12th Grade College Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH
6:00 PM
First off...
Response from colleges

- As of now, you should have heard back from every college you applied to.
  - If not:
    - Check your email / college portal
    - Call the Admissions Office

- You should have also received your financial aid package from the colleges you have been accepted to.
  - Some financial aid packages may be delayed until mid April if you submitted your FAFSA on March 2nd, or were just informed of your acceptance.
  - Again, if not:
    - Check your email / college portal
    - Call the Financial Aid Office
Each college that has accepted you for Fall 2020 will issue you a "SIR- Statement of Intent to Register" online form. This will be available on your portal.

The typical SIR deadline is May 1st. Some colleges have pushed this deadline back until June 1st.

- As of now, all UC's and CSU's will continue with the typical SIR date of May 1st. To be sure of your SIR date, please check your college portal.
- Some colleges may require that you pay a “deposit” when you submit your SIR so please be prepared.

In order to secure your space of Fall 2020, you MUST submit your SIR by the college's deadline. If you fail to submit your SIR by the college's deadline, your acceptance will be rescinded.

You may accept admission to ONE college only.

If you know which college you will attend before May 1st (or June 1st), you can complete your SIR for that college, and then decline admission at the other colleges you have been accepted to. Many students are on wait lists, and your decline might open up a space for them.
Update Naviance

- Students will be responsible for updating their college acceptances on Naviance.
  - Acceptances, declines, and wait list notifications need to be noted.
  - College attending must also be updated after May 1st.

- Class of 2020 Graduation Survey
  - Every student will be required to complete this graduation survey. It will be available after May 1st. More information will be sent via email.
Please, please, please make an appointment with me if you would like to talk though your financial aid packages.

- Every college has a different format and they can be very confusing.
- Know the difference between grants, scholarships, loans, work study, etc.

Accept your financial aid on your college portal by May 1st.

- If you are receiving a Cal Grant, you must log into your Web Grants Portal and update the college you will be attending in Fall.
- After you graduate, you will need to log back into your Web Grants Portal and update your graduation date.
Types of Financial Aid

- Cal Grant: FREE money from California. Renewable every year.
  - Cal Grant A:
    - Not available for students attending Community College
    - CSU’s = $5,742, UC’s = $12,570, Private Colleges (CA Only) = $9,084
    - CSUN = $6,900 tuition and fee for the year
  - Cal Grant B/C: [https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-are-cal-grant-award-amounts](https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-are-cal-grant-award-amounts)
  - If you are not sure if you received a Cal Grant, you can create an account and access your information: [https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/](https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/)

- Federal Pell Grant: FREE money from the Federal Government. Renewable every year
  - Amounts can change yearly. The maximum Federal Pell Grant award is $6,345 for the 2020–21 award year.
  - The amount you get, though, will depend on your Expected Family Contribution, the cost of attendance, your status as a full-time or part-time student, and your plans to attend school for a full academic year or less. [https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell)
Types of Financial Aid

- Merit Based Scholarships / University Grants: FREE money from the college. Only available if you attend that specific college.

- Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.
  - It provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school.
  - It’s available to full-time or part-time students.
  - It’s administered by schools participating in the Federal Work-Study Program. Check with your school's financial aid office to find out if your school participates.
Types of Financial Aid

- **Direct Subsidized Loan: ($3,500)**
  - The government pays the interest on the loan while the student is in college.
  - Loan goes into repayment 6 months after the student graduates from college, or is not an active full time student.
  - Typically offered every year.

- **Direct Unsubsidized Loans: ($2,000)**
  - The government does NOT pay the interest on the loan while the student is in college. Student will be responsible for repaying the original loan amount plus interest.
  - Loan goes into repayment 6 months after the student graduates from college, or is not an active full time student.
  - Typically offered every year.

- **Direct PLUS Loan: (various $)**
  - Loans available for parents of dependent undergraduate students to help pay for education expenses not covered by other financial aid.
  - Eligibility is not based on financial need, but a credit check is required.
  - Borrowers who have an adverse credit history must meet additional requirements to qualify.
Once you graduate from high school, your final transcript with graduation date MUST be sent to the college you will attend in the Fall.

- This will remain a “hold” on your account until it is received.
- Naviance must be updated with the college you will be attending so we know where to send the transcript.

If students completed any classes at Community College, you will need to request that the Community College mail an Official Transcript to the college you will attend in the Fall.

- Request can be made online.
College Waitlists

- Colleges are waiting to see what their numbers are after the May 1st or June 1st SIR deadline.
- There is not a specific date that students will be notified by a college if they have been accepted from the waitlist.
- Students need to move forward with confirming their attendance at the college they plan to attend in the fall.
  - If you get off a waitlist and wish to attend that college instead, you will be able to cancel your SIR with the initial college, and complete a SIR with the new college.
  - Keep in mind, you might lose out on a deposit.
College Signing Day Celebration!

- I am looking at “virtual” ways to celebrate all of your accomplishments!
- If you have ideas or want to help put together something, please let me know!
Other Reminders...

- Reminder to continue checking your college portal and email for any updates from the college. If they need something from you, this is how they will communicate.

- Your HTLA email account will be disabled at the end of June. Please make sure to save any important emails, and update your college portal with your personal email address for future correspondences.

- Continue emailing me your acceptance letters! I will post them once I return to HTLA.
I have no idea... No one does
Help is AVAILABLE!

- Please reach out when you have any questions! I am available during regular school hours to email, talk on the phone, video chat, or text!
- I can be reached via email or by my Google Voice Phone Number
  - 818-861-6193