

## Senior Update

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To access the Senior/Scholarship Update, go to the FUHS counseling blog at: <http://fuhscounseling.blogspot.com> and look for the Senior/Scholarship Update link.

The Senior/Scholarship Update is also posted on the counseling office bulletin board, in senior English and History Classes and in the Library

**Credits to Graduate:** Failing a class? Be sure to stay on top of every class if you need it to graduate - even if this means checking in with your teachers everyday. Remember that you must pass English, Econ and any other required classes in order to graduate. It is crunch time now... **no more time for procrastination, and/or senioritis, and NO EXCUSES.**

**Attendance does matter a lot, so be sure to attend class!**

### College of the Redwoods:

Two field trips are scheduled for CR on Wed. May 4 and Mon. May 9. If you are planning to attend, be sure to turn in your permission slip, then meet at 8:20 a.m. at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot on the day of your trip. Please be on time! We will be doing CR orientation and class registration for the fall semester. On the Monday, May 9 trip, we will also have time to do a tour of the campus. Sack lunches will be provided that day because we will be gone until 2:30 p.m.. If you'd like to get a jump on the process you can complete the online orientation before the CR trip. That way you will have more time to work on your fall class schedule. To do the online orientation, go to: [redwoods.edu](http://redwoods.edu), hover over "Student Services" in the red strip near the top of the page. Then click on "Counseling and Advising". On the left hand side of the Counseling and Advising page, click on "Orientation"

If for some reason you haven't done your CR placement testing, you will need to call to schedule placement testing and orientation - 476-4106.

CR Financial Aid: Its not too late to submit a FAFSA in order to apply for financial aid. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Fee waivers: CR has BOG fee waivers for low income students or students who have financial need. If you are low income, you may qualify for a BOG waiver just by submitting the FAFSA. BOG waivers will cover all tuition fees. Go to the CR website and look for the BOG waiver forms on the financial aid page.

**Financial Aid:** Most of you have received your financial aid packages from your colleges online. Students who were selected for verification will need to return all documentation before they receive their award. Any questions, see Mrs. Austin.

**College information:** Most students have received notification of acceptance from 4 year colleges by now. Always remember to return all paperwork by the deadline date. Housing, admissions and financial aid are all separate departments and you'll need to reply to each department separately.

**College Placement Testing:** If you are accepted to a 4 year college, you will be receiving information on taking their English and Math placement tests. Follow their directions carefully. UC students will be receiving information on the English writing exam, and CSU students will be receiving information on the EPT (English Placement Test) and the ELM (Entry Level Math) exams. The sooner you take these tests, the sooner you'll be allowed to register for classes.

**Early Start Program for CSUs:** If your ELM/EPT scores are too low, you will be contacted by the CSUs about the Early Start program. This is a mandatory program that must be completed in the summer before you start your fall classes. It is designed to get you up to the college level and there are different options to complete Early Start. If you are contacted about this program be sure to sign up and follow all instructions.

**EOP:** If you are accepted to an EOP program, you'll be contacting them for any college-related questions, such as help with financial aid, their summer bridge program, etc. They will be your main contact on campus for help, so be sure to keep their phone number handy because you'll be using them quite a bit. They are a great resource to have.

**Senior Fines:** If you have outstanding debts, such as library fines, shop fees, etc. it would be best to clear them as soon as possible, or you may jeopardize your graduation. See Ronda in the SFO for an update on your situation.