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10 Things You Need to Be Doing Now

High School is coming to a close and in unexpected fashion. Though this phase is murky, look ahead....stay focused on what is coming up next for you! As one of our final acts of helping you be ready for college and for life, here is a list of ten things for you to be doing this summer. Enjoy!

1. Be sure that you have contacted all other schools where you were accepted and let them know of your enrollment decision.
2. Apply for a Last Dollar Grant in your Crosby Scholars portal. You *must apply* in order to be considered. In doing so, you'll need to make sure we have your current email address (no more "rased" emails anymore as they will expire soon) and your current college listed in your profile. Think about it: If we don't have this info correct, then we cannot get any money to you.
3. If you have not already, register for orientation at the college you are planning to attend. Some schools offer summer orientations (warning: this may include an overnight accommodation charge) and some are just before the Fall semester begins. Check with your school and stay up to date as summer dates may be in flux.
4. Register for Fall semester courses. Depending on your school, you may be able to register in advance online or in-person at Orientation. You just do not want to be behind in the process as popular first year courses may fill up quickly leaving you with less options (read 8:00am classes!).
5. Complete your roommate and housing requests in a timely manner. This is nothing to mess around with, so don't dawdle. Your school may ask you to complete a questionnaire so they can match you with a roommate. Other schools are fine for you to choose your own using online groups or through your own efforts. Whatever means you are expected to move forward in the process, do it.
6. Check your email.... often.
7. Save...earn...work! This summer is a great time to save up money for the upcoming year. Take a look at your financial aid letter from your school. Look and see if there is a "student contribution" listed. If you filed the CSS Profile, then chances are you have an amount in that line. Some schools are expecting you to put some money toward your education and not just your parents' contributions. Even if there is no clearly defined "student contribution," it's a good idea that you save up some money for costs for next year. Life happens fast.
8. Be prepared to have a summer reading assignment. Many first-year students are grouped into "Freshman Seminar" or "Orientation Groups" or the like and they use a reading or a book as a springboard for conversation and reflection. Oftentimes these books are more cultural than academic in nature, so just go with it. There's a reason your school chose this book so have a little faith.
9. Take some time to thank the people who helped you get to this point. Send a handwritten note to each person who wrote you a recommendation. Any scholarship committee award you a scholarship? A mentor who helped you immensely? A teacher who tutored you after school? Say thank you.
10. Start preparing for your "new normal." If you will be entering dorm life, then start mapping out what purchases you'll need to be making soon (TV, linens, mini-fridge?). If you'll be commuting from home to a community college, then start a conversation with your family about living expenses, expectations and your transportation plan.

Lastly, stay positive. You guys are ready for what lies ahead and we are cheering you on!