

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWS-May/June 2019

Seniors

Seniors need to send their **final high school transcripts** to the college (2-year or 4-year) they will attend this Fall 2019. Transcript requests are due to Mrs. Faust by June 7, to allow time to send them to the appropriate colleges after grades are posted in late June. Mrs. Faust will be providing final transcripts information in your Gov/Econ classes before AP exams.

Remember to send your college transcripts from colleges you've attended during high school (i.e.: Ohlone) to the college you'll be attending this fall. **Contact the college you attended** to determine how to have your transcripts sent.

Seniors : Headed for **UC** in the Fall? ALL STUDENTS who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement. Students can meet this requirement (and save time and \$110 testing fees) by scoring:

- 30 or better on the ACT Combined English/Writing test; or
- 680 or better on the College Board SAT Reasoning Test, Writing section; or
- 3 or above on either Advanced Placement Examination in English

For more information, go to:

https://www.ucop.edu/elwr/?mc_cid=b77b9d5b1f&mc_eid=%5bUNIQID%5d&mc_cid=dd77220c31&mc_eid=5a09bd1e51

Students attending Ohlone College for Fall 2019 need to attend Freshmen Days on May 17 & 18 at the Ohlone Newark Campus. During this event, students will be able to register for classes *before every other Ohlone student* and meet with a counselor. A separate parent program will be held while students are in workshops. Visit www.ohlone.edu/org/freshmen for additional details and to **RSVP**. **Students will need their Ohlone ID number and to complete the Orientation and Placement online before** Freshmen Days.

If you missed the March 2 Cal Grant deadline AND you plan to attend a community college in the fall, you have until September 2 to apply for FAFSA. The number of Cal Grant awards is limited, so apply so soon.

Once you are enrolled at **Ohlone**, be sure to **apply for the AB19 California College Promise Free College Program**. Contact their Financial Aid Office for details.

Seniors: Be sure to send your AP scores to your college (4 year and community colleges). Check your College Board account to see which scores you've sent and which still need to be sent. This can be done in July after you have all of your scores. AP Scores may translate to college credit. Always check with your college for the most current info regarding credit.

Seniors: Congratulations on your college choices! Celebrate by wearing your college spirit wear/colors to school on Thursday, May 2nd.

Juniors

FAFSA opens October 1st Be sure to file your FAFSA early. For more info, go to: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

Juniors: The University of California Personal Insight Questions are available online. See link below for more info, or come by the College & Career Center for a flyer.

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/files/uc-personal-questions-guide-freshman.pdf>

Juniors: Applying to a private or out-of-state college? With the release of the essay prompts and the announcement that student accounts created now will roll over to 2019-2020, Juniors can start their Common Application now, or whenever they are ready. For more info, go to: <http://www.commonapp.org/whats-appening/application-updates/common-application-announces-2016-2017-essay-prompts>

or: <https://appsupport.commonapp.org/link/portal/33011/33013/Article/2856/What-do-I-need-to-know-about-Account-Rollover>

Tour college campuses during summer vacation. Write to the private colleges that interest you. Attend **college fairs**. Watch for college admission representatives visiting the College & Career Center in September, October, and November. Apply only to colleges you would actually want to attend. Get as much information as you can about individual colleges and the programs they offer *prior to applying*.

It is recommended to take the SAT or ACT no later than October of your Senior Year if you are planning to apply to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Long Beach, Sonoma, Chico, or San Diego State Colleges. The UC system, and many other colleges, will accept August, October, November, and December SAT or ACT scores. Remember to register for the *Writing component* of both exams if applying to a UC. Use www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org to register for these tests.

◆ **If students plan on participating in Division I or Division II college athletics, they must register and be certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse** to determine if they are academically eligible. Juniors should register with the NCAA in June of the junior year. Forms may be obtained at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Order a transcript from Mrs. Faust to be sent to NCAA in June.

FAFSA Opens October 1st

CSU Application period is October 1st - November 30th

UC Application period is November 1st - November 30th – Application opens August 1st

Private Colleges - Check college web-site – Common Application opens August 1st

◆ The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), **recommended for Juniors**, will be administered in October 16, 2019. You will receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses as well as information on how your performance compares to that of others applying to college during the same year. Sign-ups will be announced in the Fall.

◆ UC's do not require students to take the **SAT Subject Test** for entrance, however, it may be **recommended** for some majors. Students intending to apply to Private Universities may be required to take SAT Subject Tests. Be sure to check the admissions requirements for each Private University to which you may apply. Always check each college's website for up-to-date information regarding college entrance exam requirements and deadlines. If unsure, send an e-mail to the college's admissions department.

◆ **Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – College Night**, with over 80 colleges represented will be held this year at Ohlone College Fremont in the Gymnasium. Ohlone College is under construction so please arrive early to find parking. Watch for more information in the August/September Newsletter.

Enjoy your summer break. Use summer vacation to do a variety of things, perhaps travel, participate in fun and interesting activities, or possibly earn a little spending money & get experience in the world of work. Learning about responsibility goes a long way in college. Take a class, join a summer athletic team, read, or be creative. Do something you've always wanted to do. Learn how to rock climb, paint, cook, or go camping. Visit colleges to help you get an idea of which types appeal to you. Volunteer for an organization or cause that's important to you. Get a part-time job. These are all progressive steps toward college and a career.

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