

# Destination: COLLEGE

5 Things colleges are looking for:

- GPA
  - This shows your hard work
- Test Scores (ACT, PSAT, SAT, AP, IB, etc.)
  - This shows your natural ability and a depth of knowledge
- Rigor
  - This shows your ability to handle college course work
- Extra Curriculars
  - This shows your capacity to balance more than schoolwork and shows leadership potential - take every chance to take initiative and to lead
- Service
  - This shows engagement in the community through focused giving in a area you have interest

5 Things to consider for post-high school life:

- Location
  - Consider how near or far from home or family you'd like to be
- Lifestyle
  - Consider urban vs. suburban life, small college town events vs. part of a big city activities - look at their online school papers, local papers, student forums, etc.
- Slant
  - Consider the political, environmental, religious, and academic environment of the school and its students and staff
- Length/Cost/Fit
  - Consider whether this school fits what you want to study and for how long you want to study it, consider the cost AFTER the school's contribution, consider if it's alumni seem like future peers with whom you'd like to network
- Competition
  - Consider acceptance rates and the possibility of finding your people there, consider whether this is a place in which you can shine

5 Things to-do to get you there:

- Make a calendar
  - Keep track of deadlines for essays, recommenders, scholarships, and applications - and make a separate email for all things college
- Make self-care a priority
  - Keep watch of your mental and physical health and prioritize it!
- Make sure to go all in on your extra-curricular and service commitments
  - Keep consistent and active in the things you've committed to - look for their connection and meaning to your life outside of school
- Make your transcript reflective of you
  - Keep an eye on what your transcript shows about you and improve it, if necessary
- Make a plan B
  - Keep in mind your aptitudes and interests and apply to some schools where you can confidently be accepted