



# ***SENIOR YEAR 101***

*Welcome & Congratulations!*

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# ***IMPORTANT DATES***

- ★ **September 27 - Financial Aid Night 6PM Lecture Demo Room**
- ★ **October 1 - First Day to file FAFSA! (2016 tax info)**
- ★ **October 2 - 6 Homecoming Week 2017**
- ★ **Oct., 17--Nov 16 - Tues. & Thurs. Lunch College App. Workshops in Career Center**
- ★ **October 20 - CUESTA COLLEGE Promise Day**
- ★ **October 25 - LUNCHTIME Scholarship Workshop**
- ★ **October 30 - COLLEGE NIGHT at Cuesta College 5pm**
- ★ **November 30 - UC & CSU Applications DUE**
- ★ **December 1 - Local Scholarship Application posted**
- ★ **December 12th - Cuesta Application Workshop in SLOHS Career Center**
- ★ **February 13 - Local Scholarship Application Due**
- ★ **March 2 - FAFSA due!**
- ★ **May 19- PROM**
- ★ **May 22 - Senior Recognition Assembly**



# ***SENIOR YEAR 101***

## ***The Senior Credit Status Letter* ***& Diploma Name Form*****

**Please take a few minutes to review the letter with your student & make a plan for Senior Year.**

*Make corrections NOW if names/ addresses are NOT correct.*

*NOW is a good time to add your Cuesta classes to your transcript.*

*SSID # in in top lefthand corner of transcript.*

**Return the Diploma Name Form**

**NO LATER than Monday, September 25th, 2017**

***Thanks!***



# ***CUESTA COLLEGE***

**Each and every member of the Class of 2018 should complete the steps to apply to Cuesta College.**

***Cuesta is an excellent 1st choice!***

**CUESTA COLLEGE PROMISE DAY - OCTOBER 20th  
Students must sign up & submit permission slip!**

- #1 APPLY – online beginning on November 1st**
- #2 Cuesta Promise Scholarship application**
- #3 FAFSA - opens October 1st, 2017**
- #4 ONLINE ORIENTATION – after steps 1-3 are complete**
- #5 Attend a Cougar Welcome Day - Sat, April 28th-registration**
- #6 Send Final High School Transcripts and AP Scores**



# **4 YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

**CSU – [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply)**

★ *(grades & test scores)*

**UC – [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)**

★ *(grades, test scores, accomplishments & personal insight questions)*

**Common Application – [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)**

★ *(all of the above + essays & letters of rec)*

***COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS!***

**Oct., 17- Nov., 16th Lunchtime in the Career Center**



# ***UC & CSU***

**The *UC & CSU Applications* are  
due **NO LATER** than  
**November 30, 2017!****

*No letter of recommendations!*

*CSU no essays*

**Check private & out of state schools  
for individual due dates  
*...usually due later.***



# ***UC APPLICATIONS***

- **UC Applications include:**
  - **test scores**
  - **Courses taken and courses in progress**
  - **Grades in A-G courses**
  - **Responses to 4 of 8 Personal Insight Questions - Answer the questions - not essays!**
  - **NO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**



# ***CSU APPLICATIONS***

- **Students will be provided their personalized CCGI (California College Guidance Initiative) username & password prior to applying after Oct 1st. *Their CSU applications will launch from this website.***
- **CSU Applications include:**
  - **Test scores**
  - **Courses taken and courses in progress**
  - **Grades in A-G courses**
  - ***CalState.edu/apply***
  - **NO Early decision applications**
  - **NO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION or ESSAYS**





# TESTING

- ★ **Most colleges will accept the December test date... *Please double check college websites!***
- ★ **Students must have test scores sent electronically from College Board and/or ACT to their colleges NO LATER than December 2017.**
- ★ **UC: have your official score report sent to one UC campus and ALL campuses you apply to will receive it. *\*require ALL scores & will use the highest score from the same test date.***
- ★ ***Send ALL your scores - the universities will select your highest score for you!***



# ***FINANCIAL AID***

**The FAFSA is the gateway to financial aid**

**EVERYONE SHOULD FILE**

*(even if you think you will not be awarded any aid!)*

**You AND your child MUST apply for a FAFSA ID number so you can file electronically.**

***<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>***

**FAFSA opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>.**



# FINANCIAL AID

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## Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

Start A New  
FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login



# ***THE CAL GRANT***

- ★ Money for California students attending California colleges (2 & 4 year).
- ★ The Cal Grant for 2018-19 included families who earned less than \$98,900 for a family of 4. In 2017, Cal Grant paid \$12,630 (UC), \$5,742 (CSU) & \$9,084 (private).
- ★ Complete FAFSA by March 1st - ***OPENS OCT 1ST!***
- ★ SLOHS will electronically submit your Cal Grant GPA Verification if you provide a SS# on the Diploma Name Form due by Friday, October 6th



# ***CSS PROFILE***

**Many private colleges require**

**The CSS/Profile**

**available online October 1<sup>st</sup>**

***Application for non-federal financial aid.***

**There is a fee required.**

**<http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>**



# ***LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION***

**Many students will need Letters of Recommendations from teachers, Counselors and possibly community members.**

- **Be proactive and complete a Resume or “Brag Sheet”**
- **Give your recommender detailed information about yourself.**
- **Don’t assume they know all your accomplishments and family history.**
- **Provide recommender at least 2 weeks notice!**
- **It is also appropriate and sometimes needed to follow-up with a reminder several days before the due date.**
- **An e-mail, note and/or thank you card are always appreciated**

***\*Form is available in the online on the school website at:***

***<http://slohs.slcsd.org/counseling-letters-of-recommendation.php>***



# ***LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP***

**<http://slohs.slcsd.org/counseling>**

**The SLOHS Scholarship Application**

**Each year our community provides over \$200,000 in local scholarships just for our Seniors.**

**Available on December 20, 2017**

**on the SLOHS Counseling website ONLY**

***Scholarship Application Workshops at Lunch***

**Due Tuesday, February 13, 2018.**

SCHOLARSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SAN LUIS OBISPO HIGH SCHOOL  
Local Scholarship Application  
*Class of 2017*

**TYPE & print out each page.** The document may not be able to be saved. PAPERCLIP – DO NOT STAPLE. Please gather the necessary documentation & return with your completed application to: SLOHS COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER by February 1, 2017 NO later than 12:45 PM. This should be your **BEST** work.

*Following directions is part of the application process.*

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

STUDENT NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ADDRESS (NUMBER, STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS (that student will be checking! NOT school e mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which scholarships you are applying to with an X to the left of the scholarship name. You must submit ONE (1) copy of this application for EACH scholarship you are applying to plus one (1) as a copy to the CAREER CENTER. (EXAMPLE: if applying to five (5) scholarships (5 X's), then print your personal application six (6) times). Each different scholarship name should be completed at the top of the page for each application. Letters of recommendation and essays should have your name and the scholarship clearly labeled at the top of the page. Do not staple, please PAPERCLIP all pages together. Applicants and parents must sign application. Print an additional copy of your application for your reference. ALL Scholarship winners are required to write a thank you note within 1 week of notification & file a Claim for Scholarship funds no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. Good Luck!

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AAUW San Luis Obispo Chapter  
 Alex Maier Memorial Scholarship  
 Allyson Bree Gove Memorial  
 Al Rizzoli Memorial Scholarship Award  
 American Legion Post # 68  
 Amot/Jones Academic Scholarship  
 Auyong Family Scholarship  
 B. McElhinney Memorial Scholarship  
 Barney Devenock Cuesta Crankers  
 Black & Gold AAA Booster Club  
 CRTA CA Retired Teachers Assn.  
 CSEA CA School Employees Assn.  
 Chief John Callahan Fire Memorial  
 Crenner / Framberger Scholarship  
 David Melton Memorial Math Scholars  
 Exchange Club of SLO

Filipino Women's Club of SLO County  
 Frank C. Holt Outstanding Senior  
 Jeff Bryan Memorial FFA/4-H  
 Kiwanis de Tolosa of SLO  
 Ah Louis Memorial  
 Pam Orth Science & /or Journalism  
 Rotary Club of SLO  
 Rotary Daybreak of SLO  
 Roz Ferrini Memorial  
 SLO City Firefighters  
 SLO Realtor of the Year  
 SOS Strengthen Our School Fund  
 Spirit of SLOHS Class of '49  
 Splash / Greensfelder Service  
 Winifred "Pop Sears" Scholarship

All SLOHS Scholarship Applications and their supporting documentation  
are due to the SLOHS College & Career Center  
**NO LATER** than Monday, February 1, 2017 at 12:45PM





# **REGIONAL, STATE & NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Lists of all known scholarship opportunities are available on our school website under: *Counseling / Scholarships & Financial Aid.*
- The Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County provides many scholarships - the applications are online. *Go For It!*

***STOP BY THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER  
AND SEE ALL THE RESOURCES WE HAVE TO OFFER!***



# ***SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY YOU WILL ATTEND***

**\*Prospective students should ALWAYS check out the Financial Aid page and website of the universities they hope to attend.**

**\*Some schools include their (in house)scholarship selection based on your application for admission ...others, have a SEPARATE application process that could be searched as *“Scholarship Application for incoming Freshmen”***



# ***HELPFUL HINTS***

- ★ **Create an application timeline/calendar**
- ★ **Stay organized – think filing system!**
- ★ **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE - APPLY EARLY!**
- ★ **Participate in college rep visits and workshops**
- ★ **Use the same legal name for all tests, applications, and correspondence**
- ★ **Complete a Detailed Resume**
- ★ **Read ALL the directions (*on everything*) and FOLLOW THEM**
- ★ **Memorize your usernames & passwords!**
- ★ **Use one reliable email for all your applications**
- ★ **Memorize your Social Security Number**
- ★ **Keep a list of your logins and passwords for each university email portal - DO NOT USE SLOHS EMAIL!**
- ★ **Continually check the SLOHS webpage/ Daily Bulletin and Scholarship Information in the Career Center**

# ***FROM THE EXPERTS...***

**“Don't procrastinate and always stay on top of things. Keep your grades up and if you are falling behind ask your counselor for help. Try new things and apply for many scholarships. The scholarships don't seek you, but you seek them.”**

**“I would probably manage my time a little better. I was literally working right up to the deadline on my applications, because I underestimated the time some of the prompts would require. But seriously, it sounds cliché but the most important thing is to BE YOURSELF. Be honest about your experiences, background, and opinions (and try to focus on the most interesting/unique/important parts of your identity). Don't try to fit into a mold of what you think the "perfect applicant" would look like. The admissions officers can very easily see through this, and to be honest those people are often not the ones universities want.”**

**“Don't let senioritis get to you! A little bit is healthy but if it's preventing you from doing things and your grades are deteriorating, then that's a bad sign. And trust me, the best and most focused of us get senioritis. The last few months of high school that I wondered what the purpose of all this work was, but it got me where I wanted to go. And, do all the senior activities with your friends! It's all worth the time and the money.”**



***WE'RE HERE TO HELP***

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