



The Second Half of Senior Year

A quick orientation guide based on where you are in the admissions process

Start by identifying which situation best describes you right now. Focus on that section.

Enrolled

- Confirm enrollment and required deposits
- Register for orientation and placement activities
- Review housing, roommate, and meal plan options
- Monitor college email and portals for required forms

Admitted Everywhere

- Compare academic programs and intended majors
- Review financial aid offers and total cost
- Evaluate size, location, environment, support services, student resources, etc.

Admitted to One Target School

- Assess academic and personal fit
- Review financial aid and affordability carefully
- Decide whether you are ready to commit or keep options open

Deferred (see separate resource with more detailed guidance on deferrals)

- Assess academic and personal fit
- Review financial aid and affordability carefully
- Decide whether to remain in their admissions pool or move on completely
- Discuss next steps with your counselor before enrolling

Denied

- Identify good-fit colleges still accepting applications
- Reassess priorities and fit realistically
- Build a new plan with your counselor
- Move forward with options that align with your goals

Awaiting Decisions

- Track remaining decision dates
- Avoid assumptions while waiting
- Ensure at least one workable plan is in progress
- Stay focused on academics and commitments