

# PATH TO COLLEGE SUCCESS



## FRESHMAN

- Keep your academic focus.
- Begin to identify possible majors that you might want to study in college.
- Start to go to college games and research different colleges that you might be interested in.

## SOPHOMORE

- Keep your academic focus.
- Identify a list of schools. Have several schools in different ranges.
- Watch college soccer. Where can you be a good fit? What will you need to do in order to be ready for the college game?
- In the spring, begin contacting coaches. Send a cover letter and resume, including upcoming tournaments and schedules. Be sure to send updates with successes, articles and changes.
- Take the PSAT.

## JUNIOR

- Keep contacting coaches frequently before and after events.
- Visit campuses and set up meetings with coaches.
- Go to a summer camp at a school you might be interested in.
- Take the SAT.
- Take an SAT prep course over the summer if necessary.
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse

## SENIOR

- Do not let your grades slip.
- Keep contacting coaches before and after events.
- Take additional SAT or ACT exams as necessary.
- Schedule recruiting visits wisely.
- Focus on the pros and cons of the different schools before making a final decision.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Be patient.
- Have a large list of schools. Take unofficial visits.
- Keep track of your correspondence. Send things or return calls or emails in a timely fashion.
- SAT prep classes can be very important to improving test scores.
- Videos can be helpful for coaches who cannot get to see you play easily.
- Be prepared to always play well. Coaches will get ample opportunities to see you play.
- Take care of your bodies by eating well and getting appropriate sleep.

## HELPFUL WEB SITES

[www.clearinghouse.net](http://www.clearinghouse.net) – NCAA Clearinghouse  
[www.thesportsource.com/webpages/ecommercelinks/aspcart/](http://www.thesportsource.com/webpages/ecommercelinks/aspcart/) -- Details about all U.S. schools  
[www.collegesoccer.com](http://www.collegesoccer.com) – Information, schedules, contacts of all colleges in the US  
[www.socceramerica.com](http://www.socceramerica.com) – More information on college soccer  
[www.soccerbuzz.com](http://www.soccerbuzz.com) -- Site devoted to Women's College Soccer  
[www.collegesoccernews.com](http://www.collegesoccernews.com) -- Site devoted to Men's College Soccer