

To Do List: Sophomores

- Join Remind for **10th** graders. Text **@ragsdale10 to 81010**. We send very beneficial information to you.
- Not sure what you want to do after graduation? Go to CFNC.org and create an account. Then click on the **Plan tab** at the top followed by **Plan For A Career**.
- Now match your interests to a wealth of career options using the various inventories (Learn About Yourself, Explore Careers, etc.).
- Challenge yourself with AP and honors level courses as well as courses at GTCC in the Career & College Promise Program. They will prepare you for what is expected in college.
- Build your resume! Volunteer in the community, get a job or internship, choose a summer enrichment activity. Broaden yourself! Go to the Ragsdale website and click under Student Services/Summer Opportunities for tons of enrichment and volunteer experiences.
- Interested in Service Learning? Join the SL Remind by texting _____ to 81010. Remind provides service-learning opportunities and Service Learning Club information.
- For more information about earning the Service Learning diploma (250+ hours) or the Exemplary Award (100+ hours), go to Ragsdale's website, Student Services/Service Learning. Set up your x2vol account and complete the online personal project form. Start logging your hours once your project is approved. Grow your community and you through service learning.
- Start crafting your **resume**. Do it while it is fresh! Include everything from 9th grade to the present (Honors, Achievements, Leadership, Community Service, Work Experience, etc.).
- Begin building your college list using [Big Future's College](http://BigFuture'sCollege) Search tool (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>). You can check out individual college profiles based on what is most important to you--majors, tuition costs, campus size, location, clubs and sports, study abroad opportunities, etc. When you find a college that is a good fit, add it to your list. You can edit your list as you continue to explore new profiles. CFNC.org, collegedata.com, and College Scorecard are also great resources for this information.
- GTCC has amazing programs that offer certificates, degrees, and diplomas. Community colleges are the most affordable way to become career ready. Check out GTCC's offerings at www.gtcc.edu.

- Find helpful tips for planning for college on [Ragsdale School Counseling](https://blog.collegeboard.org/how-to-start-planning-for-college-in-10th-grade) Website.
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- Start looking at scholarships on our scholarship bulletin so you will know what to apply for when senior year arrives. Click on Student Services/Scholarship Information.
- Start learning about how financial aid can help you afford college.
- Begin **visiting colleges**. It's never too early! Call the admissions office to book a tour or schedule one online.
- Plan to attend **GCS College Night in October 2019** at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center.
- Take advantage of the PreACT and PSAT tests (collegeboard.org).
- Challenge yourself with AP and honors level courses as well as courses at GTCC in the Career & College Promise Program. They will prepare you for what is expected in college.
- Work hard now because the payoff is HUGE!

Questions? Contact your school counselor via email or to set up an appointment.

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