

## Recommendations for Managing the College Application Process

- Do your **research**. Match your scores (SATs, cumulative average) and interests (location, major, extracurricular, etc.) to what the college requires and offers.
- If you do your research correctly, you should be able to **narrow your choice** of colleges to no more than five colleges. **Ask your counselor for help** when you need it.
- Once you decide which colleges you want to apply to, check the application **deadline** set by the college. For example, SUNY (State University of New York) has December 1 as its priority deadline, CUNY (City University of New York) has February 1 as its priority deadline. Highly competitive colleges have a January 1 deadline.
- If your college has a **January 1 deadline**, you must have your completed application brought to your guidance counselor **no later than December 13**.
- For those who live in New York State, both **SUNY** and **CUNY** colleges offer a **high quality** education for an **affordable price**. Every senior is strongly encouraged to consider a CUNY college if you wish to live at home and a SUNY if you wish to board.
- Many college applications are done online. **You must let your guidance counselor know when you submit an application online.**