DEBATER GOES TO COLLEGE CHECKLIST
ALWAYS CONSULT YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE

Types of Schools
-3500 in the United States
-Two-year community colleges
-Four-year colleges
-Private and public institutions
-Research institutions
-Specialized institutions

Resources You Can Use
-Guidance Office
-Coach & teachers
-Internet: http://debate.uvm.edu/udl/udlcollegelist.html
-College Fairs
-College Guidebooks
-Campus Openhouses near you

-YOU will be largely responsible for doing the research and, hopefully, the final decision.

What Should You Consider?
-Academic interests: Don't feel pressured to choose a major or career if you are still exploring
-Possible career choice
-Environment: large or small, urban setting, college town, rural area
-Distance from home
-Costs: Tuition, Travel, don't eliminate a possible school choice simply because of cost
-Career preparation: Internship opportunities, cooperative education, research, study abroad
-Debate program - look at the list of debate schools

Your Application - Do it Right, Do it Well, Do it On Time!
-Check with each institution
-High school record
-Grade Point Average, strength of curriculum (AP & Honors classes), rank In class
-SAT or ACT: SAT II
-Extracurricular activities like DEBATE!
-Recommendations
-Personal essays
-Portfolio
-Audition
-Interview

DEBATER GOES TO COLLEGE TIMELINE

Junior year - Fall semester
-Take a good look at your transcript
-Begin your research
-Contact schools for information
-Visit college fairs
-Take advantage of college admissions visits to your high school
-Send in your UDL Student Interest Form

Junior year - Spring semester
-Take SAT or ACT; SAT II
-Begin planning visits to schools in the summer
Summer before Senior year
- Visit at least 1 or 2 campuses
- Get an idea of what you want from a college
- Begin to ask questions

Senior Year - Fall semester
- Take SAT, ACT, SAT II again if you wish
- Decide where you will apply
- Apply to a variety of schools
- Check deadlines (early decision? Highly selective schools?)

Senior Year - January
- Submit Applications
- Submit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Senior Year - March thru April
- Receive notices from schools

Senior Year - April
- Visit schools - you'll be asking different questions now, and you'll have a slightly different perspective

Senior Year - May
- Make decision

Summer after graduation
- Orientation activities

Fall after Graduation
- New Life Begins

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