

## STUDENT GOALS CHECKLIST FOR

# Sophomores

- **Register for and take the PSAT.**
- **Enroll in SAT or ACT prep classes.** Depending on where you choose to go, you may be required to take one of these tests. *Hundreds of colleges and universities have gone test-optional, meaning SAT or ACT scores are not required for admission. Hood College is test optional.*
- **Challenge yourself!** Enroll in honors, AP or IB classes if you're eligible for and prepared to take them.
- If you struggled with a course last year, **seek out tutoring** to improve in this area.
- **Begin comparing colleges** that you may be interested in.
- **Start to develop a list of your interests,** talk to people who work in fields that you're interested in and find out where they went to college.
- **Check in with your guidance counselor** to ensure you are on track to meet the goals you set.
- Begin an ongoing dialogue with your parents about **how to pay for college.**
- **Build strong relationships with teachers and coaches!** They can write about your abilities and skills in a letter of recommendation to colleges during your senior year.

### *Tips for Sophomores:*

Using the online tools **raise.me** and **tuitionrewards.com**, you can research colleges and earn money to put toward your college tuition. You will also need to be preparing for the SATs and ACTs depending on where you apply.

#### **SAT AND ACT PREP CLASSES**

Go to **collegeboard.org** or **khanacademy.org/SAT**

Study with the Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy or collegeboard.org. Take a full-length practice test and know what to expect on test day. Most students spend about 10 hours on SAT prep over the course of two months.

