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North seattle college summer schedule

The summer before you go to college can be a whirlwind of activity and, interesting as it is, it's easy for things to fall through the cracks or be pushed back until the last minute. To make things run a little smoother, here's a checklist of things you should keep. First, congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We assume that at this point, you're already taking care of things like visiting and enrolling in college, applying for financial assistance, and maybe making some decisions about the college where you've been accepted. Maybe you've even done some important reading on how to make the most of your college experience. Now, it's time to plan for the next few months. You have a lot of options in terms of finding money for college. Had you taken out a loan, getting Read moreCommit to the College of Your ChoiceG/O Media might get a commissionChoose a college is a big decision. Hopefully, you've already spent time visiting colleges you're interested in, meeting with some faculty and students, investigating degree programs you're interested in, and maybe even sitting in some classes. If you're still having trouble deciding, here are some things you can see that can help:Check out each college's graduation rate. Most colleges have a graduation rate somewhere between 60 and 80 percent. If the college score is lower than that, it may signify a problem worth investigating. See the retention rate. This is the percentage of students who remain in that college to earn their degree. The U.S. average is about 77%. Schools that scored in the 80s or 90s were a pretty good bet. When you have made your decision about which college will attend, you must commit to that college. You may be able to do this online or you may have to do it in writing. You will usually get instructions to commit to your application acceptance letter and they may send you additional notices to alert you. Typically, doing so involves sending a deposit, which may or may not include some other costs such as roommate deposits, parking fees, meal plans, and so on. Let Other Colleges Know You Won't ComeWhen you've committed to the college of your choice, it's a good idea to let another college you've accepted for that you won't attend. For starters, it's just a good thing to do. It will also get you out of their mailing list and will sometimes give you a chance to collect any deposit you may have paid them. Many colleges allow you to decline online offers. For others, you must send an email or letter to an admissions counselor. Even if you decline online, consider sending an email, especially if you have some personal interactions with the reception department. Tell them that you've chosen another school and thank them for their time. It doesn't make any difference to stay good either Enrolling and Attending Orientation for incoming students may be mandatory at your college, but don't even try their best to attend. This is especially important if you haven't been able to visit college before. You will get the opportunity to see where things are on campus, check out the dormitories and dining facilities, and the scope of the local facilities. There will likely be special sessions where you can meet faculty, sign up for classes, get your student ID, and buy a parking deck. You may get an orientation invitation or your college can leave it to you to sign up, so be sure to check their website for a schedule. And if possible, bring your parents along. Orientation can be a little overwhelming and it's nice to have support. Your parents can also get answers to some of the questions they have, feel where you're going to spend your time, and maybe have an easier transition when it's time to let you go. Send a Thank You Note to counselors and ProfessorSometime after orientation, consider sending a thank you note to any admissions counselor or professor you have personal interactions with, especially anyone who goes out of their way for you. Take the time to write it by hand. Feel free to be brief. Simple Thank you for taking the time to help me going a long way. Yes, this is a rather old school, but in addition to being a fun thing to do, writing a thank you note gives you the opportunity to get your name firmly instilled in the minds of the people who will be important to you when you get there. Find (and Recognize) Your RoommateSince many colleges require incoming freshman to stay in the dorm, most likely you will have a roommate and likely the first time you will share your living space with someone outside your family. Some colleges use online roommate inventors to try to match you with someone who has the same interests, schedules, or learning habits. Some colleges organize roommate exhibitions where you can find your own roommate. Take the time to know what you need to do and do as early as possible. Usually, you can start searching as soon as you do and pay a housing deposit. And if you can find out who your roommates will be early, go ahead and get to know them before you get there in Autumn. Communicate by email or text, or stay with them on any social media they use. Luckily, staying in a hostel allows you to avoid some of the hassles that can be met while staying with roommates. You don't have to worry about having roommates who don't pay their rent, for example. The school will take care of that. However, staying with someone can be challenging, so take the time to learn how to find a terrible roommate before moving in with them and reading some other great ways to avoid roommate tension. Dear Lifehacker, I am for a new roommate, but I've had really bad luck in the past finding... Read moreRegisters for Fall Classes as early as Possible Sign up for college classes may begin before you even graduate high school. Some colleges offer early online enrollment sometime during May. For others, you may have to wait for orientation or, depending on your major, for a meeting with a new adviser. You should check to see how quickly you can sign up for the class. Take a look at the campus website or contact your admissions counselor. That's what they're there for. As soon as you know when you can sign up, go ahead and do so. There are several advantages to registering early:Class filling. Even if you're guaranteed enough to get into the required basic freshman class, popular options fill up quickly. Signing up early means a better chance of getting in. There may be a summer reading. Some classes have required reading lists for the summer. Why not go ahead and start now, because summer is only going to get busier. If you're having trouble choosing a class, or if you haven't selected a course, read the course description and contact an advisor who can help you. If possible, talk to professors or students in your study department and see what they recommend. When you choose a class, try to choose a balanced load if you can. Create a weekly schedule that works well for you, consider getting some requirements, and try to strike a balance between the types of classes you take. It's no fun getting stuck writing half a dozen papers or getting stuck working on a few sets of problems every night. Choosing a college major is a big decision that—if made in a hurry—can land you in unemployment... Read moreBuy Your TextbooksNow that you have registered for the class, you can start to see the textbooks you need. It is possible that some professors have not yet decided on a book or that some special books may not be available early. But for most classes, especially core classes, you shouldn't have any trouble. When it comes to buying your textbook, you have several options: buy it new, buy it used, or rent it. Unless there's no other option, skip buying new books to buy second-hand or rent. Be sure to check out our complete guide to getting cheap textbooks and five of our readers' favorite sites to buy textbooks cheaply. There are even apps out there to help you compare costs. Amazon's new textbook rental program can save students a lot of cash each semester. Read moreSpend Some Time with Family and Friends This summer may be the last time you can get all your current friends together at once, so take the time to build some memories. Throw a party, take a road trip, or if you're looking for something a little cheaper, go camping. Just do it earlier in the summer, as some people may leave for college or work earlier than others. And be sure to get new contact information (such as college emails and physical addresses) that they have so you can stay in touch. It's time of year again: time to pack your friends or family in the car and hit open... Read moreYou're excited to get out on your own, so it can be easy to forget that while your parents are also excited for you, the main phase of their lives is over. And believe it or not, you'll miss them when you no longer see them every day. Involve them in your plan. If you have younger siblings, don't forget to show them some love, too. Their lives will change, too. And there's one last person to take care of: yourself. You'll probably find yourself without almost as much time alone as you used to. Take the time to do some things yourself, even if it's just a binge watching your favorite show. Learn Some Life Skillsis a number of good skills to learn before striking yourself. We have covered many of them in the past. Two of the most important skills you can learn this summer include: Finance. Hopefully, you've got your own checking and savings account at the moment and have done some practice using it. If not, sign up now and learn how to use it. Look for a bank that has a presence at your school or at least has an ATM in the network available when you need it. Take the time to start your finances and avoid some stupid mistakes. Laundry. Many kids never really do laundry or other real cleaning by the time they leave for college. If that describes you, take some time this summer learning how to do laundry like a boss. Learn how to parse laundry tags and maybe even download apps to help you. It's not too difficult and you can practice as you clean your closet and pack it to move. If you take care of all this, you'll be well on your way to a more organized and fun Fall semester. Depending on your situation, there may be some other and ending opportunities you want to keep, such as making an appointment with your doctor, cleaning up your social media site, and changing your mailing address. But most of all, enjoy! We spend a lot of time using social networks to follow people, find news, and ... Read moreAnd if you see something we missed or have your own tips to share, please give us and let us know! Photo by Iconic Bestiary (Shutterstock), COD Newsroom, kate hiscock, Ryan Rix, JD Hancock, GotCredit and wohnal. wohnal. wohnal).