

COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Happy October! As you receive these STUDENTS & PARENTS newsletters, you will find in this spot various topics ranging from an article to a burning issue to specific information you need to know. It is college application, college fair, homecoming, and now FAFSA season. It is a busy time of year!

Tutoring Schedule

[Free tutoring](#) is available after school to all students. Please encourage your student(s) to attend.

Upcoming Important Dates

Senior Parent Meeting - Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Luskin Night Market - Wednesday, November 7, 2018

UC Irvine Campus Field Trip (9th Grade) - Tuesday, November 13, 2018

SENIORS

Colleges Scheduled to visit Luskin Academy

The counseling department has already hosted many colleges during the months of September, October, and many more coming in November. Please check your Naviance account for upcoming visits.

College Application Workshops

Ms. Caudillo will be hosting application workshops after school for seniors who want one-on-one assistance with college applications. During the workshops Ms. Caudillo will have any opportunity to look over applications, review student's college list and provide feedback, suggest additional colleges if needed, and review deadline and admission requirements. The upcoming application workshops are:

- Tuesday, October 23, 2018 - 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
- Wednesday, October 24, 2018 - 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm
- Thursday, October 25, 2018 - 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
- Tuesday, October 30, 2018 - 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
- Thursday, November 1, 2018 - 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

****In order to participate in senior activities students must attend two application workshops**

College Admission Testing (SAT/ACT)

Seniors have their last opportunity to take standardized tests in December for most CSU's and UC schools.

SAT/SAT Subject Test Dates:

- Saturday, November 3, 2018
- Saturday, December 1, 2018 (Regular Registration Deadline - November 3, 2018)

ACT Test Date:

- Saturday, December 8, 2018 (Regular Registration Deadline – November 3, 2018)

UC/Cal State Applications

The University of California application is currently available at:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/>

The UC application filing period is November 1 to **November 30, 2018**. We encourage students to submit their applications before the Thanksgiving holiday to avoid the high volume of application submitted in the last week of November.

The California State application is available at:

www.calstate.edu/apply

This application opened up on October 1st and **due no later than November 30th, 2018**. Many of the 23 California State University campuses are impacted to first time freshman. Please refer to the [impaction list](#). We suggest students to apply broadly to the CSU campus, Alliance Renee and Meyer Luskin Academy HS is considered a local high school to CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Los Angeles, and CSU Northridge, which means that our students will be given priority consideration as long as they are CSU eligible per the CSU eligibility index (GPA and test scores on a sliding scale).

Private Schools

Most private colleges utilize the Common Application which can be accessed at:

www.commonapp.org

Please check each out-of state and private colleges websites for their application procedures. Eligible seniors must consider all [P150 schools](#) and [Tier B's](#) and apply.

FAFSA Workshop

On Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 8:30 am – 12:30pm, we will be offering a workshop at Alliance Luskin Academy to complete application. This event is specifically for seniors and parents/guardians.

JUNIORS

Congratulations on completing the PSAT last Wednesday! Taking this test qualifies you for the National Merit Scholarship program, which means you can earn money for college. In addition, it is a good way to practice for the SAT. Now it is time to follow a more specific path and start creating a college list. Juniors you should look at schools that meet you most important criteria (size, location, cost, admission requirements, academic majors, etc.). As we are halfway done with the first semester you should continue to gather information and attend community college fairs to speak to college representatives, and go visit local college campuses over the weekends.

SOPHOMORES

PSAT and why is it important?

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 for completing the PSAT Exam! This is an important step towards your college endeavors.

The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The PSAT is a great way to prepare for the SAT, but it's more than just a practice exam. The PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships.

The PSAT won't count towards college admissions, but it is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. Some of the highest scoring students may win scholarship opportunities. The PSAT is also helpful practice for the SAT and ACT. The PSAT has two sections: Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing.

PSAT Facts	
Duration	2 hours 45 minutes
Section	Math, Evidence Based Reading & Writing
Max Score	1520

If you would like more details on the SAT or PSAT/NMSQT or how students should prepare for the SAT, please visit www.collegeboard.org for more information.

FRESHMAN

College & Career Clubs

The Freshman class has begun a curriculum that will help them with their transition to high school, start their career & college exploration, learn about financial aid, challenge them to think critically about who they are as young individuals and set goals to become who they desire to become, and much more. Upcoming lessons include: "The Importance of Mindset," "How am I doing," "Persistence," and "Personal Goals." It has been fascinating to see students playing the role of a teacher to help their peers learn.

Freshman Parents

We hope your students are settling into classes and adjusting to high school. Our advice to freshmen is to work hard, always complete assignments and to get involved. Please continue to encourage your students to be involved in school and extracurricular activities that they enjoy. Attendance in class is crucial to academic success. Do you know that students must earn Cs or better in all semesters of college preparatory classes in order to apply to four-year colleges? Ninth grade really counts and we encourage students to get a strong start in order to build a solid foundation for the rest of high school.



"Student Success Tip of the Month"

Map out deadlines, due dates and other important reminders in your schedule

Whether you decide to utilize an agenda, to do list, a calendar, or your phone, make use of your planning tool to keep track of important dates and deadlines from class assignments, standardized testing dates, important admissions deadlines and any scholarship reminders. If you take the time to set it all up at once and get into the habit of continually updating it as necessary, it will become much easier to keep track of everything you need to remember.

Community College Fairs

Holman Bridges to HBCU's and Holeman CDC - Annual Black College Summit

Thursday, November 8, 2018 - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

- Meet with Admission Directors and Recruiters from over 40 HBCU colleges/universities
- Many recruiters will offer onsite admissions and application fee waivers
- Seniors will need copies of high school transcripts and ACT and/or SAT score reports

If interested in attending please see Ms. Caudillo in Counseling Office

Scholarships of Month

(All Grades) **US Bank Scholarship Program** - **Deadline: October 26, 2018.**

Website: <https://goo.gl/IZXvGF>

Enter for the chance to win up to \$20,000 in U.S. Bank Scholarship prizes through September 30, 2016. Receive an entry by completing the online registration and get additional chances to win when you complete each of eight online Financial Genius learning tutorials.

(Seniors) **The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship** - **Deadline: October 31, 2018.**

Website: www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants

Achievement-based scholarship awarded to **graduating high school seniors** each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. With the 29th class in 2017, the Foundation has provided over 5,850 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$63 million in educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.

(All Grades) **Ron Brown Scholarship Program**- **Deadline: November 1, 2018**

Website: www.ronbrown.org/Media/Default/MediaGalleries/ApplicationPDFs/2018ScholarshipApplication.pdf

The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify students who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, show exceptional leadership potential and make an impact on their communities through service to others. Each year, 20 or more students are designated Ron Brown Scholars and receive \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000.

(Seniors) **Anne Ford Scholarship** **Deadline: November 12, 2018**

Website: <http://apply.nclld.org/>

The Anne Ford Scholarship is a \$10,000 scholarship (\$2,500/year over four years) granted to a **graduating high school senior** with a documented learning disability (LD) and/or ADHD who will be enrolled in a full-time bachelor's degree program in the fall.

College *FRIDAY*

Remember to wear your college gear on the first Friday of each month! This upcoming College Friday, we will take a virtual tour of UC Berkeley. Is there a college you will like more information about? Visit the Counseling Office today to get information on your prospective University.

College & Career Spotlight Dartmouth University



Hanover, New Hampshire

Private, Ivy League research university

Total # of undergraduates: 4,410

Graduation rate: 95% - Acceptance rate: 11%

Highly ranked Tuck School of Business, Thayer School of Engineering and Geisel School of Medicine.

Notable Alumni: Mr. Waner, Luskin Academy H.S Dean