Checklist to success for the College-bound sophomore

FALL
☐ Evaluate your class schedules – for this year and the next two. Talk to your guidance counselor to make sure you take the courses that will best prepare you for college.
☐ Register for and take the PSAT and/or the PLAN tests.
☐ Take part in school activities and clubs that interest you, and consider taking on leadership roles. This is what makes you stand out from other college applicants!
☐ Visit general college preparatory websites and individual college websites. Include www.thiel.edu in that list!

WINTER
☐ Check out the schedules for SAT and ACT exams, and plan when you are going to take them. Look into study groups or preparatory programs in your area.
☐ Try to work some time into your schedule to write. You will have to submit essays for college applications, and do a lot of writing in your college courses. Get the basics now!
☐ Continue researching colleges that appeal to you, and visit if they allow sophomores to do so. Schedule a trip to Thiel by calling our admissions team at 1-800-248-4435!

SPRING
☐ Verify that your junior course schedule is on track for college prep.
☐ Attend college fairs...schools love to see that you are interested in charting your future so early!
☐ Plan a fun summer, but also one that could include a job or volunteering. Again, such experience makes you stand out as a college applicant.
☐ Check into what AP courses are offered at your high school, and talk to your guidance counselor about taking the AP exam.

SUMMER
☐ Start talking with your family about a college budget. Plan to talk with your counselor about loans, grants and scholarships as soon as school starts.
☐ Register for the SATs or the ACTs if you haven’t already done so.
☐ Visit www.petersons.com for a very helpful high school junior timeline and tips for where to go from here.
☐ Visit the Thiel website and check for upcoming Junior Visit Days. We’d love to see you at one!
☐ Mark your calendar: it is exactly one year until you can apply for admission to Thiel College!