



# SYNERGY QUANTUM ACADEMY

## Junior College Newsletter

January 2019

### January To Do list:

1. Begin drafting your Personal Statement Essay.

*A personal statement is an essay you write to show a college admissions committee who you are and why you deserve to be admitted to their school.*

2. Begin completing a brag sheet.

*You will use your brag sheet to request letters of recommendation for scholarships and college applications. Begin keeping track of all your extracurricular activities now so you have one less thing to worry about as a senior.*

*\* Check email for template*

3. Enroll in Community College courses.

*There are many great benefits to taking college courses while still enrolled in high school, including:*

*- You have the opportunity to explore various subjects that may be of interest to your major/career.*

*- You EARN college credit, usually 3 units that are transferrable to a UC and/or CSU.*

*- The courses count towards improving your HIGH SCHOOL GPA.*

*- Courses are FREE to high school students.*

4. Develop a list of 10 to 15 colleges that are of interest to you.

*The college search is about exploring who you are and what you want and then finding colleges that will meet your goals.*

5. Sign up to take the SAT and/or ACT in the Spring.

*\* Dates available on the back*

6. If you have not done so already, make sure to complete your community service hours. **40 hours of community service are required to graduate.**



### College of the Month UC Merced

- Location: Merced, CA (4.5 hours away).
- Type of Institution: Public, medium, rural setting.
- Applicants for Fall 2018: 25,136
- **Admitted Fall 2018: 16,821**
- **Admit rate: 66.9%**
- Average Freshmen GPA: 3.46-3.96
- ACT Composite: 19-27
- SAT Reading/Writing Average: 510-630
- SAT Math: 510-650
- Most Popular Majors: Biology, Psychobiology, Engineering, Social Sci.
- Cost of Attendance per year: \$35, 240

### Did you know?

Most college students receive financial aid. Two-thirds of full-time undergraduate students receive financial aid in the form of grants or scholarships, according to the College Board.

#### Scholarship Resources

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.cappex.com/>

<https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>

<http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/>

# Educational Programs

## Young Leaders Summit (YLS)

Deadline: March 8th, 2019

- The Young Leaders Summit, presented by the Youth Leadership Consortium (YLC), is a free, four-day, overnight, college empowerment conference at the University of Chicago for a diverse cohort of 200 low-income high school juniors from all ethnic backgrounds, selected through a competitive application process. It is designed to give these young leaders the practical tools they need to successfully apply to top universities, have full access to scholarship and financial aid opportunities, and set a course for academic and career success.

### Eligibility:

- Current high school junior (Class of 2020)
- Students from all ethnic backgrounds are welcome to apply
- Low income, as defined by Pell eligibility (more details are included in the application)
- 3.0 GPA or above, on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent based on your school scale
- Currently attend high school in the United States or a US territory
- Plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university after high school graduation

## HSF's Youth Leadership Institute (YLI)

The Youth Leadership Institute is a free, four-day, overnight, college empowerment conference for Latino high school juniors held at two top universities across the US. This highly selective program is designed to give young Latino leaders the practical tools they need to successfully apply to top universities, have full access to scholarship and financial aid opportunities, and set a course for academic and career success.

### Eligibility:

- Current high school junior (Class of 2020)
- Identify as being of Hispanic heritage
- Latino students from all socioeconomic backgrounds are welcome to apply
- 3.0 GPA or above, on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent based on your school scale
- Currently attend high school in the United States or US territory
- Plan to enroll full-time in a four-year degree program at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college/university after high school graduation

# Scholarships

## Profile in courage essay contest

Deadline: January 18th, 2019

Website: <https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest>

## Student cam Documentary competition

Deadline: January 20th, 2019

Website: <http://www.studentcam.org>

## Technology Addiction Awareness

Deadline: January 30th, 2019

Website: <http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/technology-addiction-awareness-scholarship/>

## Niche "No Essay" College Scholarship

Deadline: January 31st, 2019

Website: <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarship/no-essay-scholarship/>

## Important Test Dates

### ACT

June 8th (Deadline May. 3rd)

### SAT

May 4th (Deadline April. 5th)

June 1st (Deadline May. 3rd)

*\*Engineering majors must take Math Level 2 subject SAT and science subject SAT.*

## College Center Hours

M, W, Th, Fri. Hours:

During lunch & after school 3:15pm-4:30pm

### Be early.

If you start doing tasks — researching colleges, collecting ideas for application essays, making requests for recommendation letters — well ahead of time, you'll make it easier for your counselor to give you timely answers when you need help.

### Be organized.

Figure out a system for keeping track of application components and deadlines yourself.

### Be responsible.

Your counselor can help in many ways, but this is your project and your responsibility. It's up to you to ask your counselor for the help you need. Schedule appointments when you need to talk to him or her.

## Want to receive College Center TXT Reminders?

Text @sqa2020 to 81010 to receive important reminders about scholarships and field trips!