## Freshman year checklist

community member and learn about their job

☐ Attend career fairs or career day at your school

or in your community

## College exploration Fall-Winter ☐ Attend local college fairs in your area or at your school College planning (www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs) ☐ Learn the high school courses required by colleges ☐ Talk to current college students about their path to college and college life ☐ Meet with your high school counselor for advice on your college plan ☐ Try virtual campus tours (https://campustours.com, www.youvisit.com, www.ecampustours.com/) ☐ Identify your interests and skills to help you focus on your goals Summer **Extracurricular activities** Prepare for summer ☐ Join a club or try out for a sports team ☐ Participate in an enrichment program that expands ☐ Volunteer for something you find important your knowledge ☐ Get a job—many important skills are developed **Spring** in work environments ☐ Volunteer with an organization you find interesting **Academics** ☐ Apply for a service learning program ☐ Refocus your study habits and finish the year strong ☐ Prepare for sophomore year by doing summer reading ☐ Keep up your grades—colleges look at your grade point average (GPA) ☐ Visit college campuses ☐ Set your sophomore class schedule with your counselor to include honors or Advanced Placement (AP) classes Money management ☐ Create your four-year academic plan with your counselor ☐ Open a bank or credit union account and save money for college Career exploration ☐ Take a financial education course online ☐ Start searching for summer programs (e.g., academic, (www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/ work, volunteer, travel) young.html) ☐ Spend a day at work with a family member, friend or ☐ Talk to your parents or guardians about a

college savings plan

