

MCAA NEWSLETTER

YOUR TO-DO LIST TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR:

- ⇒ **CREATE/UPDATE YOUR ACADEMIC PLAN**
- ⇒ **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ADVICE FROM RECENT ALUMNI IN PLANNING FOR (GULP) LIFE AFTER COLLEGE**
- ⇒ **SAVE YOUR PIN SO YOU CAN MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR SCHEDULE OVER THE SUMMER AS NEEDED**



LEARN ABOUT MAJORS & MINORS

Learn as much as you can from [departmental websites](#) and the [Academic Catalog](#).

Connect with a faculty member or department chair.

- Gather advice and a more in-depth description of the major/minor.
- Ask about requirements and plan for a review of your 4 year plan.
- Talk about future careers. What are recent alumnae/alumni doing for first-jobs out of college?
- Ask your faculty about their career paths and the steps they took that were beneficial...or what they wish they would have known then they were in college.

EVERYONE: Start/update your academic plan using resources on the [Academic Advising](#) website:

- ⇒ [Link to major and minor requirement checklists](#)
- ⇒ [Print or save an Academic 4-Year Planner worksheet.](#)
- ⇒ [Link to the Academic Catalog \(including descriptions for courses offered in each department\)](#)

JUNIORS: The Registrar's Office send you e-mail on Monday (April 4) with instructions for you to **APPLY FOR YOUR DEGREE**. Do this now. Seriously. It will take you about 15 minutes and will help ensure that you complete all graduation requirements on time.

SENIORS: Pay attention to letters and e-mail from the Registrar's Office regarding graduation requirements and activities.

Advice from recent CSB/SJU graduates

Daisy Nevarez ('10) Currently on a 9 month volunteer program through the Saint Benedicts monastery in Puerto Rico.

- Learn how to manage your budget
- Keep track of your spending
- Cut down on the things you do not really need
- Save as much as you can in your senior year

Daisy on volunteering abroad... "Well, its a very different lifestyle than college but I think this is a unique experience because we get to volunteer and live in a monastery...which not a lot of recent grads are willing to do. It's hard being away from home, living on a stipend...but as far as "real world" goes... i like it."

Tiffany De Leon ('10) CSB/SJU Admission Rep.

- Budgeting
- Housing— look at different places and know how much you are willing to spend based on the budget
- Loans— stay on top of all the mail sent and do not discard the mail
- Healthcare— be familiar with the different coverage your job has

Yesenia Murillo ('10) Full-Time AmeriCorps job

- Open a savings account.
- Start saving as early as possible, building up your account little by little.
- These funds will be helpful for housing deposits or a down-payment for a car if you need one right away.

Manny McDonald ('10) Benedictine Volunteer Corps

- Put aside 20-30 dollars a month for savings
- Find a summer job and put half or 3/4 of the money in savings along with the 20-30 dollars saved per month during the year
- Know what a credit score is and how your financial decisions may affect your score
- Ask questions about healthcare when applying for a job
- Apply for an internship or job late fall or early spring during junior or senior year