

YOUR PATH TO LEADERSHIP

Leaders to Serve the Nation – U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland

FRESHMAN YEAR

- With an educator, register for challenging courses. ★Goal: AP Calculus & Physics senior year★
- Write down your goals. What study habits do you need to reach your goals?
- Need help? Don't wait! Ask for—and demand—assistance or coaching.
- What could be better in your community? Find a problem that interests you and get involved.
- Do your highest-level sports. Join a team. Try Girls/Boys State, Model UN, Scouts, JROTC etc.★
- Read nonfiction, newspapers and magazine...even when not assigned by school!
- Introduce yourself to your guidance counselor, find a college advisor or a teacher to help you.
- February: Apply for ★Summer STEM camps★.
- March: Plan an interesting summer: visit professionals, ★visit air shows, military bases, ships★
- Summer: Begin an aerobic workout routine. Take swim classes and get pool workouts. Stay cool!
- If a Scout: Go for Eagle or the Gold Award. Start now.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- With an educator, register for challenging courses. ★Goal: AP Calculus & Physics senior year★
- Pursue International Baccalaureate (IB) program, if available.
- Use your passions to help your community. Watch your leaders and follow the best.
- ★Do your highest-level sports. Try out for JV or varsity. Try Boys/Girls State, Model UN, etc.★
- Take a test prep class. Take an SAT/ACT practice test. (Example: Khan Academy-free test).
- February: Apply for ★Summer STEM camps★.
- March: Plan an interesting summer: Visit colleges and professionals. Get summer work or do volunteer programs. ★Visit air shows, military bases, ships★
- May: If you have taken an AP Class, take the AP test for that class.
- Summer: Perfect your aerobic workout routine. Take swim classes and pool workouts. Stay cool!
- If a Scout: Keep going for Eagle or the Gold Award.
- Write your Congressman and Senators a letter. Tell them you want to attend a service academy.

JUNIOR YEAR

- Keep up the academic challenge! ★Goal: AP Calculus & Physics senior year★
- September: Take a PSAT test prep class and practice test. Ask your advisor for a fee waiver if needed.
- September-January: Meet at least 2 college representatives visiting your school. Ask questions.
- Do your highest-level sports. Try out for Varsity. Try Model UN, Debate, Junior ROTC, etc.★
- October: Take the PSAT. Attend a College Fair.
- January: Take SAT or ACT...again! Don't wait!
- January-March: Individual meeting with your guidance counselor or college advisor.
- February: Apply for Summer STEM camps or ★Pre-college Summer Seminar★.
- March: Start the Common Application for college. Make a college target list.
- March: Plan for summer. Colleges visits. Get summer work or do volunteer programs.
- April: ACT Test available to take. Again!
- May: Test Month! SAT, TOEFL, AP Exams. Again! Get the point? 😊

★ *These will set you apart*

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YOUR PATH TO LEADERSHIP... FINAL STRETCH!

SUMMER BEFORE
SENIOR YEAR

- June: Want to play Div-I or Div-II sports? Register at the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- College Visits and Interviews. Narrow your college list. ★Complete Naval Academy application.★
- Prepare your college interview resume...tell your leadership story. Complete college essay draft.
- Perfect your aerobic workout routine. Run 5k or half-marathon. Add pool workouts. Stay cool!
- Scouts: Complete Eagle Scout or Gold Award.
- July: Check-in with your school counselor or college advisor.
- Apply your passion and skills to help others through work or a volunteer role.
- Apply for service academy nominations with all possible sources & always include the Vice President!!
- Attend pre-college Summer Seminar week. If not, attend an Annapolis candidate visit weekend.
- One out of four successful students study for a year after high school to prep for college. Annapolis can provide scholarships for this too.

- You're ready! Now ★Take Calculus & Physics★
- September: Take SAT and/or ACT test. Finalize college list.
- ★Do your highest-level sports. ★Run. ★Swim. ★Commit to physical fitness.★
- ★Engage in Girls/Boys State, Model UN, debate, etc.★
- Double check on all possible service academy nominations. Get at least four (4)!
- September-January: Meet one-on-one with your college advisor. College visits and interviews.
- October: SAT/ACT/TOEFL tests. Complete Early Action/Decision/Priority applications.
- October: Interview with Congressmen and Senators to attend Annapolis.
- December: SAT and ACT... Last chance!
- Spring: The Big Wait for admission. Good Luck! You earned it!
- June: High school graduation, final transcript mailed to colleges.

SENIOR YEAR



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