

Ready for college?

Use this 2023–2024 Senior Year Calendar to get started.

Make your dreams a reality by keeping track of these important dates and deadlines:

SEPTEMBER

- ▶ Your window to take the SAT or ACT is quickly closing. Both tests will be administered in October. Register now!
- ▶ Gather college information and begin identifying colleges that match your academic and personal interests.
- ▶ Work to earn the highest GPA possible. Senior year courses and grades do count.

OCTOBER

- ▶ File the 2024/2025 RISE Act (Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid) for undocumented students. RISE Act requires you to use 2022 tax and income information.
- ▶ Meet with college representatives when they visit your high school and go prepared with questions.
- ▶ Begin applying for admission.
- ▶ Visit college campuses; tour campus, observe a class, meet with a faculty member, talk with current students.

NOVEMBER

- ▶ Create a college budget based on your personal and financial needs.
- ▶ Early graduates should consider starting college in the spring semester.

DECEMBER

- ▶ Talk with your friends who are returning home from college to hear about their experiences.
- ▶ The 2024/2025 FAFSA will be available to complete this month. Watch for information about when to file. The 2024/2025 FAFSA will require you to use 2022 tax and income information. Be sure to use the IRS Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA to ensure accuracy and to expedite your financial aid process.

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JANUARY

- ▶ Make sure your FAFSA and other financial aid documents are submitted on time. Review financial aid/scholarship offers with your parents/guardians.

FEBRUARY

- ▶ Attend Visit Day at Kishwaukee College – Monday, February 19, 2024. Review your college choices and begin to narrow them down.
- ▶ Apply for scholarships through the Kishwaukee College Foundation. Applications open February 1, 2024 and are due by February 29, 2024.

MARCH

- ▶ Admission decisions will be hitting your mailbox (or your inbox) any day now. Keep your guidance counselor in the loop regarding any notifications you receive.
- ▶ Check with your local high school counselors for additional scholarships. Many scholarship deadlines fall after general college application deadlines.

APRIL & MAY

- ▶ Make your decision on which college you will attend.
- ▶ Take placement tests, if necessary.
- ▶ Review your financial aid offers, apply for student loans if necessary and make sure all supplemental forms are turned in.
- ▶ Meet with a college academic advisor to plan your class schedule.

JUNE

- ▶ Review residential options. Start building relationships and learn more about ways to get involved.

JULY & AUGUST

- ▶ Ensure your housing is secured.
- ▶ Research the various meal plans and transportation options.
- ▶ Complete the online New Student Orientation at Kishwaukee College.

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