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II. School Information

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III. Important Dates

- ✓ **8/27** Common application workshop during 9th period
- ✓ **8/29** Mini College Fair at PCR
- ✓ **9/4** Mini College Fair at PCR
- ✓ **9/5** DePauw University campus visit
- ✓ **9/11** Mini College Fair at PCR
- ✓ **9/20** ACT registration deadline
- ✓ **9/25** Confirmation of Student FSA ID pizza party
- ✓ **10/1** Mandatory Senior Night/ Financial aid literacy/FSA ID parent creation
- ✓ **10/1** FAFSA opens https://fafsa.ed.gov
- ✓ **10/3** IU Bloomington campus visit
- ✓ **10/16** SAT Test w/ essay (in school)
- ✓ **10/23** Ball State University campus visit*
  10/25 College list meeting with Ms. Ward due
- ✓ **10/25** Horatio Alger scholarship application due
- ✓ **10/26** ACT Test

- ✓ **11/1** Priority applications due for <u>most</u> schools
- ✓ **11/1** IU Groups Scholars application due
- ✓ ***11/7** FAFSA Completion Workshop (student/parent)
- ✓ **11/11** General CICF scholarship applications open
- ✓ **12/1** Dell Scholars application due
- ✓ **12/1 FAFSA submission with school codes due**. Send Student Aid Report or confirmation page to Ms. Ward
- ✓ **3/15** IUPUI on campus housing deadline
- ✓ **4/1 Financial aid meeting with Ms. Ward due**
- ✓ **5/1** College Decision Day- deadline to accept offers of admission for most schools

*pending
**more dates will be added throughout the year

IV. Introduction and Expectations

As a senior in high school, you are entering the final phase of college preparation and planning at PCR, simply known as ***the college admissions process***! This process can be complex, and there are many factors involved. **In order to assist every student throughout this process, you will be required to meet with me several times throughout the year.** Additionally, I will be attending advisories and sending important information to you via email. **It is expected for all of you to attend college readiness advisories and be prepared with your laptops and handbook for reference**.

College is such an exciting, transformational journey that will change each of you from beginning to end. My goal is to provide you with access, opportunity, knowledge and understanding when it comes to the college process and preparing you for your future educational and professional goals.

V. Requirements with the College Counselor

1. Attend and be prepared for all College Readiness Advisory meetings.
2. Read and respond to email communications with College Counselor.
3. Get assistance and ask any questions that you have regarding the college application and admission process. <u>This is continuous throughout the year.</u> Please don't hesitate to ask!
4. **Schedule individual meeting with College Counselor to confirm/review college lists and application requirements needed**.
5. Add all colleges that you have applied to on Naviance Student and request HS transcripts and other documents that you need.
6. Go on campus tours, physically or virtually.
7. **Complete FAFSA and add school codes. This should be done by December 1st!** Your college counselor will gladly set up an individual meeting with you (and your parent) to complete the FAFSA. Forward your confirmation page or Student Aid Report via email (or print it), if you didn't complete the FAFSA with College Counselor or Alumni Supporter.
8. Log into each school's portal and check email for updates!! Financial aid award letters and acceptances are often found here.
9. Notify College Counselor of all acceptances + update Naviance Student with admission decisions (accepted, denied, waitlisted).
10. Submit/review financial aid award letters with College Counselor and discuss additional financial aid documents needed by schools**.**
11. **Schedule required meeting with College Counselor to compare financial aid award letters and additional documents needed, go over acceptances and discuss final decision along with next steps needed by college**.
12. Notify College Counselor of all outside scholarships you apply to and are awarded. (These are scholarships that aren't awarded by a college or university).
13. Confirm admission offer/intent to enroll and submit enrollment deposit*, if applicable. (This may be waived depending on the school and if you are a 21st Century Scholar).
14. Apply for housing and submit housing deposit*, if applicable. (This may be waived depending on the school and if you are 21st Century Scholar).
     *Deposits pay down your tuition. They are not considered an extra fee. If you end up with a refund after your financial aid is processed, you will get that money back via debit card, direct deposit, check, etc.

VI. College Resume/Activity Tracker

A college resume is an excellent opportunity to showcase your accomplishments, responsibilities, leadership potential and involvement. Having all of this information in one place will help you with college applications, personal essays, admission interviews, scholarships, and letters of recommendation. *Please see me for templates*!
Things to include on your resume:

- Work history and responsibilities (this includes family obligations and CWS)
- Awards and achievements
- Involvement in clubs, sports summer programs or other organizations
- Training received + Certifications
- Volunteer work
- Skills- ex) computer, fluent languages

VII. The College Essay

The college essay is often required by universities and colleges as part of their application criteria. This is a unique opportunity for them to learn and understand more about you beyond your transcript and test scores. It reveals your passions, strengths, motivation, interests, goals and more. Your experiences have shaped you into the person you are today. This is your opportunity to explain why you would be a good fit for a specific school and reiterate your interests and ability to succeed. After grades, course curriculum and test scores, the essay is the next look at application component.

Depending on the school, the essay can be called different names. Usually, it is referred to as a personal statement or supplemental question. Regardless of the term, it is a way to for you to share more information about yourself! The college essay doesn't have to be long. It's the <u>quality</u> of what you are trying to say and convey that is important. Most schools limit essays to 250-650 words. Remember to choose your words wisely and write about things that aren't available to them in other parts of your application. Don't summarize your transcript or tell them things that they already know, such as what you scored on your ACT.

Instead, give them insight into how and why you are who you are and what you have through. Take them on a behind the scenes tour of your life. Remember to be honest, genuine and creative!

When writing your essay: reflect, brainstorm, revise, and proofread. Get help and have others read/edit what you have written. Give it to your college counselor for final review.

Why You?

- What are your passions?
- Why do you want to go to college?
- What have you overcome? How were you able to overcome this?
- What important lessons have you learned?
- What do you see for your future?
- Why would you be a good fit for a specific school?
- What are you interested in studying and why?

*Talk about important experiences or events, your passions, responsibilities.
*Reference achievements and accomplishments, if there is no resume required.

Why Them?

- What are your reasons for wanting to attend this school? Be specific!
- Why are you applying? Research and visit school in person (or virtually).
- How will you be successful there?
    *Reiterate your intent to enroll and complete your degree!

VIII. College Lists

Your college list should be comprised of about 8-12 schools! Think about all the factors that go into making a decision when attending a college: Location, size, acceptance rate, % of financial need met, scholarship opportunity, graduation rate, diversity, academic major, career placement after college, etc. You should add these schools to 'Colleges I'm Thinking About in Naviance Student'
You will meet with your counselor to confirm a list of schools where you will apply. Your list should be comprised of the following:

- **2-3 Dream/Overmatch Schools**: Very Selective and/or your academic profile (GPA and test scores) falls below the admissions standards of the school. It can happen!!
- **5-7 Target/Match Schools:** Colleges where your academic profile (GPA and test scores) meets the admission requirements and is similar to others attending the school.
- **1-3 Safety/Undermatch Schools:** Your academic profile (GPA and test scores) exceeds the standard admission requirements and/or the school typically accepts a majority of all applicants

IX. Student Selectivity Rating

Barron's Selectivity Index	<2.0	2.0-2.4	2.5-2.9	3.0-3.4	3.5-4.0
<18 ACT <960 SAT	2- year Colleges	Non-Selective 4-year	Somewhat Selective	Somewhat Selective	Selective
18-20 ACT 960-1050 SAT	Non-Selective 4-year	Somewhat Selective	Somewhat Selective	Selective	Selective/Very Selective
21-23 ACT 1060-1150 SAT	Somewhat Selective	Somewhat Selective	Selective	Selective/Very Selective	Selective/Very Selective
24-29 ACT 1160-1350 SAT	Somewhat Selective	Selective	Selective/Very Selective	Very Selective/Most Selective	Very Selective/Most Selective
30+ ACT 1380+ SAT	Somewhat Selective	Selective/Very Selective	Selective/Very Selective	Very Selective/Most Selective	Most Selective

X. Cristo Rey Network Partner Colleges and Universities

The Cristo Rey Network has partnerships with college and universities throughout the US. Below are the University and local partner schools with specific scholarships and/or need based financial assistance.

School Name	City	State	Cristo Rey Scholarship	Meets Financial Need	Test Optional	Selectivity Index	Website
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara	CA	*Gap scholarship for Tuition, Room/Board and Books/Supplies*	-	No	Most	https://www.scu.edu/
Fairfield University	Fairfield	CT	*Supplemental Need Scholarships*	-	No	Most	https://www.fairfield.edu/
Wesleyan University	Middletown	CT		*Yes*	Yes	Most	https://www.wesleyan.edu/
Georgetown University	Washington	DC	-	*Yes*	No	Most	https://www.georgetown.edu/
Loyola University Chicago	Chicago	IL	*Tuition and Room/Board*	-	No	Selective	https://www.luc.edu/
DePauw University	Greencastle	IN		*85%*	No	Selective	https://www.depauw.edu/
University of Notre Dame	Notre Dame	IN	-	*Yes*	No	Most	https://www.nd.edu/
Saint Mary of the Woods College	Terre Haute	IN	*Supplemental based on need and GPA: up to tuition, room/board and books for PCRHS students*	-	No	Somewhat	https://www.smwc.edu/
University of Evansville	Evansville	IN	*$30,000 per year for PCRHS students*	-	Yes	Selective	https://www.evansville.edu/
Berea College	Berea	KY		*Yes/ No Tuition Promise Program*	No	Very	https://www.berea.edu/
Boston College	Boston	MA	-	*Yes*	No	Very	https://www.bc.edu/
College of the Holy Cross	Wooster	MA	-	*Yes*	Yes	Most	https://www.holycross.edu/
St. Anselm College	Manchester	NH	-	*85%*	Yes	Very	https://www.anselm.edu/
Xavier University	Cincinnati	OH	*Three, full tuition scholarships*	-	No	Selective	https://www.xavier.edu/
Franklin & Marshall University	Lancaster	PA	-	*Yes*	Yes	Most	https://www.fandm.edu/
Villanova University	Villanova	PA	-	*Yes*	No	Most	https://www1.villanova.edu/university.html

XI. Naviance Student

- ❖ Naviance Student is a platform that assists you with college and career planning and preparation. student.naviance.com/provcristo
- ❖ **Username**: PCR email address   **Password:** PCR computer login password

This is where you will:

- Research colleges, majors, and careers
- Request all transcripts to be sent to schools where you have applied
- Track all college decisions where applications have been submitted
- Match the Common Application to your Naviance Student account
- Update your admission decisions from all colleges from your college list
- Research scholarships and update award money
- Request all letters of recommendation
- Take career and major assessments

XII. Transcript Requests

All transcript requests should be completed by your college counselor. **You need to request transcripts using Naviance Student.** Transcripts will be sent with no test scores on them (ACT + SAT) unless otherwise requested. All scores will be listed for ACT and SAT, if applicable.

*** **It is extremely important to update your Naviance Student account continuously throughout the year. This ensures that all documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) are sent and applications are being tracked for final decision-making purposes**

1. Log in https://student.naviance.com/provcristo
2. From Naviance Student, **Colleges** > **Colleges I'm Applying To**
3. Click the **Add** button **(+ sign).** ****If you used The Common App, the school should appear and just click request transcript.**** *Make sure you have matched accounts.*
4. From **Which college are you applying to?** use the drop-down or type the name of the desired college and select from the matches.
5. From **App Type** click *Regular*.
6. From **I'll submit my application?** click the *Directly to Institution* or *Common App.*
7. Select the checkbox labeled **I've submitted my application**.
8. Click **Add and Request Transcript**.

    *The Add New College Application – **Step 2 Request Transcript displays.***

9. From **What type of transcript/s are you requesting?** select *Initial*
10. From **What additional materials, if any, do you want included?** select the checkbox(es) that identify your answer.
11. Review **Where are you sending this transcript?** to ensure the proper college name is displaying.
12. Click **Request and Finish**.

XIII. Letters of Recommendation Requests on Naviance Student

- **Colleges** > **Apply to College** >.
- When adding a request, select a teacher to write the recommendation, for a specific or all colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list.

XIV. Submitting College Applications

Students can submit college applications several ways. Typically, students apply:

1) Online, directly through a university's website
2) Online, through The Common Application. Please see college counselor for CA guide to assist you.

- The Common Application allows students to fill out one application and then use that application to apply to various schools that use and accept this for their application for admission. Not all schools use the Common Application and it is not typically required for you to apply using the CA. There is an essay prompt for students to complete. Depending on the school you are applying to, this essay may or may not be required. *However, a school may have a supplemental essay that is required instead the Common Application question or in addition to the Common Application essay.* A school may also require a letter of recommendation. All requirements will be listed for that school on the Common Application.
- **What you will need to apply**:
  1. Parent/Legal Guardian Information- education, employment status, current employer and position
  2. Current class schedule
  3. List of your achievements and activities you are involved in

- If you are applying to schools via The Common Application, you must link your Naviance Student to your Common App. This is required in order to submit the necessary forms and documents needed by the school.

XV. Financial Aid

Financial aid is assistance to help students fund their educational expenses throughout college. There are several types of financial assistance available for students. **Grants** are typically need based and not required to be paid back; **scholarships** are generally awarded based on merit and/or other criteria and are not required to be back; and **self-help aid** includes loans that you pay back once you are no longer enrolled in school and working for government funded jobs.

1. **Government Financial Aid**
    - o Federal grants: Pell, SEOG, TEACH
    - o State grants: 21st Century, Frank O'Bannon Grant
    - o Student and parent loans: Subsidized student loan, unsubsidized student loan, Parent PLUS loan
    - o Federal Work Study
2. **Other Types of Aid**
    - Institutional grants and scholarships
    - Outside scholarships

More information will be given out regarding financial aid literacy and understanding award letters throughout the year.

XVI. FAFSA AND FSA ID

In order to be considered for any financial assistance, you will need to complete the FAFSA. Even if you aren't a citizen, most schools will require that you still complete the FAFSA. By filling out the FAFSA, you are submitting information to see what you qualify for in assistance from the Federal Government, based on income/need. This also makes you eligible for assistance from the State of Indiana. **The deadline is April 15th**, to be eligible for both state and federal aid. **PCR students need to have their FAFSA complete by December 1st with school codes listed. If you have special circumstances, questions, or want to complete the FAFSA here at school, please see me. We will schedule individual meetings to help you and your family.**
- ✓ **FSA ID: https://fsaid.ed.gov**
    - Electronic Signature which is a username and password
    - Student + parent need an FSA ID to sign and submit the FAFSA
    - If you or your parent don't have a social security number, then you can't create an FSA ID. You will need to print the signature page on the FAFSA.
    - Only one parent needs to create an FSA ID and sign the FAFSA
- ✓ **What do you need in order to create an FSA ID?**
    - Social Security number
    - Full name
    - Date of birth
    - Email address.
- ✓ **FAFSA Definition studentaid.gov or download myStudentAid app**
    - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
    - www.studentaid.gov → Apply for Aid or Login
- ➢ **How often is the FAFSA filed?**
    - FAFSA needs to be filed each year while in college
- ➢ **What if my parent is undocumented?**
    - You are still eligible to apply for aid
    - Put all zeros for the social security number
    - Use income of parent(s) in the household
    - Print signature page and have one parent sign it
- ➢ **What students are considered dependent?**
    - **Any student under the age of 24 years old unless:**
        - o Student is in legal guardianship, foster care or a ward of the court
        - o Verified homeless youth
        - o Married or has a child and provides more the 50% support for him/her
- ➢ **Who is a "parent" on the FAFSA?**
    - Biological or adoptive parents
    - Step Parents, if married to a biological or adoptive parent
    - A student in legal guardianship is considered independent for financial aid purposes
    - ** *No one else, even if that person is fully supporting the student.*
- ➢ **Which parent's income goes on FAFSA?**
    - If parents are **married and living together**
        - o Report both parents' income

    - If parents are **not married and living together**
        - o Report both parents' income

    - If parents are **divorced/separated or not married and not living together**

- o Report income of parent who provides most support (typically who you live with the most)
  - o Doesn't matter who claims student for tax purposes

- If **custodial parent has re-married**
  - o Report parent's income + step parent's income

➢ **What income does the parent report?**
- Earned Income
  - **2018 taxes, W-2s, paystubs**
    - Must file taxes if income is over $20,800 (married)
    - Must file taxes if income is over $13,400 (head of household)
    - Must file taxes if income is over $10,400 (single)
- Unearned Income
  - ▪ **Disability benefits**
  - ▪ **Unemployment benefits**
  - ▪ Do not include retirement benefits

➢ **Who can file as Head of Household?**
- Only separated or unmarried individuals (that have a child or children)
- Married couples must file as married filing join, or married filing separately

➢ **What income does the student report?**
- **Income from part-time job(s) (w-2s, pay stubs)**
  - o Must file taxes if income is over $6,350
- Do not include Corporate Work Study internship unless you worked there during the summer and got paid directly

➢ **Who is considered a family member when determining household size?**
- The student
- The parent(s)
- # of parent's (spouse) children, even if they don't live there but the parent (spouse) provides more than 50% support
- Anyone else that lives in the household for whom the parent (spouse) provide more than 50% of support

➢ **How can I tell if my FAFSA was submitted successfully?**
- **In order to submit a FAFSA, it must be signed using a student's FSA ID and one parent's FSA ID or printed then mailed**
- Student will receive confirmation once FAFSA is submitted
- FAFSA is processed in 3-5 days or if mailed 7-10 days.
- Student and colleges will receive **Student Aid Report (SAR)** which lists the EFC.

✓ **EFC Definition**
- **Expected Family Contribution**.
- This is a calculated number based on income and answers to questions the FAFSA, to see if you qualify for any grant/free money. This includes the Pell and SEOG grant.
  - I**f your EFC= zero, your family is expected to pay $0 toward your education**. You are eligible for the maximum amount of grant money from the government. The higher your income, the greater the EFC will be and the less money you will receive in federal grant money.
  - When you submit your FAFSA, it will calculate your estimated EFC.

➢ **What if my family's financial circumstances change during the year?**
- Report the original income information on FAFSA for that year
- Then, the student needs to contact the Financial Aid office for their school and they may able to change the FAFSA accordingly

➢ **What if I need to submit the FAFSA to more than ten schools?**
- A student can designate up to 10 colleges to receive their FAFSA information. If the student applied to more than 10, he or she should wait until the form is processed, then delete the original schools and add new ones.
- If changes are later made to the FAFSA, the student will need to resend the information to the original colleges if there is still interest in attending those schools, but they will have the initial information

➢ **Common Questions on FAFSA**
- **Selective Service:** All men must register in order to get aid.
- **Unearned Income**: This is where parent's put their benefit income (disability, unemployment)

- **IRS Data Retrieval Tool "Link to IRS"**
  - Automatically transfers tax information to the FAFSA
  - Link taxes if eligible!

XVII. Financial Aid Award Letters and the Verification Process

Financial aid award letters are often a determining factor when making your college decision. They can look very different from school to school, and this can become confusing. ***It is important to understand what to look for in each letter and ensure that it is accurate by reviewing them with your college counselor and communicating with financial aid offices*** if necessary. This ensures that you are receiving the correct aid and revisions are made accordingly.

When you submit your FAFSA, the government randomly selects students for **verification.** This is to *verify* that the information entered on the FAFSA is correct. If you are selected for verification, any school that you have been accepted to will require additional documents from you and your parents, in order for you to receive financial aid. Typically, this includes submitting income documentation and listing the people in your household. It is also important to complete other requirements from the financial office to ensure that your aid is not help and unable to be processed (such as the loan entrance counseling and MPN).
Please see your college counselor for a financial aid cost calculation worksheet to help you understand determine costs for various school.

XVIII. Outside Scholarship Opportunities

Outside scholarships are additional resources awarded to students through **externa**l organizations, foundations, or companies, not colleges or universities. This type of assistance is separate from government and school-based aid and helps reduce the cost of attending college. Outside scholarships are typically sent directly to the school and subtracted from your bill. You can apply and receive more than one outside scholarship to help pay for college. Below is a current list of helpful scholarships and scholarship websites:

UNCF Scholarships- United Negro College Fund (amounts vary)
https://www.uncf.org/scholarships
  - ❖ Multiple scholarships available.
  - ❖ Deadlines and criteria vary, so please visit the website.
    - https://www.uncf.org/scholarships Main scholarship page
    - https://www.uncf.org/kochscholars Koch Scholars Program
    - https://www.uncf.org/walton Walton Scholarship

CICF Scholarships- Central Indiana Community Foundation (amounts vary)
https://www.cicf.org/scholarships/
  - ❖ 50+ scholarships available
  - ❖ Deadlines and criteria vary, so please visit the website & read the guidebook.
    - Lily Endowment Scholarship TBD (September) *must be nominated (full tuition at a private or public Indiana school)*
    - General scholarship application TBD opens November 12th (February)
    - Crooked Stick Scholarship TBD (May)

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) Indiana Professional Chapter Engineering Scholarship (amounts vary, non-renewable)
http://www.shpe-indiana.org/?page_id=108 (Applications available through College Counselor as well)
  - ❖ Deadline: **September 5ᵗʰ**
  - ❖ Criteria:
    - A senior high school student wanting to pursue an engineering degree at an Indiana college
    - A student of Hispanic descent
    - Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
    - An active member in the Hispanic community or a member of a Hispanic community organization

Gates Millennium Scholars Program (average amount is $12,000 per year)
http://www.gmsp.org/gates-millennium-scholars-program/
  - ❖ Deadline: **September 15th**
  - ❖ Criteria:
    - Average undergraduate GPA is just over 3.0
    - Minority students with significant financial need

- Target groups in the disciplines of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. ($6,000-$25,000) *Cristo Rey Network Partner*
www.scholars.horatioalger.org
- ❖ Deadline: **October 25th**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - HS Senior
  - Demonstrate high financial need (less than $55,000 adjusted gross income)
  - Involvement in extra curriculars and community service activities
  - Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
  - U.S. Citizen
  - 2.0 cumulative GPA to remain eligible

Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program (Up to $40,000 per year for four years)
https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/
- ❖ Deadline: **November 29th**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - HS Senior
  - Intend to enroll full time in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2019
  - Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above
  - Receive standardized test scores of either an SAT Total Score of 1200 and above OR an ACT Composite Score of 26 or above
  - Demonstrate unmet financial need (up to $96,000 family income)

The Dell Scholarship *($20,000 + $2,000 textbook credit + mentoring services)* Cristo Rey Network Partner
https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship
- ❖ Deadline: **December 1st**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - HS Senior
  - 2.4 cumulative GPA
  - Pell eligible

Richard G. Lugar Scholarship Program (application information sent to school and will be emailed to students)
- ❖ Two $20,000 scholarships and Eight $4,000 scholarships
- ❖ Deadline: **December 31st**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Be a minority high school senior (African American, Hispanic or Native American)
  - Intend to enroll in an Indiana college or university.
  - Have minimum combined ERW and math SAT scores of 1000 or ACT composite score of 22.
  - 3.0 cumulative GPA

GE Raegan Foundation Scholarship ($10,000 renewable for four years
https://www.scholarsapply.org/ge-reagan/information.php
- ❖ Deadline: **January 4th**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - HS Senior
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.0
  - U.S. Citizen
  - Demonstrated leadership in community, school and workplace
  - Plan to attend a 4-yr institution and pursue a bachelor's degree

The Dream US Opportunity Scholarship (up to 80,000 over four years)
http://www.thedream.us/scholarships/opportunity-scholarship/
- ❖ Deadline: **TBD (January)**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - HS Senior
  - Have taken the ACT or SAT
  - Have DACA or TPS to certify you meet immigration eligibility
  - Demonstrate significant financial need
  - Plan to enroll full-time out of state partner college in the fall

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship (up to $30,000 over four years)
https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/
- ❖ Deadline: **February 1st**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Minority
  - Demonstrate financial need
  - Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, not-for-profit, 4-year university in the fall

National Co-op Scholarship Program (up to $4,200 non-renewable)
https://www.waceinc.org/scholarship/
- ❖ Deadline: **February 15th**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.5
  - Apply to the school(s)you select on the application for 2019-2020 year
  - Meet the merit scholarship requirements for the schools selected on application

Scholarship American Dream Carolyn Cain Scholarship Zeta Phi Beta Sorority scholarship (minimum $500 non-renewable)
http://iotazeta1920.org/scholarship/
- ❖ Deadline: **TBD (March)**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Senior female graduating with a GPA of 3.0 or above
  - African-American, Latino Asian or Native American
  - Pursuing an undergraduate degree in the fall of 2019

Hispanic Scholarship Fund (amount $500-$5,000)
https://www.hsf.net/scholarship
- ❖ Deadline: **TBD (April)**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Hispanic Heritage
  - 3.0 cumulative GPA
  - Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, not-for-profit, 4-year university in the fall
  - U.S. Citizen, permanent legal resident, **DACA** or eligible non-citizen (as defined by FAFSA)
  - Complete FAFSA and state based financial aid application

Indianapolis Black Alumni Council's (IBAC)scholarship (up to $1,500)
http://www.ibacindy.com/home.html
- ❖ Deadline: **TBD (April)**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - High school senior
  - Planning to enroll into any HBCU in the fall
  - 2.8 cumulative GPA

Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance Scholarship ($1,000)
www.iuya.org/scholarship
- ❖ Deadline: **TBD (April**)
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Undocumented student residing in Indiana
  - Proof of enrollment at an Indiana college or university by July 1st
  - Demonstrate financial need

Christamore House Guild Frances Carter Coburn Scholarship (up to $10,000 renewable)
(applications available through college counseling)
- ❖ Deadline: **May 1st**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Demonstrate financial need
  - Excel academically

Dave Lyons Scholarship through Providence Cristo Rey (amounts vary)
(applications are available through college counseling)
- ❖ Deadline: **TBD (May)**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Cumulative GPA of 2.5 upon graduation
  - No semester grades lower than a C during junior and senior year
  - Assistance with direct and indirect costs associated with college

Indiana Latino Institute

http://indianalatinoinstitute.org/programs-initiatives/education/

- ❖ **1) Indiana Latino Institute Scholarship Program (amounts vary)** http://indianalatinoinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ILI-Scholarship-Application-2018-2019.pdf
- ❖ **2) James Waters Memorial Scholarship ($1,000 non renewable)** http://indianalatinoinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ILI-Scholarship-Application-2018-2019.pdf
- ❖ Deadline: **May 31st**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Enroll in a minimum of 6 college credit hours per semester
  - 2.7 GPA
  - Demonstrate financial need
  - Document ongoing community service involvement
  - Preference given to Latino students residing in Indiana who are first generation college students

Indianapolis Tuskegee Alumni Club Scholarship (amounts vary, renewable)

http://tuskegeealumni.club/indianapolis/scholarships/

- ❖ Deadline: **June 1st**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Senior attending Tuskegee in the fall
  - Cumulative GPA 2.5 or higher

United Energy Workers Healthcare EEOCPA Scholarship ($1,000)

https://www.uewhealth.com/eeoicpa-reca/#scholarship-application

- ❖ Deadline: **July 31st**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Seniors attending college in fall
  - Interested in a career in the Home Healthcare field
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

Aspiring Nurse Scholarship ($1,000)

https://www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com/articles/2018-aspiring-nurse-scholarship

- ❖ Deadline: **August 31st**
- ❖ Criteria:
  - Senior majoring in nursing in the fall
  - Academic excellence in science and math

Scholarship websites

- www.collegegreenlight.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.collegeboard.org/scholarships
- https://myscholly.com/
- www.cappex.com
- www.collegeexpress.com
- www.scholarshipexperts.com
- www.studentscholarships.org
- www.collegegreenlight.com/isac (Undocumented students)
- www.e4fc.org/scholarshiplists.html (Undocumented students)

XIX. Activating University Portals and Checking Email

University Portals

- University portals are a central hub of information for students that have applied and been accepted to college. It is essential to activate university portals and log in regularly. University You will find relevant information and updates pertaining to your *admission status and financial aid, review your academic records, register for classes, pay your bill and get access to other important school information and links such as email and online classroom platforms.* Once logged in, you will look for a tab called *Student Self Service* or something similar. Here you will have ability to access the areas mentioned above.

University Emails

-Using and checking your university email is essential for college success! Many times, this is the only way faculty, staff and various departments will communicate with you. Please make sure your email is activated and you start checking it regularly once you accept your offer of admission!

XX. Accepting Offers of Admission and Enrollment Deposits

Once you have visited + researched different college campuses, been accepted and have compared financial aid award letters from various colleges, it is very important choose a college that is the right for you. This greatly impacts your chances of succeeding and completing your degree. For most schools, there deadline to accept your offer of admission is May 1st of each year. This reserves your seat on campus. After enrollment deadlines, colleges and universities will open extra seats to students that have been waitlisted or applied late.

Schools often request an enrollment deposit once you have committed to attend their school. A deposit is deducted from your tuition and is not an extra cost. However, many schools often provide waivers and will accommodate students that are unable to make their deposit. Therefore, it is important to request necessary waivers and speak with the admissions at specific schools to see what is available. Some schools that provide enrollment waivers for students include: IUPUI, IU Bloomington, Purdue, Ball State University, UIndy and University of Notre Dame. If you are unsure, please see your college counselor; we will contact the school.

XXI. Residential Housing and Deposits

Living on campus is an excellent way to immerse, connect and access all that a college has to offer! Students living on campus benefit from various opportunities to get involved, meeting new people, receiving academic and social support and learning more about themselves as they transition into a stage of life.

If you plan to live on campus, it is important to apply for student housing and select your arrangements for the upcoming year! Please make sure you visit the residential life section of the school's websites to get detailed information about the application process, deadlines, cost and the residence halls available to you. If you are required to submit a housing deposit, you may be able to get this waived or reduced depending on the school. Please see your college counselor if you need assistance with this process or requesting a housing deposit waiver.

XXII. Dual Credit

> Definition
> Dual credit is the ability to earn high school and college credit at the same time.

> How Dual Credit Works
> A dual credit class means that you are taking a college level course in high school. Students are enrolled in a class that is offered as dual credit either by PCR staff or by testing into the class by passing a college placement exam. Once the class is completed, you will earn high school credit from PCR and college credits from the college or university where you took the college course.

> What are Placement Exams?
> College and universities use placement exams to assess a student's academic skill level and readiness in certain subject areas. These tests are taken primarily for English, Math and Foreign Languages.

> Who Teaches Dual Credit Classes?
> Dual credit classes can be taught be faculty from the university/college or a high school teacher at PCR.

➢ How is High School Credit Different Than College Credit?
Credits are units that measure course completion. At PCR, the completion of one class is equivalent to one credit per semester. In college, this is different depending on the amount of time you are expected to be in class each week. For the most part, one college class is equivalent to three credit hours per semester. However, this can vary depending on the class and university.

➢ Benefits of Taking Dual Credit Courses
There are several benefits of taking dual credit courses:
- Demonstrates rigor, college readiness, and academic achievement to admissions staff when applying to college
- It can reduce the amount of time it will take you to complete your college degree, since you will not have to retake these classes in college (unless your grade is lower than what the university accepts)
- You may be exempt from certain placement exams
- It can save you money! You are getting to take a college class at no cost. The only thing you are responsible for is paying for the transcript.

➢ How Do Colleges and Universities Know What College Level Classes I took?
When you apply to various colleges, you will be asked to list what classes you have taken as dual credit. Your PCR transcript may list DC after the course(s) that were taken as dual credit but that is it. To verify the details of the college class(es) that you have taken and for these classes to be applied toward your college degree, *you must request an official transcript, from the college where you earned credit to be sent to your attending college's admissions department*. The college transcript(s) will list the name of the college class, the grade you received, and the number of credit hours that the class is worth. *This is different than what is listed on your high school transcript.*

➢ What are Transfer Credits?
Dual credit is also known as transfer credit because you are transferring credits from other colleges to a new college. College classes taken at schools other than where you are attending need to be transferred to your attending college. Once your college reviews the class(es), you will be awarded transfer credits. These classes do not count toward your GPA, but the class(es) and credits are applied toward your degree! However, in order for colleges and universities to accept classes you have a taken at other schools, you need to earn a certain grade.

XXIII.   Requesting College Transcripts

You will need to request an official transcript from every school where you have taken college classes. Every school has a transcript request on their website where you go to request your transcript(s). Each school generally charges $5-$10 per transcript. You should request official transcripts to be sent to your attending college, once you have completed your final semester of high school and all grades have been posted.

For a transcript to be considered official, it needs to be mailed directly from the college in a sealed envelope or submitted electronically from the college. Transcripts emailed from you will not be considered official.
*Remember, if you are attending the school where you earned college credit, you don't have to request a transcript from that specific school.

XXIV. Forms and Documents Available Through College Counselor

1. **Resume/Activity Tracker Template**
2. **College List Worksheet**
3. **Partnership Universities with Need Based Aid and/or Scholarship Opportunities**
4. **College Essay Info Sheet and/or PowerPoint**
5. **Common Application Guide**
6. **List of Outside Scholarship and Websites**
7. **Filling out the FAFSA: Questions and Answers**
8. **Financial Aid Cost Calculation Worksheet**
9. **Teacher and Counselor Recommedation Form**