

Fall College Workshops

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Some Essential Resources

www.universityofcalifornia.edu

www.csumentor.edu

www.californiacolleges.edu

www.commonapp.org

www.assist.org

www.collegeview.com

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.com

www.nphs.org

Making Decisions

The Questions!

How big? How far away?

What about class sizes, majors, special opportunities, etc?

What are the admission policies?

How much will it cost me? Can I get financial assistance?

What is the campus environment like?

Is this a place I want to live for four (or more) years?

What about the rankings?

How do I find out more?

College Applications: The Process

Choices:

Private Schools

Schools Outside California

University of California

California State University

Community Colleges

Private and Independent Schools

- Does the size of a school matter?
- Do they have what I want?
- Can I get in? What are their requirements?
- Aren't private schools much more costly?
- How about scholarships and financial aid?
- What about the Common Application?
- Do I need recommendations and essays?
- What about deadlines?
- When will I know if I made it in?

Public Schools outside California

- How difficult are they to get into?
- What are their subject and testing requirements?
- What about out-of-state costs?
- What do their applications look like?
- When are their deadlines?
- When will I know about admission?

The University of California

- Look now at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions
- You may apply to nine campuses with one application
- UC eligible students who apply to four or more campuses are admitted at an 86% rate. Apply broadly!
- The UC does not have any early action programs
- What about TAG?
- You can download the application now, but you can't submit until November 1-30
- They require two essays and an activities page, but no recommendations
- You must submit either the SAT Reasoning or the ACT with Writing, **and** two SAT Subject Tests.
- Scholarship applications are imbedded in the application for admission
- What about ELC?

The California State University

- Twenty-three campuses
- You may apply immediately, and until November 30 at www.csumentor.edu
- Only Cal Poly SLO has an early action program
- No essays, no recommendations, no activities list
- You must submit the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT. Writing scores are not considered.
- What about the EAP, EPT, ELM?

Community Colleges

- Strong system in California that can lead to university transfer
- Orientation, application, and registration will take place in the spring here on campus
- Become familiar with the IGETC!
- Community colleges are a terrific place to begin your education for any number of reasons
- Orientation here on campus in the Spring (March)

Making Your Choices

The College Visit: Meet a counselor; verify requirements; determine costs; inquire about scholarship opportunities; take a tour; investigate your desired program; attend a class; talk with students and faculty.

What About Housing? Look into all housing options, and investigate all meal plans thoroughly. Make sure you comply with housing application deadlines, which may be different from admission deadlines.

Campus Safety

- Your chosen school should be able to offer their campus safety strategies to you. Conduct a thorough investigation by reading the campus newspaper regularly and by contacting the local police.

NCAA Clearinghouse

- All student athletes who hope to play sports at a Division I or Division 2 NCAA college must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- You must complete a sequence of courses to be eligible.
- You need to bring a printed copy of the NCAA transcript request to the office so that we can send your transcript.
- You need to request that your SAT or ACT scores are sent to the NCAA. Use Code #9999.

Testing Requirements

What Do I Need for My Schools?

SAT Reasoning Test

SAT Subject Tests

ACT

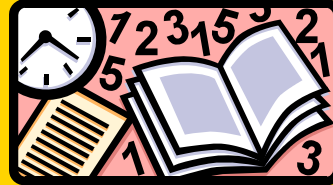
AP

IB

EPT, ELM(CSU) (What is the EAP?)

How do I report my scores?

CSU Code: 3594



The Application

The Transcript: Use an unofficial transcript to complete your application; send an official transcript to schools upon request. (The UC and CSU do not want one yet!)

The Resume: Put together a summary of information about yourself, and give it to your recommenders for both college and scholarship use.

The Essay: You should begin asap, no matter when your application is due. Get feedback from others. Pay attention to the prompts, which differ by school.

Letters of Recommendation: Not all schools require them, but, if you need them, choose writers who know you well, and give them the form as well as an addressed envelope and due date. Follow up with a THANK YOU!

The Application

Early Decision, Early Action, etc.

Make a Copy

Certificate of Mailing for all mailed documents

Deadlines: Private and out of state—varies;

UC—November 30

CSU—November 30

Scholarships and Financial Aid

- January 10 Financial Aid Night-7:00/PAC
- March 2 FAFSA Deadline
- March 3 Common Scholarship Applications Become Available in CCC
- April 4 Common Scholarship Applications Due to CCC By 3:00





Resources

The World Wide Web

Print

College and Career Center

Private Services



The Waiting Game

When will I know? Most admissions decisions are made in the spring, usually by April.

What should I do in the meantime? Continue to explore and form a preliminary priority list, so your final decisions won't be rushed.

What about appeals? Most schools discourage them; consult your counselor for more information.

The Final Steps

Consider your options, including financial aid.

Negotiate; assert yourself!

Submit your SIR on time!

Follow up with all deposits, etc.



The Final Steps



Request your final transcript!

Ask your parents not to redecorate your room just yet—especially if you're not going away to school!

Don't forget to write! (see previous bullet)



The Dates!

October 10—CSU Application Workshop

And Senior Parent Meeting!

October 17—UC Application Workshop

Oct. 31/Nov. 1—Many Early Decision
Deadlines

The Dates!

Oct. 1-Nov. 30: CSU Filing Period

Nov. 1-Nov. 30: UC Filing Period

November-January—Regular deadlines for many
private and out of state public schools

January 1-March 2-- File the FAFSA

January 10, 2008—NPHS Financial Aid Night

March through April—Acceptance Notifications
arrive

May 1—Statements of Intent to Register due

What To Do Now?

For the UC and CSU, go online to begin your applications. Work on your UC essays and activities. Share your essays with good readers for feedback. Use a transcript to complete the course information. Give your counselor your user name and password. **READ THE APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE VIDEO!**

What To Do Now, Cont.

- For private schools, go to the websites immediately to begin the process.
- Be sure to start working on your essays, which will be different from the UC.
- Download and print the School Report and Teacher Recommendations, and be sure to sign them before you bring them to your references. Ask for recommendations in a timely manner. ALL requests for recommendations must be submitted by December 1, 2007.
- You need to submit a resume with any request for a recommendation.

What About the Common Application?

- Many private and independent colleges accept the Common Application (www.commonapp.org)
- If you use the Common App, be sure to check for supplements that may be required for individual schools.
- You may submit one form to those who are writing for you. We will make the copies and send them to each school.
- Your counselor will send your transcript for you IF you submit a school report. You must submit your test scores officially for SAT and/or ACT.

Contact Your Counselor

**Send us your user name and password so
we can help you!**

- rinklekofer@conejo.k12.ca.us
- msanders@conejo.k12.ca.us
- cseverns@conejo.k12.ca.us
- kvillavicencio@conejo.k12.ca.us
- kswavely@conejo.k12.ca.us
- cricafort@conejo.k12.ca.us

Don't Forget!!! Senior Parent Meeting

- Wednesday, October 10, 2007
- 7:00
- PAC
- Followed by...

Cal State Application
Workshop
Wednesday, Oct. 10
7:30 p.m., PAC
Bring your transcript
and a printed CSU
application (download
from
www.csumentor.edu)



THANK YOU
and Have a
Wonderful Evening