**Senior/Junior Check List**

1. Career Exploration

* <https://sdmylife.com>
* Job Shadow and Youth Internship

1. Academic Preparation

* Take challenging classes and try to exceed college academic requirements (i.e. 4 years science, math, and foreign language)
* Prepare for and take ACT/SAT (take test by the spring of Jr. year)

**Websites**: <https://sdmylife.com>, [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com), [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com), <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>, [www.learningexpresshub.com](http://www.learningexpresshub.com), www.eKnowledge.com/SDHSAA

**Books**: The Real ACT, Getting Into the ACT

1. Set goals related to your College, Career and Life Plans

* Educational – career/college major
* Personal – location/extracurricular
* Financial Goals –how much you want to spend vs. anticipated income

1. Develop list of colleges – keep organized

* Gather information on colleges by visiting websites or contacting college admissions
* Narrow your choices
* Visit the colleges on your short list
* Finalize your college list

1. Apply – find out what you need

* Applications (Find out: early decision/early admission and scholarships deadlines)
* ACT/SAT scores and Transcripts—Forms are in Student Services and on [www.rcas.org](http://www.rcas.org)
* Letters of recommendation
* Essays
* Application fees

1. Look for Financial Aid

* FAFSA – Federal Application covering grants/loans/work-study. Opens starting October 1, 2021
* Search for scholarships
* College Scholarships: general/major/merit-based/extracurricular/need-based/etc.
* Stevens Listserv – [www.k12.sd.us/Listserv/StevensScholarships.htm](http://www.k12.sd.us/Listserv/StevensScholarships.htm)
* Your employer
* Private loans – parent/student
* WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange) and Reciprocity with Minnesota
* Military
* SD Opportunity Scholarship
* Dakota Corps Scholarship
* Build Dakota Scholarship

1. Decide

* Compare awards letters and consider entire packages
* Notify the college of your decision

**Student Services 2021-2022 Information**

**Counselors/Advisors**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Alphabet (1st letter of last name)** |
| Chris Stoebner | School Counselor | A - C & V - Z |
| Roxann Engel | School Counselor | D - J |
| Melissa Good | School Counselor | K - N |
| Kim Elder | School Counselor | O - U |
| Ashley Jensen | Lifeways | A - Z |

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# Student Services

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| Appointments | Schedule with Brenda Sinclair in Student Services |
| Schedule Adjustments | See only your school counselor for schedule adjustments |
| Transcript Request | Forms in Student Services and at [www.rcas.org](http://www.rcas.org) |
| ACT/SAT Information | Student Services or at [www.rcas.org](http://www.rcas.org) |
| NCAA & NAIA Eligibility | NCAA and NAIA websites |
| College/Career/Scholarship Searches | Make an appointment with your counselor and use resources provided during the senior meeting. |
| Scholarship Listserv | [www.k12.sd.us/Listserv/StevensScholarships.htm](http://www.k12.sd.us/Listserv/StevensScholarships.htm) |

**SHS Counseling Department website: www.rcas.org**

**2021-2022 Events**

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| ACT & SAT Testing Dates | Information in Student Services |
| Post High Planning Day | October 7th, (8:00-10:00 am) Civic Center |
| College Expo | Sept 30th and Nov 4th (4:30pm) in Link |
| College Access Campaign | October 18th-November 30th |
| Financial Aid/FAFSA Event | Sept 30th (5:00pm) in multi-purpose room |
| College & Military Visits | In the Link Multipurpose room. Listen to announcements for other dates |

**Pay attention to the announcements and the SHS calendar for future events!**

**Scholarship Listserv (postings of all scholarship notices received by SHS)**

**www.k12.sd.us/Listserv/StevensScholarships.htm**