



# SENIOR UPDATE

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**GRADUATION:** The classes you are in right now do count for graduation. F's on your progress report may result in a referral to finish the year at East High. An F on your final report card may result in you not graduating high school. Stay on top of your grades, talk to your teachers, go to study hours, and talk to your counselor if you are struggling so we can find a solution before you start to fail.

## **\$\$\$ FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL/TRADE PROGRAMS/CERTIFICATAION PROGRAMS/ETC \$\$\$**

1. Submit your FAFSA or Dream Act **ASAP!!**
2. Make an account at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/> . Log in and check the status of your state financial aid application (Cal Grant). Once you know what school you are attending next year you will need to log in and accept your Cal Grant. Unaccepted grants are pulled and redistributed, but you can only send it to ONE school so don't click that button until you are certain where you are going.
3. Read the scholarship update we publish and apply to every scholarship that you are eligible for.
4. Go to [scholarshipfinder.org](http://scholarshipfinder.org) to search for and apply to more local scholarships.
5. Tell us when you get a financial aid award! We want to honor every senior who has won a scholarship at Senior Awards Night in May, but we won't know what you get unless you tell us.
6. **Scholarships and financial aid are NOT just for college. If you are going on to any training program after high school, there is money available for you. Don't miss out!**

**UC/CSU/other 4-year schools:** Make sure you read EVERYTHING that your colleges are sending you. By now you should have logged in to each of your potential schools' student portal and started working on the 'to-do' list that you find there. The instructions and links are in one of the first emails the school sent you. If you need help doing this, see your counselor ASAP.

**COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS:** Their admissions team will be here April 5<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> period) to help you complete the application. Sign up in the office if you would like to attend this workshop. They will be back May 13<sup>th</sup> for advising and registration – keep an eye on the bulletin for more info about that in May.

**OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGES:** If you haven't applied yet, now is the time! See your counselor ASAP if you need help. If you have applied, pay attention to your email. That is how they will reach out to you if they need more information or documents and to let you know when you can register for classes.

**HOUSING FOR COLLEGE:** If you plan to live in a dorm, check your applicant portal for information on how to apply for one. Most colleges require a separate housing application and a deposit to secure your spot, with deadlines in late April or early May. If you plan to live off campus, don't wait till the last minute to start your rental search. There is usually a big turnover in rentals right at the end of the school year as students graduate and leave town, and the newly opened spots will fill very quickly.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** Official transcripts for college admissions need to be requested from Rebecca Wilkinson in the office. Many schools request a mid-year transcript and a final one after graduation – make sure you are paying attention to all of the emails you get from your colleges and your portal to-do lists so you know if you need to send them a transcript or any other information.

**IMPORTANT DATES (some may change):**

4/4 Meeting at Lunch in Library for info on HSU's Youth of Color Empowerment Day

4/5 College of the Redwoods Application Workshop (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> period)

4/6 Language Fair @ HSU for State Seal of Biliteracy Interviews

4/15 No school all week – Spring Break

5/2 Change the World Showcase and Open House

5/3 Youth of Color Empowerment Day @ HSU

5/6 First day of AP Testing - Good luck!

5/13 College of the Redwoods Advising and Registration (time TBD)

5/14 Seal of Biliteracy Awards Night @ HCOE

5/17 Student Appreciation Day

5/22 Senior Awards Night

5/23 Senior Ball and Banquet

5/24 Senior Picnic

5/28 Multicultural Graduation Ceremony

5/30 Last Day of School

5/31 Senior Breakfast and GRADUATION!!

6/1 First day of the rest of your life... ☺