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After a few very difficult months (and let's face it years) of working hard throughout high school, you've pressed submit on your last applications on the Common App (or other portal of your choice). You must be relieved! However, the grind has not ended. You have many steps ahead of you, from keeping up with your senior year grades to making sure you don't miss out on any instructions from your colleges. Follow the steps below and you should be all set!

Make sure you've signed up for the portals of each college you've applied to.

Each portal should have a checklist of items the schools have received—make sure they have all of the documents.

Keep an eye out on the portals for updates from the colleges such as any new requirements, interview information, and notification dates.

If you were deferred from your early decision or early action college, prepare a letter of continued interest.

Send the letter of continued interest, containing your re-emphasized interest in the school and updates on your grades and extracurricular involvements, to the school.

Request alumni interviews from your colleges if applicable.

Watch your email because many schools reach out to students first.

If you've been granted an interview, make sure you go prepared—check your internet connection, practice possible questions, and dress appropriately.

Continue focusing on schoolwork and senior year. Colleges will still want your final grades.

Study hard for upcoming AP exams.

Continue working hard on your extracurricular involvements—don't stop just because you're done applying to colleges!

Think about what you want to do during your final summer before you go off to college.

Colleges will start to notify students around mid-late March. Make sure that you check your email regularly.

If you get waitlisted, accept your place on the waitlists of colleges you're still interested in attending.

If you've been accepted to multiple schools, congratulations! Consider different factors such as location, class size, course offerings, etc. before making your decision.

Tour campuses if you're able to and talk to current students.

Put in a deposit in the colleges of your choice.

Enjoy the rest of your semester. You've made it!