

Guide to Graduation- Freshman

- ✓ Develop an Education Career Action Plan (ECAP) and share this plan with your parents!
- ✓ Enroll in the most challenging college preparatory classes your school has to offer- colleges like to see you made the most of the opportunities available to you!
- ✓ Meet with your high school counselor, express your desire to go to college and review your ECAP
- ✓ Focus on your academics and maintain a strong GPA-from now on your grades will count towards college and scholarship opportunities!
- ✓ Develop good study habits and a study group of COLLEGE BOUND and GOAL ORIENTED friends!
- ✓ Become familiar with college entrance requirements
- ✓ Start/update your college going portfolio keeping record of your test scores, honors/awards, list of extracurricular activities, employment, transcripts, and college/career plans!
- ✓ Explore careers and learn about the education/training they require
- ✓ Take a career assessment such as those offered on AZCIS
- ✓ Enter essay, speech contests, science fairs and other opportunities for you to win scholarships and awards!
- ✓ Volunteer in your community
- ✓ Attend events on college campuses such as Shadow Days, games, plays, etc.
- ✓ Explore extracurricular activities in your school and community.
- ✓ Develop a summer reading list and READ, READ, READ! Reading and taking challenging classes is the best way to prepare for college entrance exams!
- ✓ Look for a great summer opportunity- summer camps/programs at colleges, volunteer opportunities, and/or internships.

Below are a few great programs for freshmen to consider. A list of additional programs can be found in our program guide!

- ✓ Barrett Summer Scholars Program
- ✓ Cronkite Summer Journalist Institute
- ✓ Arizona Governor's Youth Commission
- ✓ Upward Bound