



- **FOCUS ON YOUR GPA**
(ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL FACTORS IN THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS)
- **SEEK LEADERSHIP ROLES IN FAVORITE ACTIVITIES**
CONSISTENCY AND QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY
- **TAKE THE PSAT (FALL)**
OPT-IN TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM COLLEGES
- **ATTEND PLHS COLLEGE PREP SEMINARS,
TAKE AN SAT TEST-PREP CLASS**
- **CONSIDER TAKING SAT SUBJECT TESTS WITH AP CLASSES**
- **REGISTER FOR SAT/ACT.**
FOCUS YOUR EFFORTS ON YOUR PREFERRED TEST, TAKE IT MORE THAN ONCE
- **ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS; TALK WITH RECRUITERS
& ADMISSION COUNSELORS, TAKE COLLEGE TOURS**
- **RESEARCH & APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **REFINE LIST OF POTENTIAL COLLEGES**
(USE WEBSITE TOOLS: COLLEGEDATA.COM, BIGFUTURE.COM, ETC)
- **USE THE FAFSA FINANCIAL AID ESTIMATOR**
- **REVIEW LIST OF COLLEGE CHOICES WITH YOUR
COUNSELOR AND GET SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHERS**
- **DECIDE WHETHER TO APPLY FOR EARLY ACTION OR
EARLY DECISION AT A PARTICULAR COLLEGE**
- **PREPARE A SUMMARY/RESUME**
GPA, AWARDS, ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP ROLES, JOBS, ETC.
- **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER WHOM TO ASK**
- **BEGIN WRITING COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS**
- **REGISTER FOR/BEGIN THE COMMON APPLICATION**