

University /4-Year College Calendar

September

- Register for the ACT, SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Tests (if needed).
- Go online to the University website to find admission, scholarship/financial aid & housing applications from the colleges you are interested in. Download any forms that need to be completed by Mountain Pointe personnel. **Check all application deadlines!**
- Download your admission application and use as a worksheet – apply online if you can, it simplifies and speeds up the process.
- Take advantage of college visitation schedules in the Phoenix area and visits by university/college representatives on our high school campus in the Guidance Career Center or by the Cafeteria during both lunches.
- **ATTEND the National College Fair sponsored by NACAC at the Phoenix Civic Plaza on September 26, 2010, from 12-4. Dozens of out-of-state colleges will be represented. Visit www.nacacnet.org for more info!**
- If you can't make the NACAC fair on 9/26/10 from 12-4, **ATTEND the Scottsdale College Fair on 9/26/10 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts (Old Town). Visit <http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/index.php> for more info!**
- Listen to the daily announcements to hear about College Visitations and Scholarship Sessions.
- Complete in-state university application to meet priority deadline date to qualify for scholarships – U of A, ASU & NAU: **December 1.**
- SEND an official transcript to each university that you are applying to.
- SEND ACT/SAT scores to your colleges – these are not on your MPHS transcript.
- Check district website to access the District Scholarship Information (www.tuhsd.k12.az.us) (“Students”) (“College Prep”) for current scholarships.
- Check the scholarship website on a weekly basis all year for scholarship opportunities you may qualify for.
- Pickup the CSS Profile registration form in guidance if this financial aid form is required by your private college(s).

October

- **Recommendation packets are due by October 1st to Gifted Coordinator/Counselor and or Counselors if you need a recommendation from them that is due in October or November. It takes time to right a good recommendation, so give the Counselor a 2 week heads up at minimum!**
- **ATTEND THE IN-STATE COLLEGE NIGHT at Desert Vista High School, Monday, October 4, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. with your parents** – State Universities and Community College reps will be present with helpful information.
- Note college admission and scholarship deadlines.
- Always ask for teacher/counselor recommendations four weeks in advance of your due date!!
- If you are an athlete, or think you might participate in sports in college, you must complete NCAA Clearinghouse Registration online at www.ncaa.org Send an official transcript to the Clearinghouse.

November

- **Counselor Recommendation Packets last deadline for college apps due in January-- November 1st** for out-of-state universities/scholarships. At this time bring any forms that need to be completed by the counselor for the universities. Also, request official transcripts for each university/scholarship that you are applying to. Make sure SAT and/or ACT scores have been sent directly to the universities.
- Finalize your college essays – quality time must be spent on your essays.
- File scholarship/financial aid applications for your specific colleges by the specific deadlines.

December

- Do well on your exams – your senior year is still very important.

January

- Prepare FAFSA and, if needed, the supplemental PROFILE. (FAFSA requires Income Tax information so figure your family taxes early –complete on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon after January 1st as possible. Filing on line speeds up the process.
- Watch for Financial Aid Night Workshops given at your school or College Goal Sunday in the local area.
- Pay attention to various state and local scholarship opportunities. Many have deadline dates between January and April.

February

- Verify with your counselor that a Mid-Year Report has been sent to every college that requires one.

March

- Continue to explore scholarship opportunities and complete applications.
- Review your Federal Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy when it is received in the mail.
- Register for classes at in-state universities by attending one of their registration workshops.

April

- Review acceptance and financial aid packages. Visit colleges again, if need be, before your **final decision**. Notify the college of your choice to attend and return appropriate paperwork. Notify the schools which you will not attend also.

May

- Take Advanced Placement Exams and your last high school exams! Request a **final transcript** be sent to your college. (Final transcripts are sent out in late June with proper request.) Bring the address and correct postage when you fill out the request form. Thank your parents, teachers, school personnel, employers, friends, and other family members who have helped you complete your entire educational journey – GRADUATION!!