



# ***SENIOR YEAR 101***

*Welcome & Congratulations!*

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# ***IMPORTANT DATES***

- ★ **September 28 - Financial Aid Night 7PM Lecture Demo Room**
- ★ **October 1 - 1st Day to file FAFSA! (2015 tax info)**
- ★ **October 17 - 21 Homecoming Week 2016**
- ★ **October 31 - COLLEGE NIGHT at Cuesta College 5pm**
- ★ **November 30 - UC & CSU Applications DUE**
- ★ **December 23 - Local Scholarship Application posted**
- ★ **February 1 - Local Scholarship Application Due**
- ★ **March 2 - FAFSA due!**
- ★ **May 23 - Senior Recognition Assembly**
- ★ **June 8 - Senior Showcase 2017**
- ★ **June 9 - Graduation!**



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## ***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.**

**Return the Diploma Name Form  
NO LATER than Friday, October 7th, 2016  
*Thanks!***



# ***CUESTA COLLEGE***

**Each and every member of the Class of 2017 should complete the steps to apply to Cuesta College.**

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

- #1 APPLY – online beginning in November**
- #2 PROMISE – complete the Cuesta Scholarship Application**
- #3 FAFSA – October 1st, 2016**
- #4 ASSESSMENT TESTING – for SLOHS students only**
- #5 ONLINE ORIENTATION – after steps 1-4 are complete**
- #6 ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION - at Cuesta for SLOHS students only**



# **4 YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

**CSU – [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)**

★ *(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!!***

**October 11,12, & 13 at Lunch**

**October 25, 26, & 27 at Lunch**

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# ***UC & CSU***

**The *UC & CSU Applications* are  
due **NO LATER** than  
**November 30, 2016!****

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



# 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 2016.**
- ★ **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.***
- ★ **CSU: send SAT scores use CSUMentor Code 3594, send ACT scores... send to one CSU, then use “ACT Scores Manager” to release scores to additional campuses.**



# ***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>.**





# ***THE CAL GRANT***

- ★ **Money for California students attending California colleges (2 & 4 year).**
- ★ **The Cal Grant for 2014-15 included families who earned less than \$87,400 for a family of 4. In 2016, Cal Grant paid \$12,192 (UC), \$5,472 (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 7th**



# ***CSS PROFILE***

**Many private colleges require**

**The CSS/Profile**

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

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

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



# ***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 23, 2016**

**on the SLOHS Counseling website ONLY**

**Due Wednesday, February 1, 2017.**



# ***REGIONAL, STATE & NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS***

- Lists of all known scholarship opportunities are available on our school website under: *Counseling / Scholarships & Financial Aid.*
- We encourage all students to APPLY to as many scholarships as possible, while maintaining a balanced and focused Senior Year.

***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”***



# ***FAMILY CONNECTION***

**“Naviance” College & Career Website**  
**<http://slohs.slcusd.org/counseling/>**

***SLOHS*** ➤ ***COUNSELING*** ➤ ***FAMILY CONNECTION***

**Use PowerSchool login & password**  
***Colleges, Careers, Scholarships & more!***



# ***HELPFUL HINTS***

- ★ **Create an application timeline/calendar**
- ★ **Stay organized – think filing system!**
- ★ **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE - APPLY EARLY!**
- ★ **Use the same legal name for all tests, applications, and correspondence**
- ★ **Complete a Detailed Resume**
- ★ **Read ALL the directions (*on everything*)**
- ★ **Memorize your usernames & passwords!**
- ★ **Use one reliable email for all your applications**
- ★ **Memorize your Social Security Number**

# ***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.”**





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