

College & Career Center News – February 2020

Seniors

The Community College Fall 2020 application process for seniors will soon begin. Before applying to community college you must first have an OpenCCC single sign-in account which allows you to access the online services of the California Community Colleges. You will need your social security number. The information in your account is kept private and secure. Go to:
https://www.openccc.net/uPortal/f/u111s4/p/welcome_openccc.u111n74/max/render.uP;jsessionid=3FFD5CFF619E5578EEAB1FC5097BE490

Seniors applying to **Ohlone College** should follow these steps for **priority registration**:

Step 1: Apply to the college and get your student ID. Complete an Ohlone College Application online at <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/admissions/howtoenroll.html>. There will be an **Ohlone College Application Workshop** held at MSJ on **March 10 at 3:00pm**. Students will receive an Ohlone ID# via email after their online application has been completed.

Step 2: Apply for scholarship and aid by filing your FAFSA

Step 3: Attend New Student Orientation: Freshman Days usually held for 2 days mid-May. Students will also register for classes at this orientation. (Students are blocked from registering for classes until they attend an orientation)

Step 4: Register for classes (during Freshman Days & afterward)

Step 5: Attend classes on the first day of school at the Main or Newark campus

- **Financial Aid information** is available at the Career Center or online at http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/gpa_information_release.pdf. You may file the FAFSA on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **GPA verifications for Cal Grant** were uploaded by Fremont Unified to the California Student Aid Commission. FUSD completed the upload for the class of 2020 the last week of September. There's no need for seniors to do anything more than **file the FAFSA** and open a WebGrants account to check their CalGrant status. The class of 2019 (one year out) will still need to fill out a GPA verification form and bring it to the College & Career Center for processing by February 21st. By filing the FAFSA, you have also applied for CalGrant and the Middle Class Scholarship, which may be used at most California colleges.

- **Scholarships.** New postings are at the Career Center. Students might also inquire about scholarships through parents' employers, unions and other organizations. Try these web sites to aid your scholarship search: www.fastweb.com, www.finaid.org, www.srnexpress.com, www.brokescholar.com, www.collegenet.com/mach25, www.tuitionfundingsources.com. *Generally, if it costs money to apply for a scholarship, it is not legitimate.*

Tip: Pay close attention to scholarship deadlines, such as "by noon eastern time," which means *by 9 AM California time!*

- **Seniors need to send their 7th semester (mid-year) transcripts to all *private* colleges** through the Common Application via Parchment. Generally, UC's only need a *final transcript sent in June, after graduation*. Some CSU's request a 7th semester transcript. Follow the instructions you receive from each college. Transcripts may be ordered through Parchment. See our Registrar, Mrs. Bustamante at the Front Office with any transcript questions you may have.

Already made your college choice through **Early Decision**? Be sure to withdraw your applications from the other colleges to which you applied so another student may have your seat

Juniors

Students planning to apply to a 4-year college need to sign up to take the SAT Reasoning Test w/ Writing on May 2 or June 6. The deadlines for registration are April 3 and May 8. **The ACT w/ Writing test dates are April 4 or June 13.** The deadlines for ACT registration are Feb 28 and May 8. UC bound students taking the SAT or ACT must also take the *Writing portion*. All tests may be repeated during August (SAT), September (ACT), October, November (SAT), and

December of the Senior Year, if needed. Free practice booklets are available in the College & Career Center. Register for tests online at www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org. **Practice tests are available online.**

Juniors may start requesting admission literature from colleges of interest. Students interested in applying Early Decision or Early Action need to contact these colleges now to find out their policies. College campus websites are good places to begin your college search. Visit campuses over our spring break or plan for summer visits. Try to visit campuses when students are on campus.

Sophomores

All 10th grade students will spend 3 days at the College & Career Center during their English class in February/ March. Students will take interest surveys to guide them in choosing possible careers. They will be introduced to the College & Career Center's resources and receive informative handouts. Students will research careers using their CaliforniaColleges.edu results and learn skills needed to gain employment. Graduation and college requirements, SAT guidelines and MVROP information will be distributed to your students during their Career Units. The counselors met with sophomores in the fall to review graduation & college requirements and help students create an educational plan.

Freshmen

Now is a good time to get involved in extracurricular activities that might help you identify your interests and develop new skills. You can volunteer or join a club. Try www.volunteermatch.org or <https://fremont.gov/344/Volunteer-Opportunities> for volunteer opportunities in our area. Pre-registration for next year's classes will soon begin. The Career Center has handouts showing the high school courses colleges require for admissions.

Summer Programs

Summer Programs are posted at the College & Career Center and are available on the site www.teenlife.com/category/summer. Students interested in applying to various summer programs are welcome to come to the College & Career Center for more information.