#  Senior Update

 October 1, 2015

##  Look for the Senior Update online!!!

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

Also, check it out at the new counseling website at: http://fuhscounseling.weebly.com/

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

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR CSUs – APPLY ONLINE AT [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

**Credits -** Credit letters have been sent home. For those who are credit deficient, credit recovery will be available soon. See your counselor if you think you may be missing some credits.

**Reminder** - These two numbers will be used extensively this year:

1**. High School Code number** (otherwise known as the college board number, CEEB) – **050965**

 2**. your social security number**

**SAT/ACT Testing** - **Seniors will need to have SATs or ACTs completed no later than December, but preferably have them done by November 2nd**. The deadline to register for the November 7th test is October 9 and the deadline to register for the December 5th test is November 5th. The deadline to register for the ACT December 12th test is November 6th. Either the SAT or ACT is accepted at most colleges. SAT Subject tests are generally no longer required by most colleges, but if you are applying to a private selective school then the SAT Subject tests are probably required. For UCs certain programs will recommend the Subject Tests, but again, they aren’t required. If you need fee waivers, see Mrs. Austin.

**Website for SAT registration**: [sat.org/register](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**Website for ACT registration**: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

You will need to send your OFFICIAL SAT scores to the 4-year colleges you are applying to. Official scores come straight from the Collegeboard and go straight to the admissions offices of the colleges. In order to send official scores, sign in to your collegeboard SAT account and select the "Send Scores" option. You will have 4 free scores, and after that they will charge you for each additional score sent. **If you are applying to HSU and/or any other CSU, then use the code: 3594. This code will send your SAT scores to ALL CSUs and save your other free choices for other colleges. If you are applying to multiple UCs, then only send your official SAT scores to one campus and they will share your scores with the other campuses.** Student athletes who are registering for the NCAA Clearinghouse will also need official SAT scores sent from the Collegeboard. The code used to send scores to the NCAA Clearinghouse is 9999.
Plan to have your official scores sent as soon as possible.

**College Planning** – October is the month to narrow your college choices and gather final information that will help you be ready to apply to school. If you are planning to apply to a private college, tech school or junior college out of the area, be sure to contact them (check out each college website for admission, financial aid and housing information). Always include a safe, financially reasonable “back up” school in your list of college choices.

**College Applications** - CSU and UC applications are now available online. You’ll need transcripts (and UC approved course lists for UC students) as well to help you with applications. Pick up transcripts and UC approved courses from Mrs. Austin (can pick up transcripts from Rebecca in the front office).

**Private colleges either will have their own application online or let you use the online application called the “Common Application”**. The Common Application, AKA “common app” is one application which can be used for many private colleges and can save you lots of time. Here is their website:

[**www**.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) (*be sure to use this website and not commonap.org – notice the one “p”)*

Private college applications generally consist of three parts: 1. Student information, including academic information submitted by the student and sometimes an essay. 2. A school report that needs to be submitted by your counselor 3. A recommendation form - generally filled out by a teacher who has already written you a letter of recommendation and knows you well. All parts will need to be submitted by the deadline date, so be sure to complete all of the application parts, otherwise your application will be incomplete.

**CSU applicants: CSUs are accepting applications now beginning Oct 1 through Nov. 30. Fee waivers are built into the application. All you do is submit your family income (must be VERY low income to qualify – need help, see Mrs. Austin)**

**Website:** [**www.csumentor.edu**](http://www.csumentor.edu) **- to apply to CSU and get information**

**EOP applications are part of the CSU application. EOP stands for Equal Opportunity Program. They help first generation, low income students through college with lots of support, plus give them money! EOP is a good deal, so plan to apply if you think you may qualify. In order to apply, follow the instructions online at the end of the CSU application. You will need to fill out another application, but its worth the extra work if you get accepted. They are first come, first served, so the sooner you apply, the better chance you have to get in. They also require two recommendations to be submitted before your file is “complete” and ready for review.**

**UC applicants: The website is up and you can start your UC application, but you won’t be able to submit them until Nov. lst. It’s a good idea to work on your UC essay ahead of time and check out their website. Their website is:** [**www.universityofcalifornia.edu**](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)

**Priority Admission Days -** Priority Admission or Instant Admission Days are special admission days designed to let students know instantly if they are or are not admitted to a school**. HSU is hosting fall Admissions Day on Friday, October 30th**. Interested students should **apply online beforehand (deadline is Oct.16)**, pay the application fee of $55, a copy of your transcript, SAT/ACT scores. You will find out immediately if you are admitted. It’s a good way to find out your admission status early in the year… and it’s also a good time to check out the campus and get housing/financial aid information. At the same time it doesn’t mean that you have to commit to a particular school. This year Humboldt State is hosting the only admission day so far. Local students will have the opportunity to sit in on classes, take campus tours, view facilities, attend Q & A sessions, visit with representatives, as well as have their applications reviewed if they’ve already submitted one.

**To register for HSU Admission Day, go to: humboldt.edu/fall**

**This year we will be taking a bus up to HSU Admission Day, so if you would like to ride up with your fellow students, Ms. Conley and Mrs. Austin, be sure to fill out and return a permission slip.**

**College Visits, Open Houses, Preview Days and Virtual Online Tours**

All college campuses are willing to arrange a tour. You just need to call them and set up a date. Visiting is the best way to get the feel and personality of the school. Many colleges have an open house or preview day – you may want to take advantage of these. Here are some that have been scheduled so far:

CSU Sacramento:   Sat. Oct. 5 (register online by Oct. 4: [www.csus.edu/student/futurehornet](http://www.csus.edu/student/futurehornet))

Cal Poly SLO: “Agriculture Preview Day Sat. Oct. 17
CSU Chico: Sat. Oct. 24 (register first at: www.csuchico.edu/admissions)
HSU: Fri. Oct 30 (HSU Instant Admissions: humboldt.edu/fall)
CSU East Bay: Sat. Oct. 17 (register:www.csueastbay/edu/previewdaycampusevents@csueastbay.edu)

Cal Maritime: Nov. 17 ([www.csum.edu/previewday](http://www.csum.edu/previewday))

CSU Monterey Bay Open House: Oct. 10 (http://admissions.csumb.edu/events)
CSU Stanislaus: Sat. Oct. 17 (www.csustan.edu/admissions/events

UC Merced & UC Santa Cruz: Sat. Oct 17

UC Irvine: Sat. Oct 24

UC Riverside: Discover Day Nov 7

Virtual online visits – go to [www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com): Many colleges will be hosting virtual tours and events to showcase their programs at this website. For students who can’t make trips out of the area, this is a good option. Certain colleges will be scheduled on certain dates. So far you may want to check out:

University of California System Day – Oct. 8 2 – 11 p.m.

Some Out of State give informational presentations in the SF Bay Area for prospective students. For more details, check on the bulletin board in the counseling office.

**Notre Dame University** – Tues. Oct. 13 7 p.m. St. Francis High, 5900 Elvas Ave, Sacramento, Ca.

**ASVAB Test**

All students interested in the military should sign up for the ASVAB test, which will be given here on campus on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Look for more sign-up information in the bulletin as it gets closer to the test date.

**Profile Financial Aid Application Forms**: If you are applying to a selective private college, you may need to complete the Profile form. Profile financial aid applications are used by elite private colleges. To register with Profile, go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and look for CSS/Profile.

**NCAA Applications**: Don’t forget ! If you are planning to play sports at a Div. I or Div. II college, you’ll need to register with the NCAA. Register at [www.**eligibilitycenter**.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Also please arrange to have your SAT scores sent to them. The code to send your SAT scores is 9999. See Rebecca in the office to have your transcripts sent. Fee waivers are available from your counselor.

**Senior File**

Time to start your senior file! You’ll need an activity sheet filled out as neatly and completely as possible on the computer and 2 or 3 letters of recommendation. We will add your transcript. Bring all information to the counseling secretary- Robin Eckerfield or Mrs. Austin. You’ll need this information to apply for scholarships. We will help you make as many free copies as you need. Use the copy machines in the office for all scholarship and college needs. We can help you make copies, scan documents and fax documents. The counseling copy code number is 15655.

**American Indian College Motivation Day**

Next month, we will be taking Native American students up to HSU for American Indian College Motivation Day. This is a fun and informative event full of workshops, guest speakers, campus tours and college reps plus free lunch. More information will be coming on how to sign up. Mark your calendars for this event: Thursday, Nov. 5.

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