

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING MY FRESHMEN YEAR?

- Map out your high school career with your School Counselor
- Set goals and make an academic plan to get you there
- Work hard to get good grades realizing that all 4 years are considered by colleges for acceptance and scholarships
- Begin thinking about interests and skills to start identifying possible careers and the education that would be required
- Research colleges and universities to know their acceptance requirements so that you are able to prepare yourself and register for the right classes
- Get to know your high school counselor so that you know that you are on the right track
- Try to prepare yourself for the expense of college by saving and working summer jobs
- Begin to work on a financial plan with your parents
- Most colleges require entrance exams like the SAT and/or the ACT. Begin thinking about these and try to prepare yourself so that you can take them during the second semester of your Junior year
- Consider the SAT Subject tests since some colleges/programs require them
- Join an extracurricular club or do volunteer work. Colleges love students who not only have strong academic backgrounds, but also students who show interest in outside activities.
- Be a leader in clubs, teams, and committees
- Start a resume of your accomplishments and activities
- Apply for scholarships, contests and programs for which you are eligible. The best scholarship online resource is www.fastweb.com where you can find scholarships that reflect your interests and abilities