

Action Set 0

Understanding the Aset

Action sets are all available online at all times. They are designed to take approximately a week to complete. The first few are easier to start off, but the pace quickly picks up. Read the entire Aset before working on it.

It is likely that you will be unable to fully complete certain Asets in a week, i.e. they require you going back to them and working on them over time. For example, you will have to go back to Aset 5 to mark when you have completed steps in visiting a college. Items like this will be obvious or noted in the action, otherwise the default is to assume it needs to be completed by the following Aset. You should have them at all times in your Mentorship folder and frequently revisit Asets.

If a chart is too small for your purposes, always feel free to access the .doc version and expand them to your needs.

Attach all materials that intuitively make sense to its particular Aset.

You should have your completed Asets out on your desk at the beginning of class, which will be checked. If they are not complete, we don't want to hear why. You are the one losing out and you may want to discuss it with your mentor. Mentors will use the Asets as a guide to assisting you, so the more detail and effort you give them, the more they can help.

Outline of Action Sets

***Note: this is NOT the Presentation Topic Schedule for the semester. Those may vary

Aset 1 - Introduction

Make all accounts and explore them, (buy) SAT book

Aset 2 - How to Make the Most of Your Summer

Choose and outline summer jobs/internships/programs/projects

Apply for programs/internships/jobs

Community service position

Aset 3 - Academics & AP's

4-year Course Plan - better overestimate than under

Acquire AP Review books for AP's in Course Plan

Explore online learning to help learn a class

Aset 4 - Extracurricular Activities

List of extracurriculars, time frame + expected, why you enjoy them - 1 sentence & 3 sentence

One extracurric you're aren't doing now and you want to do

Aset 5 - College Visits & Being Muslim in College

Universities SPR (Safety, Probable, Reach) List - 3 in each, timeframe for visiting 3 Reach

List of good questions for each of 3 reach schools for faculty and students

Aset 6 - Productivity & Presentation

Replacement of bad study habits and time-wasters
Practice "Personal Pitch" for the activity that means most to you, prepared to present to class
Software exploration

Aset 7 - Essays – Class, SAT, & Admissions

Readings on general writing, SAT essay, and Admissions essay
SAT Essay-writing practice
First draft of Common App essay

Aset 8 - Letters of Recommendation

Outline three people who will write letters of rec & different frameworks they know you
Make formal asks for letters of rec, give early deadline.

Aset 9 - Interviews

"Personal Pitch 1 Revision" - revisions of extracurricular personal pitch finished
"Personal Pitch 2" - why do you want to come to university? Answer for dream school
Juniors/seniors sign-up for interview for all SPR universities if available
Complete formal interview with your older sib or parent as if they were college admission rep

Aset 10 - Resumes & Forms & Choosing a Major & Career Development

Create first draft of resume
Begin filling out CommonApp, particularly extracurric part, honors/awards part, and begin answering supplement questions
Begin creating supplements to send displaying your work/passions

Aset 11 - The Common App Essay

Revised draft of CommonApp Essay
Revised drafts of 2 other supplement essays

Aset 12 - Financial Aid & Scholarships

Outline 3 and apply to 1 scholarship that fits you well.
Explore FAFSA and CSS/Profile
Discuss family finances

Aset 13 - Islam & Education

Review for final essay or work time for final project
Anonymous program feedback

Notes on terminology

"College", "University", "Institution", and "School" are used relatively interchangeably. The minor distinctions are not appreciable for our purpose, but you should be aware they are different.

There is no such thing as "good" schools, but the term may be used to refer to highly reputable universities, primarily based on rankings. A better term is "top universities".