



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP • COMMUNITY • SERVICE
JAMES J. BRESCIA, Ed. D., SUPERINTENDENT



College Night 2016

Sponsored by the Harold J. Miossi Trust

Hosted by Cuesta College

Coordinated by the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education and The Community Foundation SLO County

Frequently Asked Questions

When is College Night 2016?

Monday, October 31, 2016

Where is College Night 2016?

Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo Campus

5:00-8:45 p.m. – Workshops will be held in the Performing Arts Center (Building 7300) and Humanities Building (6300)

5:30-8:00 p.m. – School Representatives will be in the Student Services Center (Building 5400)

Who should attend?

ALL San Luis Obispo County high school students and their parents.

Why should I attend?

It is a great opportunity to meet and speak with college and university representatives from UC's, CSU's, CCC's, USMA's, vocational, private, and out of state schools in a single evening. In addition, workshops will provide valuable information about selecting and paying for the right college for you.

What should I do before I go?

Most students attend College Night unprepared, and that's a mistake. You should know what you are looking for before you arrive and who and what you want to talk about. Which reps do you want to meet? What do you know about their college already and what do you want to know? If you have a conversation with a rep and she can clearly see you are interested and familiar with the school, that impression can have an impact. A few thoughtful, well-researched questions are best.

What should I talk about?

A good way to start is by introducing yourself, your field of interest and where you currently attend high school. Then follow up with "I'm considering attending _____ (name of school), what sets your college apart from others?"

What workshops will be available?

Workshop Times	Workshop Titles	Location
5:00 pm to 5:45 pm	Creating Options in the College Search and How to Pay for it! <i>Gary Bednorz, University of New Mexico, Student Recruitment Specialist</i>	Bldg. 7300 PAC Auditorium Rm 7305
5:00 pm to 5:45 pm	Guaranteed Admission Programs: UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (UCTAG) Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) <i>Thea Labrenz, Cuesta College Counselor</i>	Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6304
5:00 pm to 5:45 pm	How to Write a College Admission Essay/Personal Statement (Repeated at 7pm, Room 7305) <i>Kym Bartley and Peter Van Houten</i>	Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6305
5:00 pm to 5:45 pm	Admisión Garantizada (Español) <i>Glenda Moscoso</i>	Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Room 6307
6:00 pm to 6:45 pm	Financial Aid Opportunities and How to Apply for: FAFSA, Pell & Cal Grants, and The Cuesta Promise (Repeated at 8pm, room 6305) <i>Patrick Scott, Cuesta College</i>	Bldg. 7300 PAC Auditorium Rm 7305
6:00 pm to 6:45 pm	NCAA, College Sports Recruiting 101 <i>Julian Jenkins, NCSA</i>	Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6304
6:00 pm to 6:45 pm	Create Persuasive Applications: Tips to Make Your UC, Common App, Coalition App Stand Out (Repeated at 7pm, room 6305) <i>Erin Ogren</i>	Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6305
6:00 pm to 6:45 pm	Financial Aid Opportunities and How to Apply for: FAFSA, Pell & Cal Grants, and The Cuesta Promise (Español) <i>Alejandra Aguirre, Cuesta College</i>	Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6307
7:00 pm to 7:45 pm	How to Write a College Admission Essay/Personal Statement (REPEAT of 5:00pm presentation) <i>Kym Bartley and Peter Van Houten</i>	Bldg. 7300 PAC Auditorium Rm 7305
7:00 pm to 7:45 pm	How to Make Your Scholarship Application Stand Out and Win! + CFSLOCO Scholarships <i>Colleen Martin, San Luis Obispo High School</i> <i>Angela Hollander, Community Foundation SLO</i>	Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6304
7:00 pm to 7:45 pm	Create Persuasive Applications: Tips to Make Your UC, Common App, Coalition App Stand Out (Repeat of 6pm presentation) <i>Erin Ogren</i>	Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6305

7:00 pm to 7:45 pm	<p>Financiando el sueño Educativo de Estudiantes Indocumentados (Español) <i>Alejandra Aguirre, Estella Vasquez, & Delfina Medina-Maloney</i></p>	<p>Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6307</p>
8:00 pm to 8:45 pm	<p>Preparing 9th and 10th Graders for College and Life! <i>Colleen Martin, San Luis Obispo High School</i></p>	<p>Bldg. 7300 PAC Auditorium Rm 7305</p>
8:00 pm to 8:45 pm	<p>Done with the Fair, Now Let's Decide Where <i>Gary Bednorz, University of New Mexico, Student Recruitment Specialist</i></p>	<p>Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6304</p>
8:00 pm to 8:45 pm	<p>Financial Aid Opportunities and How to Apply for: FAFSA, Pell & Cal Grants, and The Cuesta Promise (Repeat of 6pm presentation) <i>Patrick Scott, Cuesta College</i></p>	<p>Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6305</p>
8:00 pm to 8:45 pm	<p>Financial Aid Opportunities and How to Apply for: FAFSA, Pell & Cal Grants, and The Cuesta Promise (Repeat of 6pm presentation) (Español) <i>Alejandra Aguirre</i></p>	<p>Bldg. 6300 Humanities Forum Rm 6307</p>

What schools will be there?

As of October 5, the following schools have confirmed:

1. Arizona State University*
2. Azusa Pacific University
3. Biola University
4. Brown University*
5. Butte College
6. California Baptist University
7. Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
8. Colorado Mesa University
9. Colorado State University*
10. Concordia University Irvine
11. CSU Bakersfield
12. CSU Channel Islands
13. CSU Chico
14. CSU East Bay
15. CSU Fresno
16. CSU Sacramento
17. CSU Stanislaus*
18. Cuesta College
19. Dominican University of California
20. Drexel University*
21. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
22. Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
23. Fort Lewis College
24. Harvard University*
25. High Point University
26. Holy Names University
27. Humboldt State University
28. Marist College*
29. Marymount California University
30. Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
31. Missouri University of Science & Technology
32. National University
33. Notre Dame de Namur University
34. Oregon State University
35. Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts
36. Point Loma Nazarene University
37. Portland State University*
38. Purdue University*
39. Saint Mary's College of California*
40. Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
41. San Francisco Art Institute
42. Seton Hall University*
43. Sierra Nevada College
44. Sonoma State University*
45. Southern Oregon University
46. Stanford University*
47. Syracuse University*
48. United States Air Force Academy*
49. United States Air Force ROTC
50. University of Alabama*
51. University of Arkansas*
52. University of California, Berkeley*
53. University of California, Davis*
54. University of California, Merced
55. University of California, San Diego*
56. University of California, Santa Barbara*
57. University of Montana*
58. University of New Mexico*
59. University of Oklahoma*
60. University of San Francisco*
61. University of Southern California*
62. University of Tennessee*
63. University of the Pacific*
64. University of Wyoming*
65. Vanderbilt University*
66. Vanguard University
67. Westmont College
68. Yale University*

(Blue text indicates Out of State Schools)

*School is featured in the 2017 Princeton Review's Best 381 Colleges

Resources

1. Central Coast College Consultants (*The Common Application ~Western University Exchange*) ??
2. Choice Educational Services (*College Readiness Testing – the ACT and College Board ~FastWeb*) ??
3. CollegeTrips.org (*CA College Visits*) ??
4. Cuesta College Financial Aid

Keep checking back for updates to the list of attending schools.

What should I wear?

You don't need to wear a suit and tie, but you don't want to look like you just got out of bed. College reps will remember students who seem well put-together and who demonstrate serious interest in their schools. Show them you're interested by smiling, making eye contact and being polite. Demonstrate that you are a smart, likeable, inquisitive person who would make a great college student.

If there are other students in the room who also have questions, make sure you are polite and don't hog their time.

Where should I park?

There will be free parking for all high school students and their parents.

Will there be transportation?

Free SLORTA bus service for students and their parents only (no siblings please) with student ID. Our goal is to assure no student misses this opportunity because of a lack of transportation. For full route information and schedules, visit www.slorta.org

Buses from North County Route #9 (**green**) or South County Route #10 (**pink**), both start around 4:15pm. They meet downtown San Luis at about 5:30pm, and riders make direct connections to Route #12 (**blue**) at 5:33pm, arriving at Cuesta College, at 5:46pm. Yes, if they want to, participants can leave earlier. This would reduce possible crowding on the 4:15pm trips.

Returns are the reverse, #12 from Cuesta @ 8:11pm, arriving downtown at 8:25pm. Connect to either #10 or #9 at 8:33 and arrive about an hour later. There are **no** later buses from the government center, so students **MUST** get on the 8:11pm bus from Cuesta to make connections at 8:33pm.

Please refer folks to use our Transit Trip planner: www.slorta.org
It has specific directions and travel time from exactly where riders want to start & where they end. **North County- Route 9 to Route 12**
South County- Route 10 to Route 12

What if I never heard of the college/university before?

It's okay to approach a school you are unfamiliar with. This is your opportunity to learn about new schools, understanding that one of these freshly discovered colleges might be the perfect place for them. Be prepared to talk about yourself and what you are looking for.

Ask for contact information from the College Representative, and use it.

Make sure you get the admission rep's contact information. Within a day or two, send them a thank-you note and let them know you're interested in their school. Keep it short, polite and professional.

Consider the following questions:

1. *What type of student organizations and clubs are there for students?*
2. *When are the admission deadlines and do you require a certain SAT score?*
3. *Can I get a list of majors to take with me?*
4. *Will you be reviewing admission applications, if so what do you look for?*
5. *Can the enrollment fees be waived?*
6. *What does your school consider for admissions? (i.e. activities, grades, SAT scores, experience, interests, etc.)*
7. *Can you tell me about the safety history of the college and possibly the community it is in?*
8. *What percentage of your students go on to graduate school?*
9. *What is the placement rate for those seeking employment?*
10. *What accommodations do you offer for students with physical disabilities or learning differences?*
11. *What are the retention rates of incoming students at your school?*
12. *Is tutoring available for all students, if so, is it free?*
13. *What is the biggest student complaint you hear currently?*
14. *What does your typical class size look like?*
15. *Can I have a business card with your direct phone number? (in case you have further questions)*
16. *What is the parking situation like?*
17. *Do you offer student housing, if so, for how long?*
18. *What kind of financial aid does your school offer?*
19. *What is the cost of going to school there annually? (i.e. tuition, room and board, etc.)*
20. *Does your school allow double majors or a change of major?*
21. *When do you have to declare a major?*
22. *Is the campus wireless?*
23. *Can I work on campus?*
24. *Does your school offer scholarships or grants for incoming students? How can I be considered?*
25. *What percentage of students return for their second year?*

Whom should I contact with additional questions?

If you have read this document and still have questions you may contact event coordinator, Betty Ellison, Executive Assistant, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education. She can be reached at bellison@slocoe.org.

College Night 2016

Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo Campus

October 31, 2016

Free admission and parking for College Night attendees in ALL parking lots.

Concurrent Workshops
(Building 7300)
5:00-8:45 pm

College & University Representatives
(Buildings 5100-5400)
5:30-8:00 pm

Cuesta College Career & Technical Programs
(Cuesta Event Tent)
5:00-8:00 pm

