

JUNE/JULY

KEY TASKS

- Review your potential college list. Now is the time to get more critical (if you haven't already), with the goal being a final list of 8-12 schools.
- Start deciding on your application strategy as far Early Decision, Early Application, and Regular Decision.
- Write your Personal Statement!
- Complete your Common App Activities/Honors List.
- Immerse yourself in your summer activity!
- Retake the SAT/ACT, ideally for the last time.

BONUS TIPS

- Your goal should be at least three “safety” schools (where you pretty much know you’ll get in), three “match” schools (where you are within the middle 50% range for GPA and SAT/ACT and the admit rate is at least 50%), and then up to three “reach” schools (where you know it’s a stretch for you to get in, either because you’re slightly below the GPA or testing range, or the admit rate is low). Note: Acceptance rates often differ by major.
- Early Decision (ED) is a binding agreement, but it can improve your chances of being admitted. If you have a strong 1st choice school (where you are a competitive applicant) and the ability to pay, it is worth considering applying Early Decision.
- Apply Early Action (EA) to as many schools as possible. Doing so will mean you'll pretty much be done with apps by Fall Break, helping you avoid burnout. Trust me, this is the way to go!
- Working on your Personal Statement and Activities List over the summer means that you will proactively alleviate a TON of stress in the fall. This should be a non-negotiable part of your summer plans.
- Not sure how to get started on your Personal Statement? Check out my Personal Statement Blueprint through @essentialcollegeconsulting on IG or my website www.essentialcollegeconsulting.com.

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SELF CARE CHECK

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