

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. Additionally, a copy is delivered bi-monthly to your Naviance account inbox. We encourage you to sign into your Naviance account as it has information which may be helpful in your college and career planning.

Students who have not registered for Naviance can login by clicking *I need to register* and entering the student ID# for *New User*. Parents may login by entering the student's ID# followed by a letter *p* (ex: 123456p). For returning users who forget passwords, click the *forgot your password* link on the Naviance page. If you need assistance, please contact Darlene Burton.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

ALL STUDENTS & FAMILIES: Student Services—Counseling staff will not be available during the Fall Recess, November 19-27. Staff will begin checking email, returning phone calls, and meeting with students upon return Monday, November 28.

- 11/30 UC & CSU applications are due Wednesday, November 30. Counselors HIGHLY ENCOURAGE students to submit their UC/CSU applications prior to the application deadline. UC Application Webinar (prepared by UC Santa Barbara): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzpcYP6HETE&feature=youtu.be&list=PL-yx76EbPhMd3m2ZcZCUvDSwj7WWqtL5z
- 12/13 & 10th Grade Student Presentations will be held 12/13 & 12/14/2016 in the Proscenium. Counselors will
 12/14 present valuable information for 10th grade students including SDUHSD graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, testing information, Naviance, and general tips for 10th graders.
- **10th Grade Parent Presentation:** 12/13 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Proscenium. Counselors will present valuable information for 10th grade parents including SDUHSD graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, testing information, Naviance, and general tips for students/parents.

REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

IMPORTANT:

Once you have submitted your FERPAs 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 changes to either list.

If you are applying to a UC school:

The application cycle underway and freshman applicants can submit their applications through Monday, Nov. 30 at 11:59 p.m. PST. There is no advantage or disadvantage to the timing of a submission, as long as students submit their application on time.

After the application is submitted, one can only make changes to contact information, update self-reported test scores, and complete application fee payments.

Please keep in mind the following:

Test Scores: Official SAT with Writing/Essay, ACT with Writing, SAT Subject Tests and TOEFL scores need to ONLY be sent to ONE campus - UC will share scores with all campuses to which a student applies. The SAT Subject Exams are not required, but encouraged for some majors.

- 1. Test Dates in November/December: For students who took/will take exams in November and December they must:
 - a. report planned SAT, ACT, SAT Subject, and TOEFL (if applicable), test dates on the application
 - b. then log back into your UC application to self-report scores after they are received

- c. order official scores from the testing agencies by the end of December.
- 2. Fee Waivers: Fees for up to four campuses can be waived for qualified students. UC's fee waiver program, which is part of the UC application, is for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and applicants eligible for AB540 benefits. UC also accepts fee waivers from The College Board and NACAC. Waivers cannot be combined or used for more than four campuses.

The following are not required at the time of application submission:

- 1. Transcripts: Official transcripts should not be submitted unless a UC campus directly contacts a student to request it.
- 2. Official AP/IB Scores: Students must self-report all exams taken and only submit an official score report if they accept an offer of admission to one UC campus. The official score report must be received by July 15.
- 3. Letters of recommendation: UC does not require letters of recommendation. However, a campus may specifically request a letter or two directly from some applicants.
- 4. SAT Subject Tests: UC does not require SAT Subject Tests to apply for admission. Specific programs at UC recommend SAT Subject Tests to demonstrate mastery in certain subjects. Click here to see the optional SAT Subject Test recommendations.

FAFSA Financial Aid Night PPT and the 12th Grade Student & Parent Presentations: available to view in the Presentation Index. You are encouraged to refer to the 12th Grade presentation as you work on your college applications. FAFSA Guide: A Guide to Completing the 2017-2018 FAFSA and the FAFSA Financial Aid Night PPT are available on the College & Career Center web page under Financial Aid on the right-hand menu.

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE NEWS

MIRACOSTA STUDENT AMBASSADOR: Available in the College & Career Center on Fridays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM to answer questions students have regarding MiraCosta College and California community colleges. Students may drop by or make an appointment. Sign-up sheets are located in the C&CC.

MiraCosta College's new <u>bachelor's degree program in biomanufacturing</u> starts fall 2017. Those interested in the program are invited to attend one of the following information sessions (all at Oceanside campus):

Thursday, December 1, 4-5 p.m., Room 4050 Saturday, December 3, 9-10a.m., Room 4050 Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Student Center

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

<u>REMINDER TO SENIORS:</u> The November test date was 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.

- <u>December 3, 2016</u> is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Regular registration is closed. Late registration closes November 22; late fee applies.
- <u>ACT</u> <u>December 10, 2016</u> is the next available ACT test date. Regular registration is closed. Late registration closes November 18; late fee applies. Standby Request Period: Nov. 19 Dec. 2, 2016.

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 Opportunities are posted in your Naviance account under the COLLEGES tab, third section, SCHOLARSHIP LIST. Please log in to Naviance to view details and instructions.

Nov/Dec Deadlines: Princeton Univ. Poetry Contest for High School Juniors; AXA Achievement; Make College Happen Challenge; NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards.

ENRICHMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ALL GRADES: Details regarding enrichment/volunteer/summer opportunities are posted in Naviance under the COLLEGES tab, second section, ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS.

Nov/Dec Deadlines: Helen Woodward Animal Center is now accepting applications for Thanksgiving Camp, Thanksgiving Fun Run, Winter Camp, and Frosty Farm; Marine Technology Society – Student Summer Internship Program – applications due 1/15/17.

REMINDERS

<u>ALL STUDENTS:</u> 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 <u>CCA Foundation</u> website.