December 2019

Financial aid is available for most students! If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you will complete the FAFSA (fafsa.gov). If you are an AB 540 student / Dreamer, you will complete the CA Dream Act application (CalDreamAct.org). **The deadline is March 2nd.**

If you are doing the FAFSA, **you and a parent should create separate FSA ID's.** The FSA ID is how you sign online documents. **Go to www.fsaid.ed.gov to create your FSA ID. Doing this in early December gives you time to fix any issues.**

Apply for the CA Dream Act at CalDreamAct.org. You need to also submit an AB 540 affidavit to the college you choose to attend. A good **scholarship list** and a lot of other great info are available at **www.MyUndocumentedLife.org.**

January 2020

You must update the UC Application Center if you received a D or F during the first semester, or if your academic schedule is changing.

LASUD electronically submits your Cal Grant GPA to the CA Student Aid Commission. **Visit webgrants4students.org to check your award status. See Mr. Abarr if you do not have 2 green check marks – we may need to manually upload your Cal Grant GPA.**

Apply for scholarships! The College Center posts several local scholarships on our website (jfkcougars.org). **HSF.net** is a great resource for students of Latino heritage. You can find additional scholarships at fastweb.com and CollegeGreenLight.com.

Students applying to private colleges will likely need to complete the CSS Profile. It is a more detailed financial aid application. Check the college's Financial Aid web page for more info. Deadlines are often Feb. 1st.

February 2020

If you plan to live in the dorms, make sure you apply for housing early. You may need to make a non-refundable deposit of several hundred dollars.

Feb. is a good time to submit community college applications. After you get your ID #, you can take the assessment test for your college. Be sure to study –placement tests determine how long you will spend at the community college!

March 2020

Your FASA or Dream Act application must be submitted online, no later than March 2nd, 2019. **Don't miss the deadline to receive free money!**

UC's send out acceptance letters and/or emails.

April 2020

Register for an orientation session and explore summer programs. You might be required to do a CSU Early Start summer program – be sure to keep checking your web portals and CSU email accounts.

Keep applying to local scholarships listed on the school web site! Many have April and May deadlines!

May 1ST 2020

You must submit your Student Intent to Register (SIR) for the college you choose. **Do so by May 1st, or you will lose your seat!**

You must complete the Senior Survey to have your official transcript mailed to your college (Naviance).

June 2020

Remember, your final official transcript must be sent to the college you choose. If you took community college classes while in high school, send those transcripts as well.

Also send your AP scores to the college you will be attending for possible credit.