



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018 NEWS

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STUDENTS GRADES 9 – 12

Important Guidance Department Dates

- Nov. 3, 2018 SAT administration (registration only—various locations)
- Nov. 8, 2018 UCLA Campus Trip—8:00 AM – 2:30 PM (sign-ups already taken)
- Nov. 15, 2018 College Application Workshop—Seniors Only**
Media Center: 2:00 -5:30 PM
- Nov. 16, 2018 UC San Diego College Representative Visit
(sign-ups in advance)
- Nov. 27, 2018 Cal Grant Completion in Religion Classes (Seniors only)
- Nov. 30, 2018 CSU and UC Application Deadline
- Dec. 8, 2018 ACT administration (registration only—various locations)
- Dec. 12-14, 2018 **FINAL EXAMS, SEMESTER 1**

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SENIORS: COMPLETING UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS AND BEGINNING THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

As the UC and CSU applications become due on November 30, the college financial aid process is truly underway.

FAFSA—THE FIRST STEP

The acronym FAFSA stands for “Free Application for Federal Student Aid.” This application determines eligibility for federal state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs. Even though the FAFSA is the application for federal aid, a student and parents will have to fill it out to receive state (California) and college-offered aid as well.

Therefore, completion of the FAFSA is definitely Step One!

Seniors entering college (2-year community college or 4-year university) for Fall 2019 admission may apply beginning October 1 2018, and file through March 2, 2019 in California. **(Each state has its own deadline.)**

There is NO FEE to file the FAFSA. Here is the government link:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

Before you get started, it’s best to gather the necessary documents. **Here is a link of seven things to have ready before you begin FAFSA:** <https://blog.ed.gov/2018/09/7-things-you-need-2019-20-fafsa/>

Don’t let the idea of the process overwhelm you...Take it step by step, and save your application online as you go so that you may complete the FAFSA in parts if needed. Help is available right on the website.

If you can’t find the answer to your question on the FAFSA site, here is the **FAFSA Help #:**

1-800-4FED-AID
(1-800-433-3243)

Hours of Operation

Monday–Friday
8 a.m.–11 p.m. Eastern time (ET)

Saturday–Sunday
11 a.m.–5 p.m. Eastern time (ET)

Senior parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to begin the FAFSA as soon as possible. As students apply to universities, these colleges may be added (through June 2019).

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CAL GRANT—STATE AID

A Cal Grant is financial aid offered by the state of California to students who qualify (minimum GPA and financial requirements). This may be used at UC and CSU schools, California community colleges, and qualifying independent/private universities.

Much more information on Cal Grant eligibility can be found at the California Student Aid Commission site: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grants>

Note: The Cal Grant application requires a GPA verification; therefore, all seniors will be completing the Cal Grant Application in their Religion classes on November 27. Mrs. Dickan will complete the GPA verification on these forms, and mail all of them to the CA Student Aid Commission.

If there is even a chance your son/daughter may attend a college in California after graduation, they should complete the Cal Grant Application in Religion class November 27.

CSS PROFILE—PRIVATE COLLEGE AID—SPECIFIC COLLEGES ONLY

The CSS Financial Aid Profile is an online financial aid application used by approximately 300 private colleges and scholarship providers. The CSS Profile is for private, non-federal aid.

You are only required to file this application if applying to one of the college/organizations on this list: <https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>

Deadlines vary, so if applying to a school on this list, be sure to check the CSS Profile due date for that school.

REMINDER: SEND SAT AND ACT SCORES TO UNIVERSITIES!

It is important that all reported SAT/ACT scores are sent electronically to universities. This should be done as soon as possible, as most universities have strict deadlines by which the scores must be received.

To send SAT scores, log on to CollegeBoard.com and click, “Scores”; then appear, click “Send scores to colleges”.

To send ACT scores, log on to ACT.org, and follow the prompts. If you wish to send the ACT score obtained at the St. Paul High School test administration in February 2018, you will need to enter your ACT ID #. This is found in the upper left-hand corner of your ACT score report.

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Remember: It is generally best to send all your test scores (SAT or ACT). The UC universities require this. Also, most other universities will mix and match the scores from the subtests to achieve a “superscore”, so reporting and sending all scores is generally best.

If SAT scores are sent to one Cal State university, all Cal State universities will receive the scores. Likewise, if SAT scores are sent to one UC university, all UC universities will receive the scores. Private and independent universities will need to have scores sent to them individually. Also, do not forget to send the scores to NCAA if a registered athlete! To do this, simply add NCAA as another “college” on the SAT score-send page. You may also use this code to send them: 9999.

The December SAT/ACT is the last college admission test accepted for UC and Cal State universities, though private universities with later admission deadlines may accept later tests. A general rule of thumb is to therefore have the SAT/ACT scores sent by Christmas. Here is a link to the CSU SAT/ACT deadlines for receiving these scores:

<https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/casper/Pages/transcript-requirements.aspx>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Please note the eligibility criteria and the deadlines. Contact Mrs. Dickan if you have questions: adickan@stpaulhs.org or [562-698-6246 ext. 723](tel:562-698-6246)

ALL GRADE LEVELS

MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION 2019 POPE FRANCIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Mission Doctors Association is offering a special scholarship for all students, grades 9-12 in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Participating students will submit an original essay, video, poster or artwork on one of three topics having to do with poverty. This is only open to Los Angeles Catholic High School students!

See details at this link: <https://www.missiondoctors.org/pope-francis-scholarship/>
or visit the Athletic Office for a flyer and application.

The deadline is January 15, 2019.

FACEBOOK ALERT!!--PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF ALL HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS:

Check out and "Like" this Facebook page for scholarship opportunities sent directly to your Facebook account:

<https://www.facebook.com/myscholarships/> You will be amazed at the scholarships available!

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JUNIORS AND SENIORS

The Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project aims to select 50 Asian and Pacific Islander junior and senior students from high schools in California to participate in a high school leadership conference on April 11-14 in Sacramento, California. At this conference, selected students will hear from professionals in law, education, medicine, and other professions. The opportunity to attend this free (all-expense paid) conference is especially focused on students of Asian Pacific ancestry, including among others these countries: China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, and India. To apply, come to the Athletic Office and pick up an application, or apply online at this link: <http://www.apyjp.net/hs-conference/> The application deadline is November 15.

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ELKS FOUNDATION, "MOST VALUABLE STUDENT" SCHOLARSHIP

The Elks Foundation "most Valuable Student" Scholarship is open to any graduating high School senior who is a U.S. citizen. Applications are judged on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and financial need. The application is online and must be received by November 15, 2019. *Click on this link to forward to the application website:*

<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

2019 EDISON "MAKERS OF TOMORROW" SCHOLARSHIPS

Southern California Edison is awarding \$40,000 scholarships to seniors who plan to major in a STEM-related field at a four-year university after graduation. Minimum GPA is 3.0; must show financial need. Applications are online and must be received by December 14, 2019. ***See this link for more information and to apply:*** <https://energized.edison.com/edison-scholars-2019-applications-open>

BEVERAGE INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

The Christermon Foundation is offering several scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$6,000 to graduating seniors who have a parent or grandparent employed with a company holding a valid California beverage alcohol license.

This includes restaurants, retail and wholesale grocery establishments, convenience stores, airlines, etc. Students must plan to attend a four-year university. *See the scholarship link at:* www.christermon.com

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THE MILKEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM/SCHOLARSHIPS

The Milken Scholars Program offers qualifying students monetary scholarships throughout four years of college, ongoing academic and career counseling, and assistance with career-related experiences through internships. In order to qualify, a senior must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum unweighted academic GPA of 3.6
- Minimum composite SAT score of 1350 or ACT 29+
- Active participation in community service
- A record of leadership
- Financial or other obstacles
- US Citizenship, Permanent Residency, or Student Visa
- Admission to a four-year college or university prior to final selection

Any SPHS senior who meets the above criteria and wishes to be nominated for the scholarship should see Mrs. Dickan by Friday, November 9, 2018. More info on the Milken Scholars Program and the selection process can be found at www.milkenScholars.org.
