



CANYON CREST ACADEMY

Counseling, College & Career Center

Our commitment is to provide students and parents with news and events. A link to this newsletter can be found on CCA's website under the Counseling drop down menu. The newsletter is updated bi-weekly.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- 10/16 **FAFSA Financial Aid Night:** A FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) workshop will be held in the Proscenium Theater on Monday, October 16th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, to assist senior students and families planning to file for financial aid assistance from public and private universities. The FAFSA application for the 2018-2019 school year opened October 1 at www.fafsa.ed.gov. (Cal Grant GPA Verification has been submitted to the California Student Aid Commission for all seniors except for those who completed an opt out form.)
- 10/30 **SENIORS LOR DEADLINE:** The deadline to request a letter of recommendation for Regular Decision, and all other college application types, from a teacher or counselor is Monday, October 30, 2017. Students must have completed their Brag Packet, turned in a signed FERPA, and have a college list in Naviance that accurately reflects all the colleges to which they are applying to. Assure that all materials can be submitted accurately. Students applying using the Common Application must complete the "Common App FERPA Waiver & Authorization" within the Common App and then enter the Common App email address in Naviance to match accounts. If this step is not completed, recommenders cannot submit your materials via Naviance to Common Application Schools.
- 10/31 Minimum day for Final Exams. School dismisses at 1:50 pm.
- 11/01 Minimum day for Final Exams. School dismisses at 1:50 pm. End of First Quarter.

College Visits in the College & Career Center

SENIORS: A list of all college visits can be found in Naviance under the Colleges tab, right-hand menu, *view all upcoming college visits*. College visits are also posted on CCA's site calendar. **College visits are reserved for 12th grade students. College visits will open to Juniors in spring.** (Parents may attend college visits; please sign-in as a visitor in the Admin office.)

TO ATTEND A COLLEGE VISIT:

In the *view all upcoming college visits* section of your Naviance account, select the college visit you would like to attend and click *Sign Up*. You will be directed to a page to submit your request. Most visits occur during class time, so you will need to print a *CCA College Visit Pass* at home, to have signed by your parent and then by your teacher(s) whose class(es) you will miss. **If you are 18 years of age or older you do not need a parent signature; you do, however, still need a teacher(s) signature.** The pass can be found in the *Document Library* on your Naviance home page. Bring the pass with you to the visit. Allow yourself at least 2 days prior to the visit to obtain required signatures. If you have an unscheduled period during a college visit, you do not need a pass.

OFF SITE COLLEGE EVENTS: Open to prospective students; designed for current seniors and juniors:

- 10/14 [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](http://www.mit.edu)
- 10/14 [University of Colorado, Boulder](http://www.colorado.edu)
- 10/16 [University of Chicago](http://www.chicgo.edu)
- 10/17 [Washington University in St. Louis](http://www.wustl.edu)
- 10/18 [Tulane University](http://www.tulane.edu)
- 10/21 [New York University](http://www.nyu.edu)
- 10/28 [San Diego Performing & Visual Arts College Fair](http://www.sdpvc.edu)

REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

The 12th grade Student & Parent Presentations are available to view in the [CCA Presentation Index](#). You are encouraged to refer to the presentation as you work on your college applications.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

REMINDER TO SENIORS: The **November** test date is the last test date that San Diego State and San Jose State will accept. The **December** test date is the last test date you are able to take the ACT or SAT for most colleges. **Please verify this information with your specific colleges.**

SAT November 4, 2017 is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. **Regular registration is closed. Late registration (online & phone) closes October 25; late fee applies.**

ACT October 28, 2017 is the next available ACT test date. **Regular and late registration are closed. The ACT Standby Request Period closes October 20. Standby testing fees apply.**

CCA's school code is 050893. Students requiring an SAT/ACT *fee waiver* can obtain one from the Counseling Secretary, or from Ms. Burton in the College & Career Center.

FREE TEST PREP: Test prep books for SAT/Subject Tests, ACT and AP exams are available for check out in the College & Career Center. Please also visit the [CollegeBoard](#) and [ACT](#) websites for many *Free* Test Prep resources.

Use the many college application resources provided by the Counseling Dept., including the [College App. Guide by Type](#), [College App FAQs](#), [Four-year College Checklist](#), and [Creating and Finalizing Your College List](#) to make sure that you are completing all the necessary steps and entering the correct information for CCA and our courses and schedule.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ALL GRADES: Scholarship Opportunities are posted below. Most scholarships are for seniors, but many are for other/additional grade levels. Juniors and Seniors can view details and instructions in their Naviance account under the COLLEGES tab, third section, SCHOLARSHIP LIST. Descriptions below convey the basics; visit the linked website for details.

NOTE: For scholarships that require letters of recommendation: **Respectfully ask a staff member in person, (not by email) whether s/he will write a letter of recommendation at least 3 weeks in advance of a deadline, and provide him/her required documents, including a FERPA.**

Upcoming Deadlines:

- **Spotlight Awards:** All grades; Deadline 10/16; \$5000; performing arts students.
- **2017 BBB Torch Awards Essay:** Juniors, Seniors; Deadline 10/17; \$500 - \$1,500; essay contest.
- **Horatio Alger Assoc. Scholarship:** Seniors; Deadline 10/25; \$7,000 - \$25,000; need-based for students with critical financial need and perseverance in overcoming adversity.
- **Coca-Cola Scholars:** Seniors; Deadline 10/31; \$20,000; merit based.
- **Voice of Democracy:** All grades; Deadline 10/31; \$1,000 - \$30,000; video essay contest.
- **Bennington Young Writers Awards Competition:** Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors; Deadline 11/1; \$250 - \$500; writing contest (poetry, fiction or nonfiction).
- **NEW CATE 2017-2018 Creative Writing Contest:** All grades; statewide contest; entry must be submitted to your teacher; Deadline: 11/1; statewide winners published in *California English*.
- **2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards:** All grades; Deadline 11/7; \$1,000 - \$5,000; for students making a difference in their communities (community service award).
- **2018 Regeneron Science Talent Search:** Seniors; Deadline 11/15; up to \$250,000; prestigious science research project competition.

- **NEW** [Sixt Scholars Program](#): Seniors; Deadline 11/30; \$5,000; only first 500 application considered.
- [AXA Achievement Scholarship](#): Seniors; Deadline 12/15; \$10,000 - \$25,000; for seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace.
- **NEW** [STEM Scholarship for Aspiring Commercial Drone Pilots](#): Students must be at least 16 years old; \$299 - \$450 value – scholarship provides free access to the online Part 107 test prep course; requires teacher letter of recommendation. No deadline indicated.
- [John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay](#): All grades; Deadline 01/04; \$500 - \$10,000; political essay contest.
- [Peter Chortek Leadership Award](#): All grades; Deadline 01/05; \$5,400 Stipend; community service award for Jewish high school students in San Diego.
- [Diller Teen Tikun Olam Awards](#): All grades; Deadline 01/08; \$36,000 (fifteen awards of \$36,000 each); for Jewish teens (may self-identify as Jewish) for exceptional leadership and engagement in service projects to make the world a better place.
- **NEW** [Princeton Prize in Race Relations](#): All grades; Deadline 1/31; \$1,000 and all-expense paid weekend to a national symposium on race at Princeton University; for students who have had a significant positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities through their volunteer efforts.

ENRICHMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ALL GRADES: Enrichment, volunteer and internship opportunities. Some are age/grade specific. Juniors and Seniors can view details in Naviance under the COLLEGES tab, second section, ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [2018 Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Conference](#): Juniors & Seniors of Asian/Pacific Islander descent; no cost if selected to attend; leadership conference; program dates March 22-25, 2018 in Sacramento, CA. Deadline to apply: 10/25/17.
- [2018 High School Diplomats at Princeton University](#): Current Sophomores, Juniors; HSD is a ten-day program at Princeton University for American students to interact and forge friendships with Japanese students; FREE to attend if selected; Program Dates: July 25 – August 5, 2018; Deadline to apply: 1/09/2018.
- [Yale Young Global Scholars Program \(Summer 2018\)](#): Students ages 15 – 17 at time of application (Class of 2019 or 2020); seven interdisciplinary summer pre-collegiate experiences; dates vary by academic offering; Tuition & fees: \$6,000; selective program; Deadline to apply: 02/06/2018.

Ongoing Opportunities:

- ❖ [ActivCare at 4S Ranch](#): Specialized Senior Care facility; call for volunteer opportunities.
- ❖ [GIRLTECH San Diego](#): for middle school & high school girls interested in coding and computer science.
- ❖ [Helen Woodward Animal Center](#): wide variety of volunteer opportunities.
- ❖ [MOTIV San Diego](#): Motiv connects high school students to volunteer opportunities.
- ❖ [Palomar Pathmaker Internship](#): Internship designed to give high school student experience in a healthcare setting and to the inner-workings of the hospital system.
- ❖ [Service Learning @ Your Library](#): Applications available at the library branches. Flexible hours.
- ❖ [UC San Diego Medical Center](#): Information on how to become a volunteer at UC San Diego Health Center.
- ❖ [UCSD Young Physicists Program](#): For middle & high school students interested in physics.

REMINDERS

ALL STUDENTS: CCA does not provide or sell student or family information. Beware of for-profit or scam programs for test prep and financial aid services, student leadership programs, etc.

TO STAY INFORMED, PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

[Daily Bulletin](#)

[Aeries Portal](#)

[CCA Counseling Website](#)

CCA Foundation- Many Counseling, College & Career services are funded by the CCA Foundation, including College Night and grade-specific evening presentations. For more information on how to support the Counseling Department please visit the [CCA Foundation](#) website.