
NPHS COUNSELORS PRESENT

COLLEGE AWARENESS WORKSHOP

2010

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Keep The Options Open

- ☪ Be well-informed-Research is important
- ☪ Take appropriate classes
- ☪ Plan ahead-Start now by visiting as many colleges as you can
- ☪ Work hard-and don't forget to do something for fun, too!
- ☪ Maintain Perspective- There is a school for you, just waiting for you to find it!

Choosing Your College

- ⦿ Location-How far; city, rural, suburban?
- ⦿ Climate-How cold is it?
- ⦿ Size-Can be misleading
- ⦿ Friends-Don't go somewhere just to be with friends; if you wind up together, great!
- ⦿ Housing-Look closely at your options
- ⦿ Costs-Weigh all factors before you decide you cannot afford a particular school

Choosing College cont... 2

- Faculty- How many teach undergrads?
- Ratio-This number can be misleading
- Majors and Programs-Read the catalog
- Courses available-What can you take outside your major?
- Retention-How many come back, and graduate, within four years?
- Library & other variables-Will you have library privileges at other schools? What about cultural, recreational, study abroad opportunities?

Choosing College cont... 3

- ◉ Deadlines-Mostly November-January
- ◉ How many? There is no magic number, but each application costs you
- ◉ Early Decision and Early Action-Be careful
- ◉ Resumes-You can start this now
- ◉ Formal visits-Be prepared; take the tour, and then look for yourself
- ◉ When colleges come to NPHS, visit with them
- ◉ Keep your college file up to date, and maintain a journal of your journey!

Types of Schools

- ◌ Community Colleges
- ◌ California Independent Colleges
- ◌ Out of State Colleges
- ◌ California State University
EPT, ELM, AND EAP!
- ◌ University of California
 - » ELC

What about the EAP?

- ◉ Early Assessment Program for the CSU
- ◉ EAP offers you a chance to fulfill CSU and community college competency requirements a year early. This can save you \$\$!
- ◉ If you plan to apply to the CSU or a California Community College, you need to take this test this spring!
- ◉ It will be given here at NPHS on March 23. You will receive information soon.
- ◉ Go to www.csumathsuccess.org and www.csuenglishsuccess.org for details.

411-Information, Please!

- ◉ Internet, Campus representative visits, NPHS graduates
- ◉ College Fairs
 - » National College Fair Ventura County Fairgrounds-
April 29, 2010, from 5:30 until 8:30 pm
 - » College Information Night, WHS in fall, 2010
- ◉ Private College Counselors
- ◉ College Guides online and in print
- ◉ NPHS College and Career Center
- ◉ University visits
- ◉ NAVIANCE! (More on that later)

Admission Requirements

- ◉ Testing
- ◉ Coursework
- ◉ Essays-Start now; you have it in you!
- ◉ Recommendations- For private and some out of state public colleges only; you need your counselor and 1-2 teachers to write for you
- ◉ Co-curricular Pursuits-It all counts-don't be shy; on campus, community, and religious activities all help. Don't do it all- just do it well.

Subject Requirements

Must be CP, H, AP, or IB

- English: 4 Years
- Mathematics: 3 Years, 4 Recommended
- Science: 2 Years (Physical and Biological)
- Foreign Language: 2 Required, 3 Rec.
- History: 2 Years
- Visual or Performing Arts: 1 Year
- Electives: 1 or More Years

Scholarships and Financial Aid

- ◉ FAFSA
- ◉ CSS Profile
- ◉ NPHS Scholarship Bulletin
- ◉ Financial Aid Seminars
- ◉ www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ◉ www.csac.ca.gov
- ◉ www.finaid.com

Testing

- ✓ SAT REASONING AND SUBJECT TESTS:
 - ✓ Seven Times a Year
 - ✓ What it Measures- Reading, Math, and Writing
 - ✓ What Schools Require Which Tests?
 - ✓ Score Choice
 - ✓ If you took the PSAT, you have free access to MyCollegeQuickStart
 - ✓ How to Register:

www.collegeboard.com

Testing, continued

✓ ACT

- ✓ Fewer offerings
- ✓ Somewhat different measures-English, Math, Reading, & Science
- ✓ Who accepts it? Just about everyone
- ✓ Why take it? It may be more comfortable for some students
- ✓ How to register:

www.act.org

AP AND IB

- ◉ CREDITS
- ◉ STRATEGY
- ◉ REPORTING SCORES
- ◉ WHERE TO FIND UNIVERSITY POLICIES:
- ◉ www.collegeboard.com
- ◉ www.ibo.org
- ◉ College sites
- ◉ Which is better? Will one “get me in?”

A FEW IMPORTANT SITES TO VISIT

- ① www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- ① www.csumentor.edu
- ① www.californiacolleges.edu
- ① www.assist.org
- ① www.collegeview.com
- ① www.collegeoutlook.net
- ① www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- ① www.princetonreview.com
- ① www.commonapp.org
- ① www.nacac.com
- ① www.inlikeme.com

HOW DO I APPLY?

- You will typically apply via the university websites
- You may also use such sites as the Common Application, especially if you will apply to more than one school that uses it.
- NPHS counselors will conduct a special Common Application workshop in the fall

Naviance

- ◉ An interactive college and career preparation site
- ◉ Connects with the Common Application
- ◉ Helps you develop resumes, offers tips for essays, etc.
- ◉ Allows you to maintain contact with your counselor as you go about the college search and application process
- ◉ Offers a customized scholarship search for NPHS students

Naviance

- ◌ Sign in with your user name information
- ◌ Search for careers by job title, keyword, and category
- ◌ Link directly from career descriptions to colleges offering related majors
- ◌ Complete the Career Interest Profiler
- ◌ <http://connection.naviance.com/newburypark>

COMING EVENTS

- ◌ National College Fair at Seaside Park, Ventura April 29, 2010, 5:30-8:30 pm
- ◌ Fall College Application Workshops in October
- ◌ College Night at WHS in September!
- ◌ Financial Aid Workshop in January, 2011.

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THANKS FOR COMING!

