of choice.
- Explore adding AP or IB courses to earn credit.
- Take the time to search for scholarship opportunities! They will benefit you in college.
- Prep, study and do awesome on the SAT or ACT!
- Maintain good grades — They still matter!
- Athletes — Create NAIA/ NCAA eligibility profile.
- Attend college and career fairs if you have not done so already!
- **Research colleges** and meet with college reps.
- **Explore and tour colleges** and universities to get a feel for the campus life.

## Senior Year

### September

- **Apply** to Davenport if you have not already! Psst ... our application is free.

### October

- Learn about the **scholarships and gift aid** you qualify for!
- **Visit campus** if you have not done so already! We would love to see you. Don't forget your **campus visit guide!**
- Athletes — Set up recruiting visits with coaches.

### December

- Confirm you would like to become a Panther by signing up for Orientation. **Orientation registration** is now open!
- On-campus **Housing Application** is available! Space is limited! If you apply for on-campus housing early, you increase your chances of getting a private bedroom.
- Complete your **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

### February

- Review your free **financial aid 101 guide**.
- Financial aid award letters are sent. Review what you qualify for and connect with your admission rep if you have any questions and to review other aid options.

### May

- Inform every college of your decision to accept or decline the offer of admission by May 1.
- Take any AP/IB exams. Plan for test-out exams at your college.

### June

- Send final transcripts after graduation, including any early credit courses earned.

### July

- Payment portal opens.
- Housing assignment notifications will be sent!

### August

- Wrap up any last steps with your admission rep!
- Move in with your suite mates!



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