

College & Career Center News - March 2020

Seniors

Community College application process: Seniors planning to attend Ohlone College beginning Fall 2020, follow these steps:

Step 1: Complete the Ohlone College Application online at ohlone.edu/go/applyonline. You will be directed to the CCC website where you will open an account. Want help? There will be an **Application Workshop at MSJHS, on March 5 at 3:00pm**. Students will receive an Ohlone ID# via email after the online application has been completed.

Step 2: Attend Freshmen Days at the Newark Campus on Friday, May 17th or Saturday, May 18th. Students register for classes at this orientation which is **required for new students**. Visit ohlone.edu/freshmen for additional details and to RSVP.

Seniors who have applied for financial aid should have received their official Student Aid Reports (SAR) via e-mail. The SAR contains federal financial aid information and confirms what you submitted on the FAFSA. All figures should be checked, making corrections and adding additional schools, as needed. Save and print out all information you receive concerning your FAFSA. This is a good time to contact the financial aid office of each college to make certain that your financial aid application is complete. Find out what else you need to do to establish and maintain your eligibility for financial aid. If you do not receive your SAR within 3 weeks after filing, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243. Students should be receiving college acceptance and financial aid award letters in the Spring.

Continue searching for scholarships. Scholarships are posted at the College & Career Center. Check each of your college's website for scholarships both specific to that college and as well as more general in nature.

Awaiting UC Decision? This waiting period can be stressful as well as exciting, and applicants sometimes worry about the amount of specific information they must provide the UC's. Please be aware of two things required of you as a college freshman applicant:

1. If any of your senior year college-prep (what UC calls 'a-g') courses fell below a C, you need to notify the UC Application Center. In addition, you must notify the UC Office of Admissions for each campus to which you applied with all your grades from that term, including an explanation for your grade shortfall.
2. If you changed any courses (in-progress and/or planned) that you listed on your application, you need to notify the UC Application Center.

If either of the above applies to you, please contact the UC Application Center at ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net. Your e-mail must include your name and UC Application ID number; it will be shared with all the campuses to which you applied.

Each UC campus will notify you of its admission decision, generally by March 31st. For more information regarding UC deadlines/dates go to: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/dates-deadlines/>

Waitlisted?? If you were wait-listed and it is to a college that you want to attend, **be sure to respond** to whatever they send you. You may need to submit more information, an essay, etc.

If you are not interested, it's ok to decline the offer or let the deadline pass. It may open up a seat for another student.

Here's info about the UC waitlist process: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/q-and-a/waitlist/index.html#3>

Remember, whatever happens, be sure to SIR to a college by MAY 1st so you have a place to go in the fall. The wait-lists are usually decided after May 1st.

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

AP Exams: Each year that you take AP Exams, you have the opportunity to send *one free score report*. You do this at the time that you are taking the exam by bubbling **in the four-digit code of the college, university or scholarship program** on your first or "registration" AP answer sheet. If you didn't indicate a college on your answer sheet, or you need to send score reports to additional colleges, you can order additional score reports online for a fee.

Sophomores and Juniors

MVROP flyers were distributed to 10th - 11th grade students in preparation for pre-registration of 2020-2021 classes. The flyer contains descriptions of all on and off campus classes offered. Through MVROP, students have opportunities to explore career interests, develop skills for job success, learn skills to help finance college costs and better prepare for college. Many classes enable students to work or intern in their specific field during their 2nd semester. **Freshmen through senior year students can attend MVROP classes at MSJHS; juniors and seniors can attend classes off campus at the MVROP Center. One-period classes, offered on the MSJHS campus, are Digital Photography 1 & 2, Digital Imaging (both earning the UC “f” credit) and Marketing (formerly DECA) (earns the UC “g” credit).** Many 2-period classes are offered at the MVROP Center. Free bus transportation is provided between MSJHS and the MVROP. Students must have a signature from the College & Career Center for the two-period MVROP classes, at the same time as they are signing up for their other classes

Juniors: Visit prospective colleges during Spring Break. Information about visiting college campuses is on our website as well as at the College & Career Center. Now is a good time to plan summer activities, apply for summer programs, summer employment or community service. Summer Programs are posted in Career Center.

Parents of sophomores: Ask your sophomore about his/her **recent Career unit at the College & Career Center** during English in February /early March. Students took the Multiple Intelligences and the Interest profile on CaliforniaColleges.edu, explored and researched careers, listened to a guest speaker, learned about the job application process and received MVROP flyers and other information regarding career planning and college entrance exams.