THE ROAD TO COLLEGE: A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CHECKLIST

FALL – AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER

[___] If you are a participant in the BGSU Educational Talent Search Program or Upward Bound Program, please seek assistance from a staff member

[___] Make sure you are meeting high school graduation and college admissions requirements

[___] Confer with your parents, counselors and college recruiters about your plans for the future

[___] Request application materials for admissions and financial aid from colleges of interest

[___] Create a college file box containing separate folders for testing documents and scores, college admission and financial aid applications, correspondence from colleges, and so forth

[___] Apply to colleges of interest – Be aware of deadline dates

[___] Request your high school transcript be sent to your colleges of interest

[___] If you are a participant in the BGSU Educational Talent Search Program or Upward Bound Program, please submit your completed college admission applications to a staff member and a fee waiver/deferment letter will be mailed with each application

[___] Arrange visits to colleges of interest and schedule admissions interviews if required

[___] Each year, the BGSU Educational Talent Search Program and the Upward Bound Program provides transportation for a college visit or fair for program participants

[___] Take or retake the ACT or SAT

[___] If you are a participant in the BGSU Educational Talent Search Program or Upward Bound Program, please submit your completed ACT application to a staff member and a fee waiver will be mailed – may receive ONE fee waiver during your junior OR senior year

[___] Begin writing your essay(s) for college admission and scholarship applications – Ask for feedback from your English teacher – Then revise, revise, and revise

[___] Apply for scholarships – Be aware of deadline dates

[___] The BGSU Educational Talent Search Program and the Upward Bound Program are a comprehensive resource of scholarship opportunities for program participants

[___] Give recommendation forms to teachers, counselors, and other individuals from whom you are seeking references for admissions and scholarship applications at least one month before they are due – Write thank you notes to these individuals

[___] If you are seeking athletic scholarships, contact the coaches from your colleges of interest

[___] Prepare portfolios, audition tapes, writing samples or other evidence of talent required for admissions or scholarships

SPRING – JANUARY THROUGH MAY

[___] Attend parent/student financial aid workshops at your high school and in the community

[___] Apply for financial aid using the materials preferred by your college of interest

[___] Confirm all college admission materials have been received

[___] When you receive the results of your financial aid application, correct and return if necessary or sign and submit to your colleges of interest

[___] Submit required additional financial aid documentation to your colleges of interest

[___] Decide which college you are attending by the appropriate deadline and notify the college

[___] Meet all course registration, freshmen orientation and campus housing application deadlines

[___] Review your college financial aid award letter with your parent(s) and be sure that you understand the terms and conditions stated – Sign and return your award letter

[___] Notify the financial aid office of any outside scholarships you have received

[___] Be aware of due dates for tuition, room/board and other college related expenses – Discuss with the financial office if payments can be deferred until financial aid is available

[___] Respond immediately to all correspondence regarding college, scholarships and financial aid

[___] Remember that the financial aid process begins again in January of your next college year