



COLLEGE PLANNING



Making Senior Year Count For College

(NAPSA)—With college less than one year away, senior year in high school serves as an opportunity time for college-bound students to prep for college. There are things to be done and decisions to be made—the first of which is deciding where to apply.

Sallie Mae, the nation's No.1 paying-for-college company, offers numerous resources to help high school students narrow their college choices at www.CollegeAnswer.com. Families also will find information on high school curriculum requirements for the majority of colleges; what goes into selecting a college; tips on getting and completing college applications; profiles of colleges; resources for financing a college education; and more.

“Senior year is action packed,” says Martha Holler, spokesperson for Sallie Mae. “If students haven’t done so already, now is the time to narrow down college options and get serious about their postsecondary education.”

A helpful list of “To Do” items to keep students on track includes:

- Determine what is required at each school, including the application fee amount and acceptable payment method.
- Create a list of tasks associ-



ated with each school’s requirements (e.g., getting the correct number of recommendations and writing the required essays).

- Assign a begin date and determine a target end date for each task.
- Check off each task as you finish it.
- Keep copies of everything you submit.
- Keep all your information organized in a filing folder, box or cabinet.

The bottom line: No matter how tempting it may be to mentally put senior year in high school on hold, it’s far more beneficial to use the time wisely and focus on what needs to be done to prepare and pay for college.

For more information on the going-to-college process, visit www.CollegeAnswer.com.