



HI, THIS IS SYAH!

LET'S TALK ABOUT COLLEGE READINESS...

Welcome to the wonderful month of July, my friends. I hope you are all doing well. For those of you not familiar with SYAH, our organization aids high school students and their supporters as they prepare for college and life after high school. As students ourselves, we understand that this time can be overwhelming. By providing current, high-quality information and resources, we hope to equip all students with the confidence that college is an option for them.

When I talk about SYAH, one of the most frequently asked questions is: *Why did we start?* So, this month's newsletter is a behind-the-scenes look into that very question. Come with us to take a deep dive into **the early days**...

SINCE WE LAST SPOKE... WHAT'S NEW?

OUR RESOURCES

- **COLLEGE READINESS EVENT TIMELINE** - JUNIOR/SENIOR YEAR
 - FULL RESOURCE: [LINK](#)
 - CHECKLIST: [LINK](#)
 - INFOGRAPHIC: [LINK](#)
- **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TRACKER** - TEMPLATE: [LINK](#)
- **HOW TO BUDGET 101** - OVERVIEW: [LINK](#)





THE EARLY DAYS..



WHAT SPARKED OUR JOURNEY?



From the creator of SYAH

For many high school students, junior year is a mess. The big exams, packed schedules, and college preparations can prove overwhelming. I myself was wrapped up in a whirlwind of deadlines and college prep. It felt like I always lacked the knowledge to handle my workload or capitalize on key opportunities. I am very lucky to have a family that supports me. My parents helped me improve my workflow, and the benefits were tremendous. However, they didn't attend university in the U.S., so my parents struggled to guide me through the admission process. Without this crucial resource, that aspect of high school became much harder to navigate, and the feeling of being one step behind never went away. Yet, this meant I devoted more of my time to amassing a plethora of college readiness knowledge and resources.

After graduation, I wanted to share my insights with the next generation of high school students, in hopes that it would make their experience a little simpler. SYAH started in late November of 2025 thanks to the amazing support of my university honors advisor and my supervisor at the Duluth Community School Collaborative (DCSC). They gave me the confidence to start building my platform as a way to achieve those goals and helped me find resources to connect with students.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Today, SYAH coordinates with the DCSC and Denfeld High School to build and bring college readiness resources to the community. Every week, SYAH meets with students to discuss college readiness through designated SYAH-DCSC programming. By working with the students, we can understand and create programming to best address the issues high school students are concerned about. Thanks to amazing support from the Duluth community, SYAH has secured a grant that covers operational costs for the next two years. We have expanded to include shadowing opportunities, free college tours, and plans to reach the greater community through college readiness nights, which include presentations and admission panels.



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