

Hey Emilee!

I'm so sorry we had technical difficulties. I pulled up some troubleshooting and found [this website](#) for possible microphone problems. Try those before we meet again, or connect with a different device.

2024 will be a busy one for you! I have created a to-do list to help you stay on track....AND stress-free. I have attached it below.

I've scheduled some time on my calendar to research more schools for you, specifically looking for SAFETY schools that offer merit for all your hard work. I will be in touch with you soon with that information.

### **PRINTABLE:**

#### **JR/SR Monthly To-Do List**

### **Next Meeting:**

April/May >>> **Gaining Momentum (Meetings 2-6)**

### **FIVE TASKS to complete before THIS summer: ( I will go into detail below this list)**

- Balancing your College List
- Test Prep and Taking the SAT and/or the ACT
- Asking your teacher(s) for a Letter of Recommendation
- Brainstorming for your Common App essay
- Academic Resume

### **College List as of 1/17/24: NEED SAFETY SCHOOLS**

- University of Denver (Target)
- Austin College (Target)
- Colorado School of Mines (Reach)
- Lehigh (Reach)
- Rice University (Wild)
- Carnegie Mellon (Wild)
- Stanford (Wild)
- Emory (Wild)

**Research:** On my to-do list!

## Test Prep:

- Test Prep- here is the info for taking your free test prep session with Thrive Tutoring.
  - FREE Test Prep Session:
  - **ACT/SAT**: We provide (1) test prep sessions with Thrive Tutoring. You may schedule your sessions when you are ready!
  - Here is **Jon's Calendar Link** with Thrive Tutoring
  - His email is: **jon@thrivetutoringdenver.com**
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## Letters of Recommendation:

- **Asking for letters of recommendation** (TRUST ME, YOU WANT TO ASK EARLY)
- Aim for at least one academic LOR and one additional one from another teacher, coach, mentor, etc.

## Brainstorming for your Common App Essay:

- The Common Application will soon release the prompts for the next application season for freshmen in the fall of 2025.
- PLEASE COMPLETE **THIS ACTIVITY** BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING!
- **Essays THAT WORKED examples**

## Academic Resume:

- **Academic Resume**

# JUNIOR/SENIOR To Do List



**Time Commitment: 1-2 hours Per week (Jan-May)**

## January

- Narrow Down Your College List (10 schools)  
3-4 Safety, 2-3 Target, 2 Reach, 0-1 Wild
- Meet with your HCF counselor
- Register for the ACT/SAT

- Test Prep
- Begin Brainstorming for your Common App Essay
- Take virtual tours of colleges on your list
- Research summer programs related to your major!

## February

## March

- Take the SAT/ACT
- Begin rough draft of Common App Essay
- Complete the Academic Resume Form
- Make plans to visit colleges on your list

- Meet with your HCF counselor
- Continue your rough draft of the Common App Essay
- Begin thinking of who you will be asking for your Letters of Recommendation
- Register for SAT/ACT Retakes

## April

## May

- Personally ask your teachers for a letter of recommendation!
- Send your rough draft of the Common App Essay for review
- Finalize your college list (as much as possible!!!)

- Relax! Spend time with those you love!
- Spend time doing the things you love to do!!
- Continue to tweak, perfect, and enhance your Common App essay
- Take formal college visits
- Meet with your HCF Counselor in either June, July or August

## June/ July

**Time Commitment: 3-4 hours Per week (Aug-Nov)**

## August

- Common App essay should be complete! Send to your HCF Counselor for review.
- Common App opens for the Class of 2025. Begin working on your Common App!
- Follow up with teachers who you have asked for LORs.
- **SERIOUSLY, do not wait!!!!!!**
- College List should be 97% final (at least for early applicants)

- Supplemental Essay month! Start and complete any supplemental essays for colleges on your list!
- Continue to perfect and complete your Common App. Send in to your HCF Counselor for review.

## September

## October- November

- Complete any essays, supplemental essays, LOR requests.
- Begin applying to colleges!
- Apply for FAFSA