College 101: College Applications & FAFSA
**GOOGLE CLASSROOM**

***If you would like to join the classroom to see all that we post about deadlines, scholarships, and so much more, please send an email to Ms. Colon or Ms. Couperus and we will add you as a “student”.

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**Senior Year Timeline**

**October**
- Work on & Submit College Applications
- Work on & Submit Financial Aid Applications

**November**
- Submit College Applications (CSU/UC Deadline: Nov. 30th)
- **Last month to take the SAT or ACT for most CSU Campuses**

**December**
- Set up Admissions Portals for every campus you applied to.
- **Last month to take the SAT or ACT for all UC Campuses**

**January**
- End of 1st Semester
- **Maintain GPA and grades. No D’s or F’s in Senior Year**
Senior year timeline

**FEBRUARY**
Work on Scholarship & College Applications
**Create Account to Manage Cal-Grants**

**MARCH**
Financial Aid Application Deadline (Mar. 2nd)
**Begin receiving Admission Decisions & FAFSA Packages from UC/CSU and other Campuses**

**APRIL**
Register for Community Colleges
**Begin comparing Financial Aid Award Packages to make a Decision**

**MAY**
May 1st: Decision Day!
**Enrollment & Housing Deposits may vary by campus**
Senior Year Timeline

June
- Request Final transcript from Registrar
- End of 2nd Semester
  **No D’s or F’s for Seniors**

July
- Register for & Attend your Campus Orientation
  **Ensure Campus received Final Transcript**

August
- Register for Classes
- Meet with an Academic & Financial Aid Advisor to ensure all is lined up.
- Move to Campus & Begin Attending Classes!

September
- Move to Campus & Begin Attending Classes
- Add/Drop Deadline for courses vary by campus
23 CSU Campuses

10 UC Campuses
Cal State Apply

+ $55 per campus
+ Internal fee waiver may only be used for 4 campuses

+ Nov. 30 Deadline

https://www2.calstate.edu/apply
UC Portal

+ $70 per campus
+ Internal fee waiver may only be used for 4 campuses
+ Nov. 30 Deadline

www.admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu
Common App

+ $25–$90 (varies by university)
+ Can request fee waiver
+ Deadline varies by university

www.commonapp.org
Community Colleges... Stay tuned April 13, 2019!

- MiraCosta College
- Palomar College
- San Diego Miramar College
- San Diego Mesa College
- Grossmont College
- Cuyamaca College
- San Diego Continuing Education Center
- San Diego City College
- Southwestern College
- Imperial Valley College
Factors that go into choosing the right school

One size does not fit all:
+ Majors/academics
+ Size
+ Cost
+ Admission criteria
+ Diversity
+ Athletics
+ Distance from home
+ In state/out of state
+ Public vs. Private
+ University vs. Community College
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

+ Counselors and LF’s need a **Minimum** of 2 weeks to complete ANY letter of recommendation

+ Most Universities do not require a Letter of Recommendation. However, if they do, please make sure to ask your counselor or LF in person first before entering their information.
  + It’s good to send a resume to recommender
LET'S GET READY TO FAFSAAAAAAANAAA!!!!
What is the FAFSA?
Free Application for Federal Student Aid
fafsa.ed.gov
CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

+ The California Dream Act is provides financial assistance to scholars that do not have a social security number.
+ Scholars that qualify for the Dream Act can only receive State funds (Cal Grants), not federal funds (Pell Grant, Work Study, Federal Loans).
+ Deadline to apply is March 2nd, 2019
+ Website to apply: https://dream.csac.ca.gov/
FINANCIAL AID
COLLEGE OR CAREER SCHOOL
Things you need before you fill out the 2019-20 FAFSA

+ FSA ID for scholar & parent
+ Social Security card for scholar & parent
+ Driver’s License number
+ 2017 taxes
+ Records of untaxed income
+ Records of assets
+ List of school(s) the scholars is interested in attending
HOW FAFSA determines your Financial aid

+ The amount of money you receive is based on your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
+ **EFC**: The amount your family is expected to pay for your college based on family income
FAFSA Package

Federal
- Pell
- Work Study
- Loans

California
- Cal Grants
- Middle Class Scholarship

Scholarships
Foster Youth Grant
Institutional Aid
FEDERAL AID

**Pell Grant**
- Up to $5,500
- Determined by EFC

**Work Study**
- Awarded by individual college
- Work on/off campus
- Amount received only if you work

**Loans**
- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized
- Private
How to File for the FAFSA

**Step 1**
Both Students and Parents must apply for an FSA ID
www.FSAID.ed.gov

*Parents without SSN do NOT create an FSA ID*

**Step 2**
- Social Security #
- 2017 Financial Records/Tax Return Forms
- Email Address
How to File for the FAFSA

Step 3
Complete the FAFSA online as soon as possible, by March 2, 2017
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Step 4
Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) and California Aid Report (CAR)

Step 5
Receive financial aid packages from each of your colleges of interest
FAFSA TIPS for PARENTS
Important reminders

+ Use legal name (on social security card) for ALL applications.
+ Use professional email that you will check often.
  + Keep it organized; create folders
+ Update Naviance regularly with college applications
+ Make sure to double check all applications for mistakes before submitting.
  + See Counselors before you submit
Submitting Letters to Counselors

+ Submit the following documents to your counselor:
  + ANY acceptance letters from Colleges
  + Scholarship Award Letters
  + FAFSA/Dream Act Completion email
The Counselors will host Workshops for Seniors M – TH after school from 3:15 pm–4:00 pm and Fridays from 2:15 pm – 4:00 pm focusing on College Applications, Financial Aid Applications, Scholarships, Personal Essays, etc.

The workshops will take place in the College & Career Suite located in the Pathways

Please Note: Counselors are available for individual assistance by appointment for both scholars and parents
Come to our next workshop

Oct. 20, 2018 @ 9am – 12pm!

This will be a time for families to complete any applications (CSU/UC, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Personal Essays, etc!) We will be here to help along the way!
THANK YOU!

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