

## Planning Year by Year

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

- If you haven't already done so, take the PSAT.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to review your courses for this year, plan for senior year, and discuss a list of colleges you'd like to explore. Consider early decision plans.
- Maintain your portfolio of achievements.
- Challenge yourself with advanced or honors courses if available.
- Attend college fairs, or write or call colleges on your list and begin reviewing their literature and Web sites.
- Prepare for and take the SAT and/or ACT.
- Begin thinking about which teachers and others you might ask to write recommendations in the fall of your senior year.
- Consider taking Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. See you high school counseling office for registration dates.
- Take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) if English is not your first language.
- Use your spring and summer breaks to visit college campuses. Call ahead to schedule visits.
- Maintain good attendance, grades, and citizenship, and commitment to extracurricular activities and/or job.
- Look into summer jobs or academic programs.