

SENIOR YEAR

Community College Calendar and Checklist

August/September

- ◇ Continue to work on your math and English skills! You will be taking an assessment test in the spring for placement into classes.
- ◇ Review your career plans and decide which school is right for you.
- ◇ Visit the college campuses you're interested in.
- ◇ Research information about specific academic programs and/or courses.

October

- ◇ Attend special programs such as college fairs and financial aid workshops in your school district.
- ◇ **Submit your FAFSA or Cal Dream Act Application!** Visit your Career Center to obtain resources to help you and your family with the financial aid process. File a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov or California Dream Act Application at www.caldreamact.org. Check with your high school to see how GPAs will be submitted to apply for Cal Grants.

November/December

- ◇ Talk with the outreach representative who visits your high school to ask questions about specific certificates, degrees, transferring and support services.
- ◇ Check in with your Career Center regularly to search for scholarship opportunities (also utilize other resources).

January

- ◇ Prepare to take advantage of workshops that may be offered at your high school to help you complete the enrollment process or "Steps to Success." Ask about workshop dates in the Career Center.

Helpful Hints:

Keep a copy of anything you submit to have for your records.

Keep track of all pin #s, usernames, passwords, and security question answers!

*Following this timeline and completing all enrollment steps in the spring is key to obtaining **Priority Registration!***

February/March

- ◇ **Submit an online admission application at www.losrios.edu.**
- ◇ **Complete the online orientation.** Required for new students, this is a key step to successfully navigating the enrollment process. See the campus website for details.
- ◇ **Complete assessment testing.** Assessment testing is used to determine skill level in English or ESL and math. Information regarding the tests, including testing schedule and study resources, can be obtained online.
- ◇ **Plan your courses with a counselor.** A counselor will work with you to develop a Student Education Plan (iSEP), an electronic document that maps out the courses you need to reach your educational goal. Students can contact the college Counseling Office for more information.

April

- ◇ **Apply for a Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (BOGW).** Many students qualify for the BOGW based on their FAFSA or Dream Act application. Look for email notification from our Financial Aid Office that a BOGW has already been processed for you. Should you need to apply, applications are available through the financial aid page on the campus website.
- ◇ **Commit to FYE!** First Year Experience (FYE) is designed to give first-time college students the best possible start by providing the planning, support and guidance needed to find success in the early stages of your college career. Ask the outreach rep for details.
- ◇ Inquire about special programs such as:
 - Freshman Seminar
 - Diop Scholars
 - Puente Project
 - Extended Opportunity Program & Services
 - MESAInvolvement in these programs, or others like them, can dramatically increase your academic success.

May

- ◇ **Register for Summer and/or Fall classes.**

For information specific to Cosumnes River College (CRC), see the CRC Outreach Representative that visits your high school, or access our "Steps to Success" for new students at www.crc.losrios.edu/stepstosuccess.