



# 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/NOVEMBER

**ALL STUDENTS & FAMILIES:** Student Services–Counseling staff will not be available during the Fall Recess, November 18-26. Staff will begin checking e-mail, returning phone calls, and meeting with students upon return Monday, November 27.

- 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.
- 11/10 Veterans Day Observed: No School.
- 11/16 Last day to drop a second quarter class without a "W" on the transcript.

### 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:

- 10/27 [Syracuse University – Portfolio Review](#): Call 315-443-2769 (8:30 – 5:30 EST, Mon-Fri) to register.
- 10/28 [San Diego Performing & Visual Arts College Fair](#)

## REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

**UC & CSU applications are due Thursday, November 30. Counselors HIGHLY ENCOURAGE students to submit their UC/CSU applications prior to the application deadline.**

Once you have submitted your FERPA's and materials to your teacher(s) and counselor it is important that you **do not change any** school in your Common App 'My Colleges' list or your Naviance 'Colleges I'm Applying To' list **without seeing your counselor first**. If a college is deleted from either list, any letters of evaluation and school forms that have been uploaded by teachers and counselor will be lost. Teachers and counselors are not notified of any changes to either list.

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.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student & Parent Presentations:** available to view in the [Presentation Index](#). You are encouraged to refer to the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade presentation as you work on your college applications.

**FAFSA Guide:** A Guide to Completing the 2018-2019 FAFSA is available on the [College & Career Center](#) web page under *Financial Aid*.

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

**REMINDER TO SENIORS:** 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** [December 2, 2017](#) is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Registration closes November 2. Late registration closes November 21 (online & phone); late fee applies.

**ACT** [December 9, 2017](#) is the next available ACT test date. Registration closes November 3. Late registration closes November 17; late fee applies.

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.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**ALL GRADES:** Scholarship, Contest and Internship opportunities are posted below. Most are for seniors, but some are for other/additional grade levels. Juniors and Seniors can view details in their Naviance accounts 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.**

### Active:

- **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).

- [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).
- **NEW** [Jack Cooke Foundation 2018 College Scholarship](#): Seniors, Deadline: 11/14; up to \$40,000 per year; highly competitive; selection based on exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, service to others, and leadership; national scholarship; up to 40 students selected.
- [2018 Regeneron Science Talent Search](#): Seniors; Deadline 11/15; up to \$250,000; prestigious science research project competition.
- **NEW** [Princeton University Poetry Contest for High School Students \(Juniors\)](#): Juniors; \$100 - \$500; Deadline 11/27.
- [Sixt Scholars Program](#): Seniors; Deadline 11/30; \$5,000; only first 500 application considered.
- **NEW** [MIT Inspire!](#): All Grades; national high school research competition in the Humanities; Deadline to submit Intent to Participate form: 12/08; students can compete as an individual or in teams.
- [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** [THINK Competition \(MIT\)](#): All grades; nationwide competition for students to share innovative and impactful STEM projects; \$200 - \$500 plus \$1,000 to build your project; Application Deadline: 1/01/2018.
- [John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay](#): All grades; Deadline 01/04; \$500 - \$10,000; political essay contest.
- **NEW** [GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program](#): Seniors; \$10,000 - \$40,000; Deadline 1/04/2018; for strong academic students who demonstrate at school/workplace/community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship.
- [Peter Chortek Leadership Award](#): All grades; Deadline 01/05; \$5,400 Stipend; community service award for Jewish high school students in San Diego.
- **NEW** [US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program](#): Seniors; \$1,000; Deadline 1/05/2018; competitive – only top two ranked per state are submitted for review.
- **NEW** [Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest](#): All grades; \$100 - \$300; Deadline 1/08/2018; for California high school students; create a poster with a theme related to “Safe Jobs for Youth.”
- **NEW** [Safe Jobs for Youth Video Public Service Announcement \(PSA\) Contest](#): All grades; \$100 - \$300; Deadline 1/08/2018; for California high school students; create a video (no more than 3 minutes) addressing one of the basic 6 things California teens should know to keep safe at work.
- [Diller Teen Tikkun 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** [Asian & Pacific Islander America Scholarship Fund](#): Seniors; \$2,500 - \$20,000; Deadline 1/11/2018; for Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity with financial need – focus on first generation and low income.
- **NEW** [Girls Impact the World Film Festival](#): Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors; \$1,000 - \$5,000; Deadline 1/20/2018; students may submit 3-6 minute short films that address global women’s issues (open to males and females).
- [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.
- **NEW** [Bank of America 2018 Student Leaders Program – Paid Internship](#): APPLICATION FOR 2018 OPENS OCTOBER 30; Juniors, Seniors; Eight-week paid summer internship; Deadline 2/02/2018; competitive – for exemplary young people with a passion for improving their communities.

- [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.

## 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.

### Active:

- [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.
- **NEW** [Ohio State Buckeye Vet Prep Camp](#): Current freshmen, sophomores, juniors: Six day residential program at Ohio State University for students interested in exploring veterinary medicine; \$700 covers lodging, meals, instruction and social activities; \$40 non-refundable application fee. Program dates; 6/24 – 6/29, 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.
- **NEW** [Boston Leadership Institute \(Summer 2018\)](#): Grades 9 – 11; high-achieving high school students interested in STEM; three-week research program (\$2200 Tuition & Residential \$3997); one-week programs (\$599 Tuition and Residential \$1198.)
- **NEW** [USC Bovard Scholars](#): High-achieving high school junior with low family income; most accepted are first in their family to attend college. Three-week residential summer program at USC to help students gain admission to and succeed at the nation's top universities; no cost for those selected. Program dates: July 15 – August 4, 2018.

### Ongoing Opportunities:

- ❖ [ActivCare at 4S Ranch](#): Specialized Senior Care facility; volunteers must be 14 years of age or older; contact Denise Notter: [dnotter@activcareliving.com](mailto:dnotter@activcareliving.com) for 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.