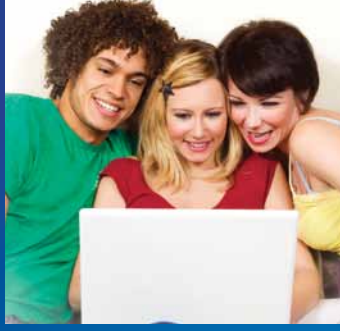


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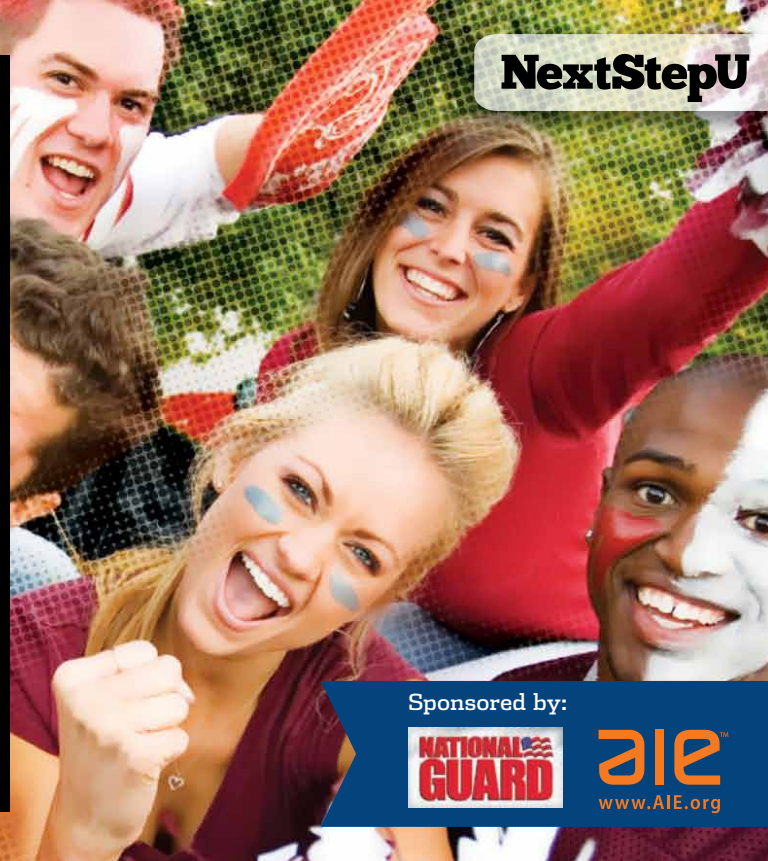
Get involved in extracurriculars

It's a new year! So try something new on for size. Not only will it feel great to give back and stay active, but it will look great on your college admission and scholarship applications, too!

- Join a new group, try out for a sports team or give back to your community or church.
- Update your resumé with all of your new efforts!
- Then submit the FAFSA and seek out other scholarship opportunities.

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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<p>Enter for your chance to win up to \$10,000 for college! NextStepU.com/WinFreeTuition</p>	



FEBRUARY COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Take some time to reflect

It's the month of love, so take time to take care of yourself.

- Read your favorite magazine, treat yourself to a movie or have a night out with friends!
- Check your mailbox. Acceptance letters come around this time.
- Celebrate this college journey with those who have helped along the way.

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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

MARCH COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Spring ahead with college planning

It's officially spring and that means you have to decide on the right school.

- Weigh your options.
- Talk to an admissions counselor.
- Underclassmen: Remember this semester is crucial! Keep your grades up.

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March

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10 Daylight Saving Begins Spring Forward	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23
24	25 Passover Begins at Sunset	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter						



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APRIL COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Green is the hottest color

April is Earth Month so remember to take care of our environment.

- Implement a recycling program at your school.
- Create a club for other activists like yourself!

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April

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	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30		<p>Enter for your chance to win up to \$10,000 for college! NextStepU.com/WinFreeTuition</p>		

MAY COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Keep your grades up

Summer break is right around the corner, but don't lose sight of your priorities.

- Colleges are looking at your most recent semester of work. So work hard!
- Make sure your classes are challenging.
- Meet with a counselor to assess workload.

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May

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mother's Day 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	Memorial Day 27	28	29	30	31	



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JUNE COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Use time off to get ahead

It's summer break, but you can't completely slack off.

- Take advantage of the time off to learn some skills (and save a little money!) in a summer job.
- Do some reading that will help get your vocab up for those dreaded SATs.

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June

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	Flag Day 14	15
Father's Day 16	17	18	19	20	Summer Begins 21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

JULY COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Check out hot prospects

School's out! That means you're probably taking a family vacation. If so, take the time to do more than just argue with your siblings!

- Use the roadtrip as a chance to check out colleges you're interested in.
- If you're a senior, schedule a tour to get a closer look.

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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Canada Day	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

AUGUST COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Start shopping for the right school

It's college fair season! Can't visit every college on your wish list? That's OK. A college fair is your chance to check out all the schools - near and far!

- Make a list of potential schools.
- Dress for success and come prepared with questions.
- Make a final list of schools you actually want to visit.

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August

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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SEPTEMBER COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Prep for success on the SAT and ACT

Now that the school year is in full swing, it's time to start thinking about those SATs and ACTs.

- Check the admissions website of your prospective school to see if one test is preferred.
- Consider taking a test prep course or visit us online at www.NextStepU.com/TestPrep for some testing tricks!
- Schedule a test date.

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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Labor Day	2	3	4 Rosh Hashanah begins at Sunset	5	6	7
8 Grandparent's Day	9	10	11	12	13 Yom Kippur begins at Sunset	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Fall Begins	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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OCTOBER COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Get organized this fall

Now's the time to make plans for the future! The more detailed you are, the easier the process will be.

- Create a calendar of test dates, fees and deadlines.
- Do the same for applications.
- Figure out and set deadlines for financial aid applications.
- Ask your counselors and teachers for letters of recommendations.
- Work on that admissions essay.

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October

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day Thanksgiving Canada	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Halloween	31		

NOVEMBER COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Focus on finishing up

It's easy to get caught up in the holiday rush this month, but slow down to say thanks.

- Finish up college applications.
- Get those requested recommendations from teachers and counselors.
- The holidays are a great time to say thank you to your family, teachers and counselors who have helped you along the way.
- Get all of your college applications done by Thanksgiving! For more, go to www.NextStepU.com/Apply

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November

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3 Daylight Saving Ends, Fall Back	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Hanukkah / Chanukah begins at Sunset	28 Thanksgiving	29	30



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DECEMBER COLLEGE PLANNING TIP:

Get to business on winter break

It's getting chilly outside and the snow will soon start to fly. Even though it's cold outside, there's still work to be done. Got plans for winter break?

- Use some of your down time to research colleges that interest you.
- If you don't know what college is a good match, try our College Match tool at www.NextStepU.com/CollegeMatch

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December

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28
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