

Fall College Workshops

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Some Essential Resources

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

www.csumentor.edu

www.californiacolleges.edu

www.commonapp.org

www.assist.org

www.collegeview.com

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.com

<http://connection.naviance.com/newburypark>

THIS PRESENTATION MAY BE
FOUND AT:

- www.nphs.org
- Go to “Counselors’ Corner” and click on
- “Fall College Workshops 2009/ Part One”

Making Tentative Decisions

- How many schools should I apply to?
- Will I be comfortable there for four years?
- How will I pay for this adventure?
- Where can I find information about my major?
- What's a major?
- But my friend's sister, whose brother-in-law works at UC Santa Somewhere says...
- Editorial comment: Don't simply go to college to earn a degree. Go to learn to think, to challenge yourselves and others, to gain a broad based education.

College Applications: The Process

- **Choices:**
- Private Schools
- Schools Outside California
- University of California
- California State University
- Community Colleges
- Transfer Opportunities (TAG, IGETC, etc.)

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 all 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
- 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?

UC Statistics for NPHS Graduates

- 26% of the NPHS Class of '09 was admitted to the UC, compared to 12.5% statewide.
- 93% of Panther UC applicants gained admission to one or more campuses for this fall.
- For the NPHS Class of 2007, 97% of UC students continued on to the sophomore year (92% system wide.)
- Average freshman UC GPA for the NP Class of '07 was 3.17 (2.95 system wide.)
- More information is at <http://statfinder.ucop.edu>

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?
- Apply to each separately, but you won't need to fill in new data each time except for first page

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.

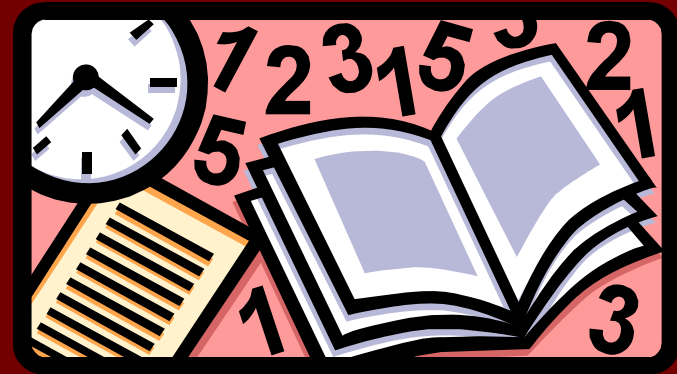
NCAA Clearinghouse

- All student athletes who hope to play sports at a Division I or Division 2 NCAA college must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at <https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>
- 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



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.
- Transcript requests are to be submitted to Mrs. Taylor, Registrar. You will be charged \$4 for each official transcript, with a maximum charge of \$20 for five or more.

Naviance

- Be sure to use your Naviance account to complete your Profile, Resume, Game Plan, Personality Type, and College Search.
- You may use Naviance in combination with the Common Application to complete your applications and make requests of your teachers and counselors to submit your letters of recommendation.

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, except for CSUCI!)
- **The Resume:** Put together a summary of information about yourself on Naviance for use by your counselors and teachers in writing letters of recommendation for 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 ask them soon! **Requests for recommendations must be submitted to your counselors and teachers by December 1, 2009.** Don't forget to 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

The Essay

(Help Me, Please!)

- In writing your statement remember:
 - 1. Show creative intelligence. Use all of the good training you've received from NPHS English teachers.
 - 2. Be reflective. Think about:
 - What have you accomplished?
 - Why have you made the decision you have made?
 - What have you learned?
 - What evidence can you present of your self-discipline?
 - What leadership skills do you have and/or commitment to others?

The Essay (cont'd)

- What qualities do you have that distinguish you from others?
- Where do you excel?
- How would your qualities, characteristics, and attributes enhance the undergraduate class?
- Discuss any challenges you have faced or obstacles you have overcome. For example, let it be known if you are the first in your family to go to college, or if you have contended with serious illness or disability. Be sure to describe how you achieved in spite of these challenges and how any

The Essay (cont'd)

hardships you have endured have shaped your character, affected your beliefs, and influenced your goals.

3. Get started, don't procrastinate! Begin with some journal/diary writing. Forget about the essay per se, just write!

4. Advice:

Write to the actual prompt. Read the directions .

Write your own essay. Use your own voice. Be authentic.

The Essay (cont'd)

- Advice continued:
 - Avoid published guide books.
 - Do not mistake a list for a written essay. Rather, incorporate your accomplishments into the body of the essay.
 - Allow your essay to sit for a few days. Give yourself time to “digest” your essay.
 - Share your essay with those you trust.
 - Avoid use of humor, cliches, and sentiments.

The Essay (cont'd)

- Advice continued:
 - Do not manufacture hardships.
 - Avoid cute fonts and graphics. Have mercy on tired reader eyes. They do actually read these essays.
 - Proofread and edit.

Mid-Year Reports?

- Some schools will request a mid-year report or transcript at the end of Term One. Be sure to notify your counselor if this is the case
- Do not send mid-year reports or transcripts to the UC and CSU unless specifically requested

Scholarships and Financial Aid

- January 7 Financial Aid Night-7:00/PAC
- March 2 FAFSA Deadline
- February 23 Common Scholarship Workshops
& Applications become
Available in CCC
- March 22 Common Scholarship
Applications Due to CCC
by 3:00 pm (no exceptions)



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.
- Submit your SIR on time!
- Follow up with all deposits, etc.
- Be sure to submit a final transcript in June.



- Students will be able to be excused for two days per year for college visits, as long as you use the "Planned Absence" form available in the Attendance Office.
- Contact the Dean of Attendance with questions
 - Ms. Villavicencio @ 498-3676 ext. 1017

The Dates!

- October 15—CSU Application Workshop
And Senior Parent Meeting!
- October 22—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 7, 2010—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.
- See your teachers and counselors to request letters of recommendation. Remember-- ALL requests must be submitted by December 1, 2009.

Contact Your Counselor

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

- ldrossin@conejo.k12.ca.us
- rintelekofer@conejo.k12.ca.us
- jireta@conejo.k12.ca.us
- cseverns@conejo.k12.ca.us
- kswavely@conejo.k12.ca.us
- cricafort@conejo.k12.ca.us

Don't Forget!!!

Senior Parent Meeting

- Wednesday, October 15, 2009
- 7:00
- PAC
- Followed by...

- Cal State Application Workshop
- Thursday, Oct. 15
- 7:30 p.m., PAC
- Bring your transcript
- Open your account at www.csummentor.edu and begin the application process!



THANK YOU !

*Have a Wonderful
Evening*