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 DECEMBER/JANUARY

ALL STUDENTS & FAMILIES: Student Services & Counseling staff will not be available during the Winter Break December 23 – January 7. Staff will begin checking e-mail, returning phone calls, and meeting with students upon return Monday, January 8, 2018.

PSAT SCORES: PSAT Scores are available online; login here. Paper score reports from Collegeboard are expected to arrive in January and will be distributed shortly thereafter.

12/21	Last day to drop a class with a "W" on the transcript.
1/03	**AP Exam Registration** opens. Regular registration runs through March 17, 2018. Regular registration cost is $113 per exam (administrative costs included). Late registration runs through March 28, 2018. Cost per exam during late registration is $152. No orders will be accepted after March 28. No student will be excluded from taking AP tests in SDUHSD due to financial concerns. AP Fee Reduction applications are available but must be applied BEFORE the deadline for registration. **The deadline for AP Fee Reduction applications is March 14, 2018.** Students who wish to request an AP Fee Reduction application should contact CCA AP Bernard Steinberger. Visit **http://www.sduhsdapexams.com/** for detailed information.
1/16–1/19	Spring Term Course Change Request Established advance window for students to request necessary spring term course changes. The process and required form will be posted on the Counseling website on 1/16/2018. Counselors are not able to address spring term schedule change requests by phone or email.
1/25	Minimum day for Final Exams. School dismisses at 1:50 pm.
1/26	Minimum day for Final Exams. School dismisses at 1:50 pm. End of First Semester.
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REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

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.

Important:
- Send official SAT/ACT scores to all colleges that require them. Some colleges allow you to self-report your ACT/SAT scores, and send official scores only after you have been admitted and intend to matriculate. **Verify the policy for each of your schools.**

- Pay careful attention to all emails and instructions from each college. They may request additional materials or note that they have not received required items.

- Teachers and counselors are *not* notified of any changes to your Naviance or Common App college lists. If you need to make changes, you must see your teacher(s)/counselor in person to follow-up.

- **If you need to make a correction to a submitted UC application:**
  You are encouraged to review AFTER YOU APPLY information at the following site:
  http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/after-you-apply/

  If you have a question about the application process that is NOT answered on the site, call the application processing service, during normal business hours: 800-207-1710 or email: ucinfo@applyucsupport.net

- **If you need to make a correction to a submitted CSU application: ***
  Send an email to the admissions office at each individual campus to which you applied. Include your individual CSU campus Student ID# (if available-- for SDSU your Student ID# is your Red ID#), full name, date of birth and indicate that you are a first time freshmen for the Fall 2018 semester. List additional information/correction(s) you want to make to the application. Be very clear and specific in your updates. ***NOTE: If you submit a change after the deadline, SDSU and Cal Poly SLO cannot guarantee that they will use the updates for your admission. If you need to contact CCA's SDSU or Cal Poly SLO representative, you may obtain her/his email from Ms. Burton or your counselor.**

- If updating your academic record, please include the school name, department and title, semester the course was taken or being taken, and the grade earned or "in progress/planned." If updating SAT/ACT exam results, be sure to list the entire test scores and include the date on which you took the exam (month and year).

- If you are applying for financial aid, make note of the financial aid deadlines for each of your schools, and which forms each require. All schools require the FAFSA; most private schools also require the CSS Profile. A Guide to Completing the 2018-2019 FAFSA is available on the College & Career Center web page under *Financial Aid*.

- **Withdrawing Apps After ED Admission:** When students apply under an Early Decision plan, they agree to withdraw their applications to other colleges if admitted. To do this, students must contact these other colleges directly. **To withdraw or cancel a UC application, contact each school per instructions here.** The Common Application does not have a mechanism for withdrawing submitted applications. (Students seeking financial aid do not need to withdraw other applications until they have received notification about financial aid from the admitting Early Decision institution.) College applications cannot be deleted or canceled in Naviance, but students who commit to an ED school should notify their counselor and teachers, set their attending college and update results in Naviance.

- **Update your Naviance account as you receive admissions decisions:** To edit/update, click on the pencil icon next to any college under *Colleges I'm Applying to*, select the decision from the drop-down menu, and click *update* at the bottom of the page.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

SAT   March 10, 2018 is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. The Regular Registration Deadline   is February 9. The Late Registration Deadline is February 28 (online & phone); late fee applies.

ACT   February 10, 2018 is the next available ACT test date. The Regular Registration Deadline is January 12. The Late Registration Deadline is January 19; 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

MIRA COSTA NEWS

MIRACOSTA STUDENT AMBASSADOR: Beginning January 8, a MiraCosta Student Ambassador will be available in the College & Career Center on Mondays from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM and on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. She is prepared to answer questions regarding MiraCosta College and California Community Colleges. Students may drop by or make an appointment. Sign-up sheets for appointments are located in the C&CC.

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:

- 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; Deadline: 1/01/2018.
- NEW *FIRST* Scholarship Opportunities: Juniors & Seniors; database of *FIRST* Robotics and *FIRST* Tech Challenge scholarships. Students can search by college location, grade level, program type, focus. Deadlines vary.
- John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay: All grades; $500 - $10,000; political essay contest. Deadline 01/04;
- GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program: Seniors; $10,000 - $40,000; for strong academic students who demonstrate at school/workplace/community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship. Deadline 1/04/2018.
- **Peter Chortek Leadership Award:** All grades; $5,400 Stipend; community service award for Jewish high school students in San Diego. Deadline 01/05.
- US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program: Seniors; $1,000; competitive – only top two ranked per state are submitted for review. Deadline 1/05/2018.
- Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest: All grades; $100 - $300; for California high school students; create a poster with a theme related to "Safe Jobs for Youth." Deadline 1/08/2018.
- Safe Jobs for Youth Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest: All grades; $100 - $300; 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. Deadline 1/08/2018.
- Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards: All grades; $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. Deadline 01/08.
- NEW Kyoto Prize Scholarship: Seniors; up to $10,000; three scholarships for San Diego seniors; students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be active in their communities; essay required. Deadline 1/10/2018.
- Asian & Pacific Islander America Scholarship Fund: Seniors; $2,500 - $20,000; for Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity with financial need – focus on first generation and low income. Deadline 1/11/2018.
- Girls Impact the World Film Festival: Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors; $1,000 - $5,000; students may submit 3-6 minute short films that address global women's issues (open to males and females). Deadline 1/20/2018.
- 2017-2018 Prindle Institute High School Essay Competition: All grades; $$300; essay contest on an ethics-related topic – this year's topic focuses on the Electoral College. Deadline 1/25/2017.

- NEW Jeff Krosnoff Memorial Scholarship: Seniors, $10,000. Four-year college bound students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0; essay required. Deadline 1/30/2018.
- New **ACEC & City of San Diego Public Works Dept., Engineering:** Seniors; $2,000; students must be interested in certain engineering fields (civil, geotechnical, structural, electrical, environmental, construction and Mechanical) or land surveying. Deadline 1/31/2018.
- California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest: All grades; $100 gift card to an art store; students are invited to submit artwork or poetry with a California coastal or marine theme. Deadline: 1/31/2018.
- Princeton Prize in Race Relations: All grades; $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. Deadline 1/31.
- **San Diego Foundation 2018-2019 Common Scholarship Application:** Seniors; Over 100 scholarship opportunities; scholarships typically range from $1,000 to $5,000. One online application to apply for multiple opportunities. Criteria varies by scholarship. Deadline: 2/1/2018.
- **Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholars:** Seniors interested in pursuing engineering careers; two scholarships for San Diego students; each scholarship $2,000 - $8,000 ($2,000 renewable for four years). Deadline: 2/05/2018.
- **San Diego County Salute to Education Scholarship:** Seniors; $1,000 and a chance to win a Ford Vehicle; local scholarship – a minimum of 150 scholarships will be awarded; various academic categories, including vocational. Deadline: students must turn in application to Ms. Burton by 2/14/2018 so applications can be mailed by CCA by the postmarked deadline of 2/16/2018.
- Brad Fowler Memorial Scholarship: Seniors; $5,000 (five scholarships to be awarded) with the opportunity to renew for a second year with an additional $5,000 scholarship; for seniors who have overcome personal obstacles associated with drugs or alcohol, and who have a strong commitment to athletics and to continuing their personal growth; nomination required. Deadline: 2/23/2018.
- STEM Scholarship for Aspiring Commercial Drone Pilots**:** Students must be a 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.
- **MAEGA 2018 Scholarship:** CCA Seniors of Mexican or other Latino heritage; $500 - $2000 (typically); students have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and have financial need. Deadline: 3/1/2018

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.

ALL GRADES: This is the time of year when colleges begin to advertise their summer programs. **Many summer programs have early deadlines.** It is impossible to list all programs offered by all colleges. If you are interested in a particular college, search by *(college name) summer programs for high school students 2018*. These colleges have notified CCA that summer programs are now accepting applications/applications will open soon: Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Gettysburg College, Loyola Marymount (LMU), Miami University Summer Scholars Program; Tisch (NYU) Summer High School, Tulane Summer Enrichment Institute in STEM, University of Connecticut (UConn), University of Southern California (USC), UPenn Engineering, UT Austin, Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

CURRENT SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS: The Marine Technology Society Summer Internship Program is now open. This is a PAID internship opportunity for students with a strong interest in engineering. Deadline to apply: January 15.
Clark Scholars Program: Intensive seven week summer research program for qualified students (Class of 2018 or 2019). Must be 17 by start of program date. Program dates: June 18 – August 1, 2018. $750 PAID stipend and room and board. Research areas are broad and include STEM as well as the Arts. Deadline to apply: February 9, 2018.

ALL GRADES: **COSMOS** **(CA State Summer School for Mathematics & Science): An intensive four-week summer residential program for students strong in STEM. Four UC campuses participate: UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC San Diego and UC Santa Cruz. Students apply to one of the four. Application opens January 4. Deadline to apply: February 2, 2018.**

ALL GRADES: **The** **California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA)** **application is now open. Seven art categories: animation, creative writing, dance, film & video, music, theatre, visual arts. Program is subsidized by the state. Month-long residential program; $1850 for CA Residents. Deadline to apply: February 28, 2018.**

Active:

- UCSD Social Innovation Sprint #2: All grades; January 20 & January 27: The Social Innovation Sprint is a two-day event where UC San Diego faculty will guide teams of high school, undergraduate, and graduate students through the design thinking process to develop solutions to pressing social issues. Key topics covered include empathizing, ideating, prototyping, marketing, and pitching. This year's focus is climate change. This is a collaboration with Scripps Institute of Oceanography, UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering, and the Rady School of Management. Cost: $349; scholarships available. Prizes will be awarded.
- 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 RSI – Research Science Institute at MIT: Current Sophomores & Juniors; six weeks – June 24 – August 4, 2018; $65 application fee; no cost to attend for students selected. Competitive. Deadline to apply: 1/12/2018.
- New The Marine Technology Society Summer Internship Program: Current Sophomores & Juniors. This is a Paid internship opportunity for students with a strong interest in engineering. Six-week summer experience. Deadline to apply: 1/15/18.
- Bank of America 2018 Student Leaders Program – Paid Internship: Juniors, Seniors; Eight-week Paid summer internship; competitive – for exemplary young people with a passion for improving their communities. Deadline: 2/02/2018.
- New COSMOS (CA State Summer School for Mathematics & Science): An intensive four-week summer residential program for students strong in STEM. Four UC campuses participate: UC Davis, Uc Irvine, UC San Diego and UC Santa Cruz. Students apply to one of the four. Program is subsidized by the UC's. Cost: $3,745 plus a $30 application fee. Application opens January 4. Deadline to apply: 2/02/2018.
- 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: 2/06/2018.
- New Clark Scholars Program: Intensive seven week summer research program for highly qualified students (Class of 2018 or 2019). Must be 17 by start of program date. Program date: June 18 – August 1, 2018. $750 Paid stipend and room and board. Research areas are broad and include STEM and the Arts. Deadline to apply: 2/09/2018.
- Reproductive and Oncofertility Science Academy at UCSD (ROSA): Current female 10th & 11th grade students. The curriculum focus in oncofertility – a field in medicine that addresses the fertility needs and quality of life issues for young cancer patients. This competitive program accepts 12/14 high school girls in San Diego. Program dates: June 26 – August 11, 2018, but program takes place most Saturdays from 8am – 4pm and most Wednesdays from 5pm – 8pm. Cost: fee of $600. Deadline to apply: no later than 2/09/2018.
- New Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College – Scholarships for HS Students: Current Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors; June 22-27, 2018. A full scholarship covers an air-conditioned dorm room, meals for the duration of the conference, tours, and tuition fees. Transportation costs are NOT covered by scholarship funds. 10 Scholarships available for students, 2 for teachers. Deadline to apply: 2/15/2018.

- **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. Deadline to apply: 2/16/2018.
- New **Garcia Research Scholar Program for HS Students:** Must be at least 16 on or before July 4, 2018. Intensive seven-week program for gifted high school students. Competitive. Costs: $2,200 Lab fee, $40 registration fee; housing and meal plan at applicant's expense. Deadline to apply: 2/17/2018.
- New **California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA)**: Seven art categories: animation, creative writing, dance, film & video, music, theatre, visual arts. Program is subsidized by the state. Month-long residential program; $1850 for CA Residents. Deadline to apply: 2/28/2018.
- **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.) Deadline to apply: varies by program.
- **SERA (Science & Engineering Research Academy) at UCSB**: Current 9th, 10th or 11th grade students. Application opens December 15th. Four-week residential summer program to introduce research in STEM fields to qualified high school student s. Program dates: June 24 – July 21, 2018. Cost: $75 application fee plus $8,199 Residential Student Tuition. Some scholarships available. Deadline to apply: 3/02/2018 but you are encouraged to apply early as applicants are reviewed and accepted as applications are received.
- **UC Santa Barbara Research Mentorship Program:** Current 10th or 11th grade students. Application opens December 15th. Competitive six-week residential research mentorship program; students are paired with a mentor and choose a research project from a large list of disciplines. Program Dates: June 24 – August 2, 2018. Cost: $95 application fee plus $10, 899 Residential Student Tuition. Deadline to apply: 3/15/2018, but you are encouraged to apply early as applicants are reviewed on a rolling basis.

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 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 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.

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> **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**.**