

Graduation: May 28, 2023

Planning for Life After
High School



Learning targets

1

Understand how Student Services staff can support you with your college, career, and life plans.

2

Know where to find college, career and life readiness resources.

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Email Attachments

- Senior Checklist
- Scholarship List
- Transcript Release Form
- Brag Sheet

Transcript Questions? Come See Us!

- If you have questions about being on track for graduation
- If you have a test out grade you want to change
- If you want to replace a grade
- Graduating Early
- Make sure if you are taking off campus courses they are on your schedule
- Requesting a transcript



What do I
want to do
with my
life?

How do I
get there?



You Have Options!



- College:
 - University
 - Technical Colleges
 - Military
 - Apprenticeships and on the job training
 - Certifications
- Other (Travel, Humanitarian Service, Gap Year, etc.)

Most of our presentation will focus on University/Technical Colleges. Make an appointment with your counselor for more information about the other options.

Step 1: Career Exploration

Career Information Sites:

- <http://sdmylife.com>
- <https://www.mynextmove.org/>
- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

ASVAB- October 7th (1:00)

#1 on Senior/Junior Check List

Step 2: Academic Preparation

- Challenge yourself
- Do your best- ALL YEAR
- Consider Dual Enrollment (November 1 is when Spring registration opens)
- Prepare for and take college entrance exams:
 - *ACT
 - **SAT
 - ACCUPLACER

*The ACT has a writing component not all colleges require; check the admissions requirements of your college(s)

Fee waivers are available for the ACT and SAT. They are confidential. See your counselor for more information.

#2 on Senior/Junior Check List

Step 3: Set Goals

The 3 most important goals to consider when looking at schools:

EDUCATIONAL

- Career/Job
- Major
- Program

PERSONAL

- Location
- Extracurricular Activities
- Family

FINANCIAL

- How much do you want to spend?

#3 on Senior/Junior Check List



Step 4: Develop a list of Colleges

- Gather information about colleges
 - Websites, sdmylife.com, college rep visits, talk with counselor and family/friends
- Visit schools physically or virtually if possible
- Finalize your list

#4 on Senior/Junior Check List

Step 5: Apply

- Apply Online
 - Common Application
 - Individual Colleges
- Find out what you need to apply
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Essays
 - Payment
 - Transcripts/Test Scores
- Check Deadlines (find these on college websites)
 - Early Decision (binding)
 - Early Action (early response to application, no commitment)
 - Regular Admission
 - Scholarships

#5 on Senior/Junior Check List

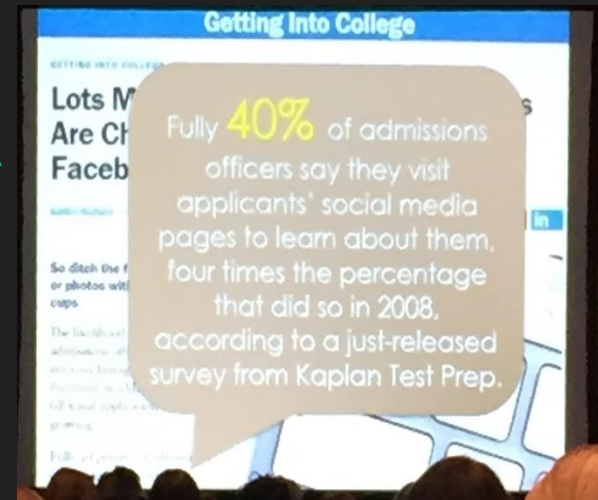
Social Media & Letters of Recommendation

○ Social Media

- What you put on these sites could impact a person's willingness to write you a letter (or admit you, hire you, or keep you as an employee.)
- Many employers/colleges/scholarship boards ask for access to social media sites.

○ Letters of Recommendation

- Request letters 2 weeks in advance
- Be specific: Who is it for? When do you need it?
- Provide your Recommendation Brag Sheet
 - Get this from your counselor or at www.rcas.org
- Thank anyone who writes you a letter.



Step 6: Look for Financial Aid

- FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
 - Apply after October 1
- Websites (www.rcas.org)
- Stevens Scholarship spreadsheet
- Freshman scholarships (academics/athletics/major)
 - Research these on school websites
- Work
 - Your employer/your parents' employers
 - Private loans
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
- Reciprocity with Minnesota
- Military
- SD Opportunity Scholarship
- Dakota Corps Scholarship
- Build Dakota Scholarship

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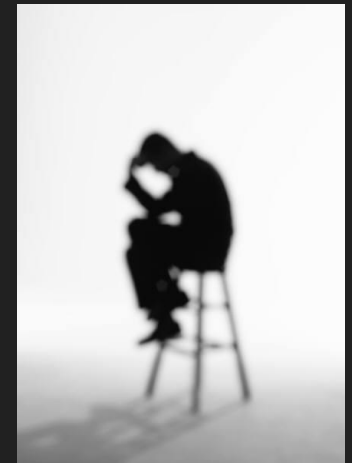
FAFSA-More Info!

- October 1- OPEN for application and apps are FREE!
- October 13- 5:00-7:00, FAFSA info available in the Link
- November 1- Virtual Financial Aid Night!
- November 15-FAFSA Completion Night. Foodtrucks!
- November 1 additional info! It is VIRTUAL! Dial in at 1-408-650-3123 with access code: 659-195-573 OR join us on zoom at <https://meet.goto.com/659195573>

Step 7: DECIDE

- FAFSA award letters are sent to colleges in the spring
 - You might not make your final decision until you see the financial packages offered by the schools you applied to.
- Consider ALL your goals (educational, personal, financial) when making your final decision
- Notify the college you plan to attend

#7 on Senior/Junior Check List



NCAA/NAIA – prospective College athletes

- Take 4 and Pass 4 classes
- Register online with NAIA or NCAA
- Be aware of your academic eligibility requirements to be a college athlete (both GPA and curriculum)
- Links to NAIA and NCAA are:
 - www.naia.org
 - www.ncaa.com

College & Career Readiness Events

College and Military Visits: In the Link Media Room (Virtual)

- Daily Announcements and calendar on Student Services door

Post High Planning Day

- October 6th (8:00-9:45am)

College Application Week:

- October 3rd-November 31st (November 2nd at Stevens)

Financial Aid/FAFSA Info:

- October 13th during conferences from 5:00-7:00 in the Link

Additional events will be announced during the year.
Find this information on:

- Daily Announcements
- SHS Newsletter
- Rapid City Stevens Raiders Facebook Page

Post-High Planning Day

October 6th, 2022 (8:00-9:45 am) The Monument

- Post High Planning will be Oct. 6th, 8-9:45am, at the Monument. You will need to return to SHS for 3rd pd, 10:15.
- Over 30 in-state and out-of-state post-secondary schools will be in attendance.
- WDT has a HUGE career expo event!
- Register Online at <https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/registration>
- Must Register before being able to visit with reps or you will have to fill out info cards.

**Come see
us soon!**

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- See ONLY your counselor for any schedule adjustments/issues.