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 MAY

5/21 & 5/22   **10th Grade Student Presentation**: Counselors will meet with ALL SOPHOMORES in the Proscenium during the school day to discuss career planning/resources and resume building, and provide a preview of a career interest inventory.

5/21   **10th Grade Parent Presentation**: **6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Proscenium**. Counselors will meet with sophomore PARENTS to share important information including career planning/resources and resume building, and provide a preview of a career interest inventory.

5/24   **Last Day to Drop a 4th Quarter Class with a "W":** As per Board Policy 5121/AR-1, a student who withdraws from a class after the second week for the 4 x 4 schedule will receive a "W" (withdraw/no credit) on the student transcript.

5/28   **Memorial Day:** No school.

5/29   **Navigating High School - Parent Workshop**: **6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Nest and Cage**. Please join admin, counselors, teachers, parent representatives and a student panel for Navigating High School - Parent Workshop. This workshop is open to 8-12 grade PARENTS and will include two 40 minute break out sessions to discuss how to establish student-teacher relationships/communication, finding a balance on the 4x4 schedule and more.

5/30 & 5/31   **11th Grade Student Presentation**: Counselors will meet with ALL JUNIORS during the school day in the Proscenium Theater to review high school graduation requirements, post-high school options, 4-year college entrance requirements, and provide preliminary guidance for the upcoming college application process.

5/30   **11th Grade Parent Presentation**: A presentation for PARENTS of 11th grade students will be offered on **Wednesday, May 30th at 5:00 pm in the Proscenium Theater**. Counselors will share information including college entrance requirements, information about college admissions testing, and provide a preview of the college application process, including creating a college list.

Planning Ahead:

6/01   **Deadline for Off-Campus Coursework:** All off-campus courses must be completed and official transcripts provided to the CCA registrar in order to be posted on the CCA transcript by the end of the school year. All transcripts received after Friday, June 1, 2018 will be posted to student transcripts the following school year.

NEWS FOR JUNIORS

College Visits: **(View all college visits and off-site college events by clicking on "College Visits" from the Counseling drop down menu on the CCA home page.)**

IMPORTANT: **If you are a considering applying to a school in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), you are encouraged to attend a UCAS Application Presentation on Thursday, May 31 at 1:30 pm in the College & Career Center.** Hosted by the University of Edinburgh, the presentation will cover deadlines, application requirements, and how to navigate the application process. Sign up to attend on the College Visits page on the Counseling site, or through Naviance. Parents welcome.

UC Personal Insight Questions Workshops; UCSB Freshman Selection Webinars, and UC Application Webinars: Beginning Tuesday, June 5th, and running through August, UC Santa Barbara will host online webinars/events for students who intend to apply to the UC's in fall. Registration is open for the UC Personal Insight Questions Workshops and the UCSB Freshmen Selection Webinars (UCSB specific). The UC Application Webinars are anticipated to be added/announced soon. You (and your family) are highly encouraged to take advantage of these webinars and pre-recorded webinars offered on the UC Santa Barbara Online Events page, including "Calculating the UC GPA," "College of Creative Studies" (UCSB specific), and more. The UC Personal Insight Questions Workshops and UC Application Webinars are encouraged for all UC applicants at all UC campuses.

UC Essay Prompts: UC's personal insight questions will remain the same for Fall 2019 applicants. Each question aligns to one or more of the 14 comprehensive review criteria that campuses consider in admissions decisions. The UC Application for Fall 2019 will open August 1, 2018, but personal insight questions, with guidance, can be viewed in advance here. **NOTE: While the UC Application will open August 1, the UC Application submission period for Fall 2019 is still November 1-30. CCA will host UC/CSU Workshops in October 2018.**

Common App Essay Prompts: The Common Application has announced that the 2018-2019 personal essay writing prompts will be the same as the seven 2017-2018 essay prompts. You may view the prompts here but the 2018-2019 **application** is not yet available. You are able to start your Common Application now, but not all information will roll over when the new application opens. **CCA will host a Common App Workshop in October 2018.**

Coalition Application Essay Prompts: A coalition of public and private schools came together to create a new platform for applying to college. While most member colleges accept the Common Application *and* the Coalition Application, there are a few schools that are Coalition exclusive. Essay prompts and information about the Coalition, can be viewed here. **If a school to which you are applying accepts both the Common Application and the Coalition Application, it is recommended that you use the Common Application.**

Important NCAA Eligibility information: Students who plan to play a Division I or Division II sport in college must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center by the end of 11th grade. Review NCAA core course requirements and additional information on the NCAA Eligibility Center site. <u>NOTE</u>: At the end of 11th grade student athletes must ALSO send a high school transcript, including final grades, to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

<u>AP Scores:</u> **Send official AP Scores to your attending college; UC's must receive scores by July 15.**

<u>Senior Check Out Information:</u> (The Senior Exit Meeting PowerPoint is posted on the CCA Website Seniors page.)

- Senior finals are Friday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 12. These are regular school days and all seniors should plan to attend school on these days.
- **Senior Exit Survey is now available as a Google Form on the Senior Page of the website. Complete it now to save time!**
- **Seniors with outstanding fees/fines and those who have not completed the Senior Survey will be required to go through a check-out process in order to participate in Senior Week/Graduation. If you are responsible for completing the check-out form you will be personally notified.**
- **These seniors who are notified must pick-up their forms from the Counseling Office on June 7 and 8.**
- **Only obtain signatures from the offices where fines are listed.**
- **Completed forms must be submitted to the registrar on Tuesday, June 12. This is also the deadline for final transcript requests.**
- Final transcript requests forms were passed out at the Senior Exit Seminar. Forms can be picked up at the Registrar's office. **Forms, along with your addressed envelope may be turned into the registrar during daily walk-in times, before or after school or at lunch beginning May 21. Deadline to submit your Final Transcript form is Tuesday, June 12.**

NCAA Eligibility Information for Seniors who plan on playing a Division I or Division II sport in college: You must login to your NCAA Eligibility Center account to update your academic and amateurism information and request final amateurism certification. You must also send in your ACT/SAT Test Scores, if you have not already done so, and, after graduation, send a final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Please see CCA Registrar, Ms. Benbow, to request an official transcript.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

SAT   June 2, 2018 is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Regular registration is closed. Late registration closes May 23; late fee applies.

ACT   June 9, 2018 is the next available ACT test date. Regular registration is closed. Late Registration closes May 18; 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: Available in the College & Career Center Mondays from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM through May 16, 2018. She is prepared to answer questions regarding Miracosta and California Community Colleges in general. Students may drop by or make an appointment. Sign-up sheets for appointments are in the C&CC.

BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN PROGRAM (BMET): MiraCosta has a new Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) Program that is being offered at the Technology Career Institute (TCI) (non credit) in Carlsbad.

More about the program:

- It's FREE to those who are interested in the career; repairing and maintaining medical equipment. A DOL grant is paying the $6,500 tuition (there is a $310 admin fee).
- The program starts 7/6 and goes through November. It's hands-on and intensive; 486 contact hours plus homework. We'll help students get placed into internships and jobs.
- The types of students who do well in this field like to work on electrical systems, computer hardware, and cars.
- Interested students must attend an orientation session at TCI: Wednesday, June 6, 6:00pm.

MiraCosta College's Technology Career Institute (TCI) is part of MiraCosta College's Community Education & Workforce Development department. Course offerings include: ROV/Drone Operator Technician; Real Estate Program; Craft Brewing Technician; Machinist Technology Program; Metal Fabrication, OSHA, Welding; Engineering Technician; PLC Programming, Robotics Technician, High Risk Medic; Security Evasive Driving, Pharmacy Technician (online); Medical Coding and Billing (online), and others.

SCHOLARSHIPS & CONTESTS

ALL GRADES: Scholarship, Contest and Internship opportunities are posted below. Most are for seniors, but some are for other/additional grade levels. 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.

- [Oz Foundation:](#) Seniors (San Diego County or Santa Clara County); Award based on need. Applicants should be in their senior year in high school and accepted to an accredited college or university. An applicant should have demonstrated that he or she is capable of college/university work but does not have the financial resources to attend college. Deadline to apply: 5/26/2018.
- New [Foster Child College Scholarship](#): Seniors who are currently placed, or have been placed, in foster care, placed into a ward, group home, or private home of a state-certified caregiver/ foster parent and who will attend a college, community college, 4-year college/university. $1,000. Deadline to apply: 5/31/2018.
- [Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship Program](#): Junior Athletes who play for a high school team or in club sports. $1,000 - $2,000. Deadline to apply: 5/31/2018.

- [HCC & AMN Healthcare Scholarship Essay Contest](#): Seniors who plan to enter the field of health care upon college graduation; $2,000. Deadline to apply: 6/10/2018.
- [Breakthrough Junior Challenge](#): Students between the ages of 13-18; award up to $250,000; global competition to submit original videos (3 minutes in length maximum) that bring to life a concept or theory in the life sciences, physics or mathematics. Deadline to apply: 7/01/2018.

ENRICHMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ALL GRADES: Enrichment, volunteer and internship opportunities. Some are age/grade specific.

ALL GRADES: 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 applications are open: [Barnard](#), [Brown,](#) [Bucknell](#), [Carnegie Mellon](#), [Clemson University](#), [Columbia University](#), [Cornell](#), [Gettysburg College](#), [Loyola, Marymount (LMU)](#), [Marist College](#), [Miami University Summer Scholars Program](#); [Ringling College of Art + Design](#), [SAIC](#), [SCAD](#), [Tisch (NYU) Summer High School](#), [Tulane Summer Enrichment Institute in STEM](#), [UCLA](#), [Union College](#), [University of Connecticut (UConn)](#), [University of Southern California (USC)](#), [UPenn Engineering](#), [UT Austin](#) (need-based scholarships available), [Univ of Waterloo](#) (Canada), [Worcester Polytechnic Institute.](#)

Active:
- New [Cal Maritime's Training Ship – Tour the **Golden Bear**](#): All grades; one-day event – June 26, 2018 from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Cal Maritime's Training Ship **Golden Bear** will be visiting San Diego on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Reservations are being accepted for tours of the ship for prospective students and admitted students and their families. Cal Maritime students run the ship in the summer while overseen by licensed deck officers and engineers. During May and June 2018, the Golden Bear voyage itinerary includes Western Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Saipan, and Maui before San Diego and, finally, back to Vallejo, California. Register online. No deadline indicated.
- New [miRcore Scripps Translational Science Institute](#): All grades; one of the goals is to expose high school students to career opportunities in biomedicine through hands-on experience in computational genomics and prepare them for the emerging era of medical genomics, when all doctors must be well-acquainted with genetic discoveries, technologies, and applications. Fees: $1205 for both weeks (with premium membership: $1085); $615 for one week (with premium membership: $535.00); automatic basic membership included for all campers. No deadline to apply indicated.
- New [ThoughtSTEM Internship Program for High School Students](#): Age 17 +; ThoughtSTEM's internship program is designed for high school (age 17+) through college students interested in pursuing careers in technology or education. For one half of the summer, interns will be taking college-level computer science courses in Java,

Software Engineering, and Web Development. The second half of the summer, interns will be leading computer science summer camps for local San Diego students.

- New San Diego Natural History Museum: Currently recruiting for Summer Camp Aides. Summer Camp Aides must be 16-18 years of age. Shifts are 8 AM–4:30 PM. They ask for a minimum commitment of 2 full weeks with 3 weeks preferred. Minimum age is 16. Orientation dates and times for Summer Camp Aides are June 14 from 1-5, June 15 from 1-5, and June 16 from 9-1. Questions? Contact Romina Cardenes at rcardenas@sdnhm.org.

- New Harvard Science Research Conference (HSRC): For rising high school sophomores, juniors, senior (current freshmen, sophomores, juniors); 2-day conference at Harvard University on October 13-14, 2018, for exceptional high school students interested in the sciences. $20 early application fee; $40 regular application fee; $150 conference fee. Students are responsible for their own transportation and housing costs.

- New Political Campaign Opportunity: Sara Jacobs' campaign for the 49th District Congressional seat is looking for high school volunteers: Reach out to Annika.shamachar@gmail.com to learn more. Election day is June 5.

- New Political Internship Opportunity: Internship with Senator Joel Anderson. All grades. Scheduling is flexible and can be tailored to accommodate your schooling, work, and prior commitments. Internships available now through November 2018. Contact Alex Adkins at Alexandria.adkins@sen.ca.gov or 619-596-3136 during office hours, Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

- Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session – 2018 Summer Leadership Program; 10th & 11th grade Latino/Latina students; one-week residential program, July 3 - July 7, at the University of San Diego; leadership program to introduce students to politics and more; $895. No deadline to apply indicated.

- New UCSD (Women in Computing) Girls' Day Out: For female high school students; UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering on Saturday, May 26, 2018.The event lasts from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Check-in begins at 9:30am. One-day event. No cost to attend. Must register prior to the event.

- Devil Pups: healthy boy or girl between 14 – 17; free for CA based participants; 10-day encampment program; combination of outdoor physical exercises, classroom lectures and demonstrations of Marine Corps operations. **Not** a mini-boot camp or recruiting program for the Marine Corps. July 5 – 14; no deadline to apply indicated.

- emERge – Be a Doc in a Decade – Conference: All grades; $249– fee includes all conference activities, lunch & T-shirt. Hands-on simulation, lectures, Q&A's – one-day conference on June 29, 2018 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Medical Education and Telemedicine Building, UCSD. Deadline to apply: 6/01/2018.

- Discover Swarthmore: Current Juniors; all-expenses-paid overnight program for high-achieving rising high school seniors (current juniors); preference given to students from traditionally underrepresented groups, students who are first in their family to attend college, students from low-income backgrounds. If you would like to be nominated, see your alpha-counselor or Ms. Burton (College & Career Center). You must ask to be nominated no later than 6/08/2018.

- New Women of Distinction – Smith College: For females, Class of 2019. This program highlights the opportunities that Smith College offers for African American, Asian American, Latina and Native American students. Participants in this three-day program will explore Smith College to determine whether it might be an appropriate college choice for them. No cost to selected participants. Deadline to apply: 6/15/2018.

- Academic Connections at UCSD: All grades – high school students with a 3.3 or above weighted cumulative GPA. Residential program. Most programs July 8 – 28, 2018; $100 nonrefundable application fee; most programs $4,200 (inclusive); diverse academic disciplines. Deadline to apply: 6/15/2018.

- New Discover Wellesley: Females, Class of 2019. Wellesley will provide travel grants to cover the cost of transportation, meals, and housing for a limited group of rising high school senior girls, graduating in the Class of 2019, who wish to visit campus for Discover Wellesley Weekend on: Sunday, October 14, and Monday, October 15, 2018. Wellesley encourages applicants who are from underrepresented cultural backgrounds such as African American, Asian American, Latina American, and Native American; first-generation students; and/or students from other underrepresented communities and regions. Deadline to apply: 6/30/2018.

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 for opportunities.
❖ California State Parks Foundation: Anyone aged 14 and older can participate but youth under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Limited camping available to registered volunteers.
❖ 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.
❖ San Dieguito River Park Internships: Juniors & Seniors preferred (mature sophomores considered): trail patrol; habitat & trail restoration; interpretive and outreach; flexible days and hours. 760-716-1214 or leana@sdrp.org.
❖ 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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