



**The Future is Now!**

# Plan to Succeed

Between homework, school activities and work, your life is moving at the speed of light. It's hard to keep up with everything from one day to next, much less plan ahead. But take a little time here and there to map out a road plan for what comes next and by the time you're a senior, you'll be watching all the others sweat it out while you head toward a shining future!

## Freshman Year

### Fall

- Develop a plan for the classes you'll need to take over the next four years. Strive to take the most challenging courses available.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities (clubs, student government, etc.) or volunteer pursuits that interest you. Check with your guidance counselor to find out what's available if you need suggestions.
- Build relationships with teachers, counselors and coaches who can help provide college recommendations.
- Get familiar with the standardized tests that you will need to take.

### Spring

- Talk about college costs with your family now so that you can begin to make financial preparations.
- Schedule a meeting with your counselor to make sure coursework for your sophomore year is on track.
- Apply for summer internships, jobs or volunteer activities.

## Sophomore Year

### Fall

- Seek leadership roles in clubs and activities.
- Begin thinking about what fields of study and which colleges you might like to consider.
- Continue building relationships with teachers, coaches and counselors who'll be able to provide college recommendations.
- Attend college fairs to become familiar with what different schools have to offer.
- Become familiar with the required standardized tests.
- Look into summer programs for college prep.

### Spring

- Continue family discussions about college costs and what is needed for the coming years.
- Schedule a meeting with your counselor to make sure coursework for your junior year is on track.
- Apply for summer internships, jobs or volunteer activities.
- Begin research on college scholarships that are available. The Internet offers a wealth of information.