

# Class of 2020

Navigating the College Application  
Process



*College isn't a trophy, it's a match!*

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# Naviance

- College and career planning software
- Students go to [student.Naviance.com/canyonhi](http://student.Naviance.com/canyonhi) and use single sign on
- Can review previous assessments
- Research careers
- Use College Super Match
- Make a list of “Colleges I’m Thinking About” and view college websites
- See admission data

# Community Colleges

## ***Community Colleges***

- Applications vary from college to college. Check college websites or in College & Career Café.
- Offer multiple options – certificates, Associate degrees, transfer to four year schools
- Offer traditional majors and specialized certificates and majors
- Community colleges have counselors and transfer centers who work with students
- Have honors programs



# Santiago Canyon College

- SCC Rep Erica Lehman, at Canyon on Tuesdays
- Career coaches, in College & Career Café daily offer – career exploration, specialize in business & career education, dual enrollment, workshops in resume, interviewing, employability, life skills
- California Promise Grant (BOG fee waiver) and SCC Promise Scholarships – 12 units, 2.0 GPA, complete Early Welcome, senior trip to SCC April 24, 2020 to meet with SCC counselor and choose classes, can apply beginning Oct 1, (see Erica)



# California State Universities

**California State Universities** – Apply 10/1 – 11/30

- Accurately reflect classes and grades on application
- List any courses taken elsewhere under that school's name
- List fall and spring senior year courses as “in progress” or “planned”
- All courses falling under a-g must be reflected on application
- Send SAT/ACT scores, complete SAT/ACT by Dec for most CSUs and Nov for San Jose, San Diego, and SLO. CSU Mentor code is 3594
- Check email regularly after submitting and set up student portal account

# University of California

## *University of California*

- Same as CSUs and...
- Application is open now, apply 11/1 – 11/30
- Personal Insight Questions – *Authenticity!*
- Comprehensive Review
- Take SAT by December senior year
- To send SAT/ACT to one UC is to send to all
- Advice from CSU and UC is Apply Broadly

# Early Decision/Early Action

- **Early Decision** plans are binding – a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college that they applied ED to.
- **Early Action** plans are nonbinding – student receives an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1.



# Common App

**Common App** – General application form used by nearly 900 private/independent colleges

- May require up to 2 recommendation letters from teachers
- Has portion called the School Report which is to be filled out by the counselor – handle like a letter of recommendation.
- Must send your official transcript directly to Common App once in order for School Reports to be sent.



# Private and Out-of-State Colleges/Universities

- Some private and out-of-state schools use their own applications
- Check college websites under admissions and apply
- Follow instructions
- Counselor can help



# Financial Aid

## Financial Aid

- FAFSA - October 1, 2019 – March 2, 2020, need tax returns and Social Security number, Oct 28 FAFSA Night
- Cash for College Night – November 13, 2019
- CAL Grants – OUSD will send senior GPAs to CA Student Aid Commission
- California Dream Act - <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>
- College Scholarships – some included with admission decisions, others applied for with application
- Local and Independent Scholarships including Community Colleges – see scholarship list and scholarship search on Naviance & Mrs. Burns

# College Applications

- ***General College Entrance Requirements:***
- D and F grades in minimum a-g courses or required courses are considered grade deficiencies or subject omissions and must be remediated
- If student drops a year-long class at semester or makes a D or F in an academic class, admissions offices must be contacted in writing to let them know.

# Transcripts

- UCs and CSUs do not want transcripts with applications. Sometimes CSU will ask for 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcripts through an email or a message through portal.
- For Common App send an official transcript directly to Common App. Another one must be sent for mid-year reports.
- **Official** transcripts are requested through Parchment. Their website is:
- [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). There is a fee to send official transcripts. Contact CHS Registrar, Mrs. Maria Rich at (714) 628-5339, if you have questions.
- Community College Transcripts – Student will list community college transcripts on application and send transcript from college when sending high school transcripts.

# Letters of Rec

- Not needed for UC's or CSU's (note: there is a possibility that Berkeley may ask for one later.)
- Many private colleges/universities require them; and, if the schools want a recommendation from a teacher, it is recommended that students choose someone who knows them well or teaches in their desired course of study. To request a letter from a teacher – allow at least two weeks, provide a resume, and needed form or info sheet.
- Counselor Letters of Rec – Students can find Brag Sheet on Canyon website, return by Oct 11 for ED, EA, and USC scholarship and by Nov 18 for regular admission.

# Coming Up

- FAFSA Night – Oct 28
- Common App Workshop – Oct 9
- UC Application Workshop – Oct 28
- CSU Application Workshop – Oct 29
- Cash for College Night – Nov 13
- College Board Day – October 16
- College Visits – See College & Career Cafe/Naviance for dates
- Senior Final Exams: June 4 & 5, 2020
- Senior Activities: June 8 – 11, 2020 (must be detention and fine free)
- Graduation: June 11, 2019



# Decisions for Next Year

## College Admissions

- CSU's – Rolling admissions
- UC's – Month of March
- Privates – varies
- May 1 – National College Signing Day
- Community Colleges – best to decide in spring and take advantage of priority registrations, but can enroll right up to first week
- Other – student may decide to take time off, work, join military





# Helping Students Transition

## Parents:

- Make sure student has a connection to where they are going
- Talk to student about depression/anxiety; if they don't experience it, they will know someone who will
- Know that your student may change their mind about what they are doing, what they are studying, where they are going
- Talk about handling money, setting up accounts, who pays for what, transportation
- Know when to let someone wade through the choices they made vs. stepping in to give guidance and advice



# Questions?

