



## COLLEGE PLANNING FOR SOPHOMORES

- Make an appointment to meet with your school counselor to ensure your high school courses will prepare you for college admission.
- Check out prerequisite classes for junior and senior- year Advanced Placement coursework (AP).
- Take the PSAT (given in October).
  - Feedback from your PSAT Score Report will help you work on your academic weaknesses.
  - Analyze your PSAT performance. Then you will have plenty of time to prepare for your SAT and increase your score.
- Start thinking about life after high school.
  - What kinds of jobs interest you?
  - What are your likes and dislikes?
- Begin researching colleges. Use the internet and college catalogs and brochures.
- Attend college fairs, open houses and career fairs. Meet with the college and career counselors.
- Visit college campuses. If possible, use your summer vacation or family travel to tour various colleges. Be sure to check for scheduled tours ahead of time.
- Begin a file for each college that you are considering.
- Volunteer for community or public service and participate in extracurricular activities. This will help you develop the time-management skills necessary for college life.
- Consider taking the SAT or ACT or both.
- Research scholarship opportunities for probable funding.
- Find a part-time job or summer job to offset college tuition; or participate in a summer internship, volunteer position, or a summer camp or college program. This will help you explore areas of interest and develop responsibility and leadership skills. Colleges look for these characteristics.