

# MCNEAL SAMS COLLEGE CONSULTING NEWS AND NOTES

## SENIOR CHECKLIST

- BUILDING:** It is time for you to begin doing some serious comparisons of your colleges and what they can and cannot provide. Reach out to your college consultant for tools and assistance.



- RESUME:** Most students need a resume during their first year of college. If you don't have yours put together yet, we can help. Our consultant Elizabeth Schnell is an expert at helping students build a resume.

- UPDATE:** Hey, we have been on this journey with you too! Be sure to let us know as your admission and scholarship decisions arrive. And don't forget, your high school counselor needs to know, too!

## ALMOST TO THE FINISH LINE ... WHICH CHOICE WILL GET YOU THERE

You have spent so much time applying for college, we get it. You are tired of this whole college choice journey. You are so close to the finish line. Now is not the time to stop. February and March are great opportunities for you to start thinking about making a final choice of where you will enroll next year for college.

How are you going to compare the schools you are admitted to in order to decide what you will gain and what you will potentially lose with each choice? What factors will take precedence? You have grown quite a bit since you began your journey more than a year ago. This is the time when you will have to apply all the self-awareness, research, organization, and decision-making skills you have gained throughout your college process to determine the best choice for you.

Completely unsure where to begin or just need a little guidance to drive your decision-making? We have developed a set of tools to help guide your decision-making process. Contact your college consultant to begin the *ending* of your college choice experience.



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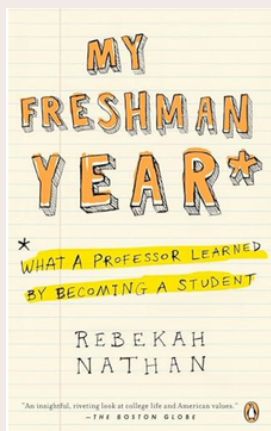
## TALK AROUND TOWN

Some items we have found interesting recently:

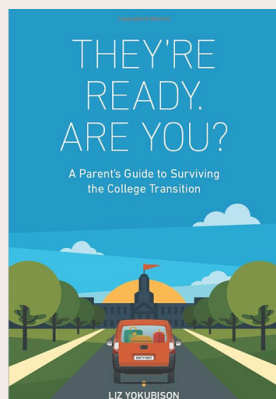
Article: [Top Ten College Transition Tips](#), by Brennan Brown

Podcast: [College Info Geek: Study Tips and Advice for Students](#)

Reading Recommendation for Students: [My Freshman Year](#) by Rebekah Nathan



Reading Recommendation for Parents (You are making a transition too!) [They're Ready Are You?](#)



## KINDNESS CORNER - FRIENDLY FEBRUARY

[Action for Happiness](#), a movement of people started in 2011 in the United Kingdom, is a group of individuals who are taking action to make a happier and kinder world together. Each month they publish a list of actions you can take each day to spread happiness to yourself and others. Their [February calendar](#) is filled with simple, yet impactful ways you can spread the love and smiles.

Some examples include:

- Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost
- Smile at the people you see and brighten their day
- Tell a loved one about the strengths you see in them

Take a moment to check out the monthly calendar and see how much happiness you spread!



## AS YOU MAKE A FINAL CHOICE

Are you ready to make a commitment to the college you will attend? There is more to finalizing your enrollment than letting the college know you will come. The most popular first steps are listed below. For a complete list of typical tasks required between now and when you begin college, [consult this guide](#).

- Pay your enrollment deposit.
- Register for housing, including paying your housing deposit and selecting a roommate.
- Register for an orientation program.

