

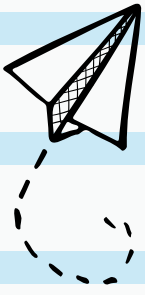
# COLLEGE & CAREER

## 2024-2025 PREP GUIDE



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# COLLEGE APPLICATION TIPS



1. Proofread for misspellings and grammatical errors

2. Complete AND submit your application

3. Read application fields and requirements carefully

4. Don't forget required signatures

5. List extracurricular activities carefully

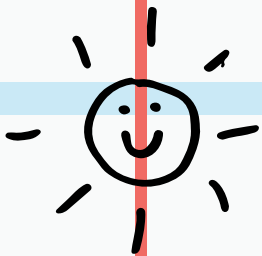
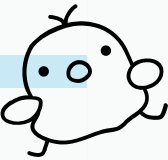
6. Tell your counselor where you applied

7. Pay attention to deadlines

8. Use an appropriate email address

9. Check your email regularly

10. Fill out all parts of your application yourself



# Common Interview Questions



**Can you tell me about yourself?**



**What are your strengths and weaknesses?**



**Why do you want to work here?**



**Tell me about a time when you had to overcome a problem?**

# Scholarship Information

HCCF has scholarships available for students who have participated in the following:

Scholarships are available for students interested in majoring in the following:

**Community Service**

**Arts Education**

**4H**

**FFA**

**Nursing**

**Pre-Med**

**Athletics**

**Prosser**

**Agriculture**

One scholarship awarded in Harrison County. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship covers full tuition to any public or private college or university in Indiana as well as a \$900 yearly stipend for books.

**Lilly  
Endowment  
Community  
Scholarship**

**High School  
Specific  
Scholarships**

**Founders  
Vocational  
Scholarships**

Vocational scholarships are focused on students in the technical or vocational field. Typically these programs are 2 years or less and result in a training certification.

**HCCF**

**Scholarships**

**Endowment  
Scholarships**

**Building  
Our Future &  
IU Southeast  
Scholarships**

Building Our Future and IU Southeast Scholarships are renewable scholarships. Scholarships are contingent upon students maintaining full time status, 12 credits or more, and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Each of these scholarships were created by community members in memory or honor of something or someone. They have specific requirements and typically are one time scholarships.

**Non-Traditional  
Scholarships**

HCCF has several scholarships available for students with a minimum of 24 credits earned.

## **IRS Regulations**

HCCF follows the IRS publication 970 rules and regulations in regards to scholarships. Publication 970 defines the legal standards for a scholarship as "qualified education expenses" therefore, scholarship awards can only be used for tuition, books & course related fees.

## **Scholarship Agreement**

Scholarship agreements must be signed and returned by the designated deadline or awards will be forfeited.

## **Residents**

Applicants must be graduating students & residents of Harrison County to be eligible.

## **"Blind" Selection**

All scholarship applications are reviewed in a "blind" selection process. All applicant names are removed and a student number is assigned.

## **Bachelor's Degree**

Scholarships can be used to obtain Vocational Certifications, Associates Degree or Bachelor's Degree.

## **One time or Renewable**

Scholarships can be one time or renewable awards. See Scholarship agreements for specific details.

## August

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application available online

## October

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship interviews

## Dec./Jan.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient announcement

## April 15

Harrison County Hospital Foundation Scholarship deadline

## June 30

Scholarship agreements due, signed by student and parent

## 5 Years

Students have five years from the date of the scholarship agreement to utilize funds.

## Sept. 30

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application submission deadline by 4:00 p.m.

## November

Universal Application available online

## Jan. 20

Universal Application submission deadline by 4:00 p.m.

## May/June

Universal Scholarships awarded at School Award Nights.

## 2 Years

Students must enroll in college courses within two years of the date on the scholarship agreement.

## Books and Receipts

Copies of receipts, class schedule and course syllabus will be required for reimbursement.

## Payment

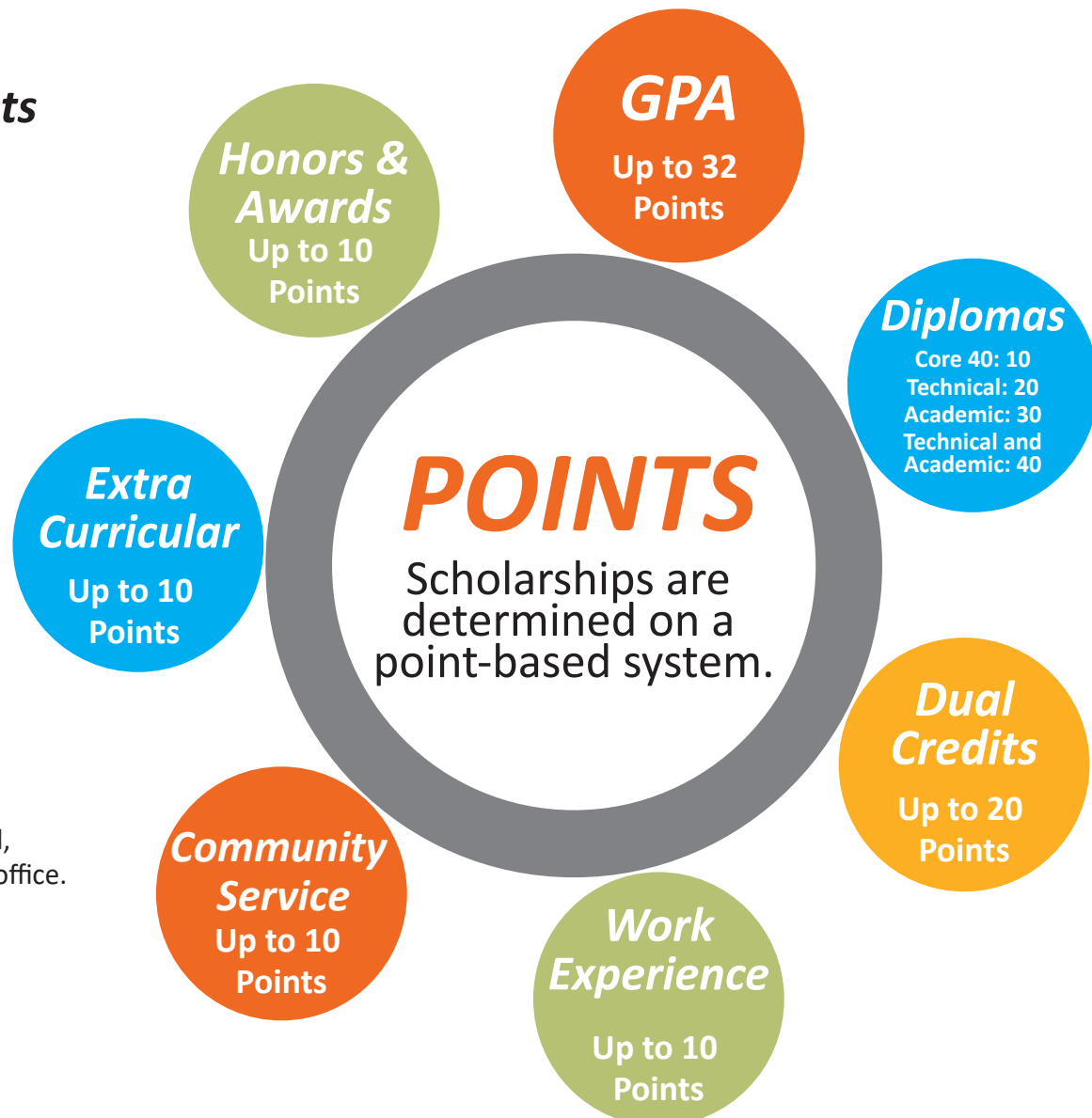
Scholarships are typically paid directly to the university's Financial Aid or Bursar's office within 14 days of receiving an itemized bill.

## Process

Students are responsible for submitting itemized bills to HCCF for payment. Bills may be emailed, mailed, faxed or dropped off at our office.

## Completion

Incomplete applications will not be considered.





# CHECK LISTS



Like everything in life, you have to start somewhere.  
Saving, applying and paying for college is no different.  
Get started with these steps.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (Start Saving)

- ✔ Open an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan at [CollegeChoicePlan.com](http://CollegeChoicePlan.com).
- ✔ Ask your parents to join UPromise at [Upromise.com](http://Upromise.com), so your family's everyday spending saves money for college.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (Manage Money)

- ✔ Create a budget/savings plan at [Finaid.org](http://Finaid.org) and talk to your parents about college savings and managing money.
- ✔ Sign up for Indiana's Twenty-first Century Scholars Program (if eligible) at [Scholars.in.gov](http://Scholars.in.gov).
- ✔ Keep saving! Contribute to your Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan at [CollegeChoicePlan.com](http://CollegeChoicePlan.com).

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (Finish Strong)

- ✔ **Seniors:** File the FAFSA online at [Fafsa.ed.gov](http://Fafsa.ed.gov) before Indiana's annual March 10 deadline. *(Participate in Indiana's FAFSA Friday and College Goal Sunday events if you need help.)*
- ✔ **Juniors:** Scout out college scholarships online at [CashForCollegeIndiana.org](http://CashForCollegeIndiana.org), complete a scholarship timeline and work on your scholarship essays. *(TIP: Advanced Placement (AP) and dual-credit courses can qualify you for more academic scholarships and cut down on your tuition costs by earning college credit in high school.)*
- ✔ **Sophomores:** Compare college costs at [IndianaCollegeCosts.org](http://IndianaCollegeCosts.org) and check college admissions requirements at [CashForCollegeIndiana.org](http://CashForCollegeIndiana.org) to make sure you're on track to finish strong.
- ✔ **Freshmen:** Qualify for more college aid by pursuing a Core 40 Honors diploma (Academic or Technical Honors).

## COLLEGE STUDENTS (Complete & Continue)

- ✔ File the FAFSA online at [Fafsa.ed.gov](http://Fafsa.ed.gov) before Indiana's annual March 10 deadline for each year you will be enrolled in college. *(Participate in Indiana's FAFSA Friday and College Goal Sunday events if you need help.)*
- ✔ Investigate work study and fellowship options that may offer tuition discounts (fee remission) and pay stipends to help cover your living expenses.
- ✔ Ask about career paths that offer student loan forgiveness and plan to pay off your student loans as soon as possible to reduce the total amount you pay. *(Talk to your lender about a payment plan that works best for you.)*
- ✔ Open or contribute to an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan at [CollegeChoicePlan.com](http://CollegeChoicePlan.com). *(Take advantage of the tax credit and then use the money you save for this year's tuition bill or graduate school someday.)*



## ADULT STUDENTS (Research & Return)

- ✔ Visit [IndianaCollegeCosts.org](http://IndianaCollegeCosts.org) to compare college costs at each Indiana campus.
- ✔ Talk to your employer about tuition reimbursement programs and other education incentives.
- ✔ File the FAFSA online at [Fafsa.ed.gov](http://Fafsa.ed.gov) before Indiana's annual March 10 deadline. *(Participate in Indiana's FAFSA Friday and College Goal Sunday events if you need help.)*
- ✔ Ask your local college campus about financial aid options for part-time students.
- ✔ Contribute to an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan at [CollegeChoicePlan.com](http://CollegeChoicePlan.com) to earn state tax credits and save money that can be applied to your education or your family's college fund. And join UPromise at [Upromise.com](http://Upromise.com), so your everyday family spending saves you money for college.

\* FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid



# The Most Popular College Major by Graduation Year

**2018** **Nursing**

**2022** **Business**

**2019** **Nursing**

**2023** **Business**

**2020** **Computer  
Science**

**2024** **Business**

**2021** **Business**

**2025** **Psychology**



## AVERAGE COLLEGE STUDENT

spends nearly **17 hours** per week preparing for class

# WHICH COLLEGE MAJORS STUDY MOST?

**19.0**  
HRS PER WK

## ENGINEERING

They're also far less likely to work while in school or commute to campus.



**18.4**  
HRS PER WK

## BIOLOGY, AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES

But 73% of them still find time for extracurricular activities.

**18.2**  
HRS PER WK

## PHYSICAL SCIENCE, MATH, COMPUTER SCIENCE

Few participate in extracurriculars and even fewer work.

**17.5**  
HRS PER WK

## ARTS & HUMANITIES

The majority don't work. More of their time goes to socializing and leisure.



**17.0**  
HRS PER WK

## HEALTH

A third put in one to five hours of community service or volunteering per week.



**16.3**  
HRS PER WK

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

The majority of them participate in student government, fraternities, sororities, and sports teams.

**15.8**  
HRS PER WK

## EDUCATION

They're unlikely to work for pay while in school, but they put in plenty of unpaid work as part of their major requirements.

**15.7**  
HRS PER WK

## BUSINESS

Large numbers of them work 30 hours or more while in their degree programs.



**15.0**  
HRS PER WK

## COMMUNICATIONS

Only 25% work while in school. Fewer than half participate in volunteer work.



**14.4**  
HRS PER WK

## SOCIAL SERVICES

They spend less time doing volunteer work than you might expect and more time reading--15 to 20 hours weekly.



# Top 10 things to know before going to college

## 1. Don't be afraid!

- Step outside of your comfort zone.
- Try to have fun while you can.
- Talk to a junior or senior for advice.

## 2. Make friends

- Here are a few possible conversation starters/topics:
  - "Do you have time to get food after class with me?"
  - "What's your schedule like this semester?"
  - "I love/cannot stand Professor \_\_\_\_\_/ Class\_\_\_\_\_."
- Start a study group!

## 3. Join a club or student group

- It's a great way to build community, make friends, and get involved on campus!
- It's also a cool way to explore new activities or stay engaged with interests that might not fit in exactly with what you're studying.

## 4. Ask questions

- You're not the only one who may feel like you know nothing
- Go to your Professors' office hours, or try emailing them as a start!

## 5. Know your campus

- Get a campus map & walk around to know the buildings & different offices
- Get to know the different resources: counseling, advising, career services, financial aid, etc.
- Ask where free printing is available.

## 6. Stay fed, hydrated & rested

- Free food is often offered at events - look out for flyers.
- It can be hard to avoid late nights, but sleep is crucial.
- Take care of both your mind & body.

## 7. Choosing classes is a process

- Reach out to your advisor or peer advisors to get help for choosing classes.
- RateMyProfessor is your friend.
- Mark your calendar for key registration dates.

## 8. Be open to options

- Try taking a class that's outside of your current interest or career plans. You might discover something new about your interest and strengths!

## 9. Time management will be your best friend.

- College is different from high school - people aren't always telling you what to do and when, so you'll have to be more proactive about setting deadlines and seeing your advisor.
- Mark deadlines in your calendar and come up with a plan for tackling papers in advance
- Be patient with administrative offices (financial aid, registrar, etc.) - sometimes, it takes a few steps to get what you need.

## 10. Figure out a good balance

- Juggling a full schedule and other obligations (work, family) can be hard - try to find a good balance of each.
- Don't be afraid to seek out resources to help you find that balance (advisors, professors, peer leaders).
- Don't forget to make time for yourself too!

# Pros and Cons of Distance Learning

## Pros:

- Learn at your own pace and set your schedule.
- Access courses from anywhere in the world.
- Save on commuting and accommodation expenses.
- Utilize a variety of digital resources and multimedia.
- Engage with students worldwide, fostering diverse perspectives.

## Cons:

- Lack of face-to-face interaction with peers and instructors.
- Reliance on technology leads to potential technical issues.
- Demands strong self-discipline and motivation.
- Limited networking compared to on-campus experiences.
- Heavy reliance on digital tools potentially causes fatigue.



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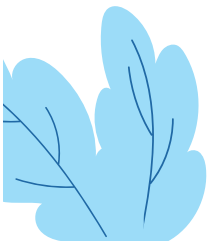
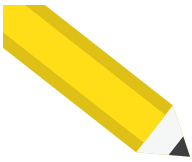
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# 30 TIPS TO GET READY FOR COLLEGE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Find an organizational system for papers & binders that works for you	Practice waking yourself up in the morning	Identify 3 coping strategies you use if things get hard	Talk about money management while at college - what is your budget?	Buy multiples of important charging cords for your devices	If you have a disability, contact the Accessibility Office after acceptance to register with the office.	Connect with your college's social media channels
Talk to your roommate about who is bringing shared items for your room	Look into white noise apps or headphones to eliminate noise while you sleep	Think about a small lock box to securely store important items or medication	Role play conversations with a professor asking them for help	Practice doing laundry	Make a plan to get exercise and stay physically healthy in college	Know your Orientation Day/Time
Identify your ideal environment to do homework	Check your college email daily for important information	Think about your privacy expectations at college. Make a plan for privacy.	Find a system to organize your homework assignments	Keep your medical insurance information in a safe place	Know the name of your academic advisor	Find your college's tutoring / writing center
Practice using a debit card	Practice leaving a tip at a restaurant or food delivery	Know your social security number	Talk with physicians and mental health professionals about your college transition plan	Identify your distractions and make a plan to reduce them at college	Complete the <i>Sharing the Transition to College Workbook</i>	Make a communication plan with family (when, how often, etc.)





Avoid studying in your bed if possible because your brain associates bed with sleep, not learning!

# TIPS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING



Print off your list of weekly assignments or create a checklist. It will keep you organized and make you feel productive!



Keep a regular sleep schedule. Go to bed and wake up at approximately the same times each day. You are growing! Your brain needs sleep!



ASK QUESTIONS!

TAKE BRAIN BREAKS

Studies show that students who try to read while listening to music absorb less information. Listen to music while you are creating, not reading.



GET DAILY FRESH AIR & EXERCISE!



## CAREERS IN SCIENCE

IF YOU LIKE SCIENCE, CONSIDER ONE OF THESE CAREERS.

ATHLETIC TRAINER	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
BIOLOGIST	PARAMEDIC/EMT
BOTANIST	PHARMACIST
CHEMIST	PHYSICAL THERAPIST
DENTAL HYGIENIST	PHYSICIAN
DENTIST	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
ENGINEER	SOLAR CELL INSTALLER
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN	SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST
FORESTER/RANGER	TEACHER/PROFESSOR
GEOLOGIST	VETERINARIAN
MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	ZOOLOGIST
NURSE	

## CAREERS IN SOCIAL STUDIES

IF YOU LIKE SOCIAL STUDIES, CONSIDER ONE OF THESE CAREERS.

ANTHROPOLOGIST	NEWSCASTER
ARCHAEOLOGIST	PARALEGAL
CITY MANAGER	POLICE OFFICER
CLERGY	POLITICAL SCIENTIST
CORRECTIONS OFFICER	POLITICIAN
ECONOMIST	PSYCHOLOGIST
GEOGRAPHER	SOCIAL WORKER
HISTORIAN	SOCIOLOGIST
LAWYER	TEACHER/PROFESSOR
LOBBYIST	URBAN PLANNER

## CAREERS IN FINE ARTS

IF YOU LIKE FINE ARTS, CONSIDER ONE OF THESE CAREERS.

ACTOR/ACTRESS	GRAPHIC ARTIST
ADVERTISING MANAGER	ILLUSTRATOR
ARCHITECT	INTERIOR DESIGNER
ART THERAPIST	MUSIC THERAPIST
ARTIST	MUSICIAN
CAMERA OPERATOR	PHOTOGRAPHER
CHOREOGRAPHER	SINGER
COMPOSER	SOUND ENGINEER
DANCER	TEACHER/PROFESSOR
FASHION DESIGNER	WEB DEVELOPER
FILM AND VIDEO EDITOR	

## CAREERS IN MATH

IF YOU LIKE MATH, CONSIDER ONE OF THESE CAREERS.

ACCOUNTANT	FINANCIAL PLANNER
ACTUARY	INVESTMENT ANALYST
ARCHITECT	LOAN OFFICER
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN	MACHINIST
CARPENTER	METEOROLOGIST
COMPUTER PROGRAMMER	PHYSICIST
DATA ANALYST	STATISTICIAN
ELECTRICIAN	SYSTEMS ANALYST
ENGINEER	TEACHER/PROFESSOR
	TOOL AND DIE MAKER
	WEBSITE DEVELOPER

## CAREERS IN ENGLISH

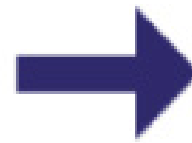
IF YOU LIKE ENGLISH, CONSIDER ONE OF THESE CAREERS.

ACTOR/ACTRESS	MINISTER/PRIEST/RABBI
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NEWS REPORTER
ADVERTISING MANAGER	POLITICIAN
COPYWRITER	PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
COURT REPORTER	SALESPERSON
EDITOR	SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER
JOURNALIST	SPEECH PATHOLOGIST
LAWYER	TEACHER/PROFESSOR
LEGAL ASSISTANT/ PARALEGAL	TECHNICAL WRITER
LIBRARIAN	WRITER/AUTHOR



# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

HIGH SCHOOL



COLLEGE

At least 30 hours per week of classroom instruction.

## SCHEDULE

Usually 12 to 17 hours per week of classroom instruction.

Small classes, usually no more than 35 students/class.

## CLASS SIZE

Larger lecture classes, sometimes with hundreds of students.

Textbooks are provided at no cost.

## TEXTBOOKS

College textbooks are paid by the student and can be expensive.

Bells ring to tell students when to go to the next class and students must study all subjects.

## CLASSES

Students are responsible for being on time for class, and often have hours between classes. Students have more flexibility in what they study

Instructors are called teachers.

## INSTRUCTORS

Instructors are called professors.

Daily interaction with teachers.

## TEACHER-STUDENT CONTACT

Less frequent with ability to speak during office hours.

Personalized counseling by teachers and guidance counselors; help from parents/legal guardians.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Requested and arranged by the student. Students are responsible for registration.

More frequent with tests at the end of each unit or quarter.

## TESTS

Tests are infrequent and cumulative, covering large amounts of material.

All classes are in one building.

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Classes are spread throughout the campus.

Routines are established and enforced by parents, school, community traditions.

## INDEPENDENCE

Students must establish schedules and maintain their own routines.

Student's status in academic and social situations is often influenced by family and community factors.

## STATUS

The student is judged solely for themselves and by their own behavior and actions.

Students are told what to do in most situations and follow-up on instructions is usual.

## DEPENDENCE

Self-discipline is required to succeed independently.

# SUMMER LIST FOR INCOMING COLLEGE FRESHMEN

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## FAFSA

If you haven't already filed your FAFSA, do it ASAP!



## ORIENTATION

Register and attend your school's orientation for incoming freshman.



## SAVE & BUDGET

Saving money for college and spending responsibly is crucial. Make a budget to follow when you get to school.



## TRANSCRIPTS

Inform your high school which college you will be attending and request they send your final transcripts.



## ROOMMATE

When you find out who your roommate will be, get in contact with them and say hello! Also, decide who's bringing the mini fridge.



## SUPPLIES

Start stocking up on supplies. School supplies, shower shoes, all the basics! Plus look for dorm furniture and a laptop, if needed.



## FRIENDS

You and your high school friends are about to part ways for a while. Spend time together over the summer and make lasting memories!



## THANK YOU

A lot of people played a role in helping you get to this point in life. Send thanks to teachers, counselors, family, and anyone else who has helped out.



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