### JUNIOR’S

## Checklist for College Planning

### 2019-2020

### AUGUST 2019
- Work with your School Counselor to confirm your class schedule for college.
- Aim to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) classes.
- Visit actprofile.org to create a personal student profile.
- Begin studying vocabulary words for the ACT or SAT. Check out the mobile App.
- Consider enrolling in a Dual Enrollment Program.

### SEPTEMBER 2019
- Prepare for the PSAT. Your School Counselor can assist you in registering for the October test.
- The PSAT is also used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation as an initial screening of entrants in its annual competitions.
- Make a list of three to five colleges that interest you and why.
- Get help choosing a career at unlockmyfuture.org

### OCTOBER 2019
- Register for the PSAT Test being offered on October 16, 19 & 30.
- Begin researching and comparing the colleges you like at actprofile.org
- Determine how to select the right college for you (Cost, Academics, Scholarships, Environment or Location.)
- Get involved in community activities related to your career interests.

### DECEMBER 2019
- Work with your School Counselor to learn about scholarship opportunities.
- Seek part-time employment during holiday break.
- Visit louisianabelieves.com for great hot topics on college planning.

### JANUARY 2020
- Consider putting together a portfolio that highlights your special skills, talents, community service, sports, hobbies, awards, and school activities.
- Think about financial aid. Talk with your parents about options on how to pay for college.
- Think about your college goals and the institutions you would like to attend.

### FEBRUARY 2020
- Register for the April ACT Test at actstudent.org.
- Visit March2Success.com for free ACT prep lessons.
- Start or update an academic and leadership resume.
- Continue to be on the lookout for any colleges that may have slipped under your radar.

### MARCH 2020
- Visit your top colleges during a Preview Day or schedule a private visit through the Admissions/Recruiting Office.
- Volunteer for activities and clubs related to your career interests.
- Follow @AskLela on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for important college planning tips.

### APRIL 2020
- Consider volunteering to represent your school at a summer leadership conference (Boys/Girls State, Trailblazers, LYS, etc.).
- Evaluate what clubs or organizations you are a member of and consider running for a leadership position your senior year.
- If you are interested in the military for your career path, begin planning to take the ASVAB Test and meet with a military representative.
- Contact Lela at info@lela.org about becoming a Lela Ambassador or a Peer Counselor at your school

### MAY 2020
- Apply for a summer job, apprenticeship or internship related to your career interest.
- Job shadow in a profession that interests you.
- Open a savings account and/or a checking account.
- Team up with a study buddy in your preparations for your senior year.
- Get an estimate of your financial aid eligibility at FAFSA4caster
- Search for scholarships at lela.org/freemoneysearch
- Include visits to colleges during your summer vacation.

### JUNE/JULY 2020
- Save a portion of your summer earnings for college expenses.
- Schedule a few hours each week preparing for the ACT/SAT Test.
- Enroll in an ACT/SAT preparation workshop or visit your local library for helpful resources.
- Read subject books to help you prepare for challenging senior courses.
- Create your FSA ID Username and Password at fsaid.ed.gov or on the myStudentAid app. Take good notes and keep in a safe place.