



THE COUNSELORS' CHAT

A BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN COUNSELING, BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR THS COUNSELORS

HEY TILLERS!

Whether this is your first semester at Tustin High, or you are a returning Tiller, starting a new school year can be exciting and nerve wracking. Counselors will be an integral part of your students’ support at school. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of events, deadlines, tips, and information that support students’ college and career readiness. Don’t know who your counselor is? Please check your Aeries. Some students will not be in the alpha split.

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CLASS OF 2021



We would like to share with you some important information regarding your mytusd.org email address. As you start working on your college applications and are exploring opportunities available to you after high school, it is important that you are using your personal email address when completing these applications and not your mytusd.org email. Once you graduate high school, the Tustin Unified email address will no longer be available to you. Using a personal email address when applying will allow you to continue to receive communication once you have graduated. We wish you all the best during this application season. The Tustin High staff is here to support you throughout this process!

College Visits: We encourage students to sign up on Naviance for these invaluable virtual visits to get more information about colleges AND ask questions. We hope you keep an open mind and attend as many of these opportunities as possible.



October 7, 2020 at 1:30pm

- [The University of Arizona](#)
- [University of Missouri–Columbia](#)

October 14, 2020 at 1:30pm

- [Fresno Pacific University](#)
- [Pacific Northwest College of Art](#)

October 21, 2020 at 1:30pm

- [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Prescott](#)
- [University of Redlands](#)

Senior Workshops: Starting September 17th to November 6th every Senior will virtually meet with his/her counselor 1:1 after presentations have been completed to discuss graduation and college requirements. Schedule your 1:1 calendly meeting with your counselor.

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UC for You -UC for Everyone: UC Wants U!
Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Students, parents, UC faculty and staff will share their experiences and insight on opportunities and options for students in the African-American, Native American, and ChicanX/LatinX communities on our campuses. The session will end with a live Q&A. This session is intended for students and their parents interested in learning about how UC campus's academic and affinity resource centers support and strengthen the history, culture and well-being of students of color. [Register now for October 24](#)
CAL State apply: [Top 5 Dos and Don'ts for filling out your Freshman application.](#)

2020-2021 SAT Administration Dates	2020-2021 ACT Test Dates
October 3, 2020	December 12, 2020
November 7, 2020	February 6, 2021
December 5, 2020	April 17, 2021

CSU WEEK

23 Campuses, 1 Week: Each campus will present a short live session to provide a campus preview, information about the admissions process and a question and answer portion . **October 5-9th. Register HERE.**



The California State University

FAFSA & DREAM Workshop: October 14 or/and 15, 2020 from 6:00-7:00PM FOR BOTH STUDENTS & PARENTS PLEASE HAVE:

- 2019 TAX INFORMATION
- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (IF APPLICABLE)
- FSA I.D. (IF APPLICABLE)
- FULLY CHARGED LAPTOP



[Click HERE for English](#)

Zoom Meeting ID:945 0915 3509

Zoom Password: thsfaz201

[Click HERE for Spanish](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 952 6484 5783

Zoom Password: p6ngiD

VIRTUAL NACAC COLLEGE FAIR



NACAC is hosting virtual college fairs this fall to offer the opportunity to meet with college admission representatives and attend live and interactive zoon sessions offered by 600+ colleges and universities on each fair date! (**Oct. 12, Oct. 18 and Nov. 8**) [Click here to register!](#)

CTE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



November 2 - December 11: If you are looking to connect your strengths with careers and build steps toward your future sign up [HERE](#) for Vital Links Virtual CTE Leadership conference.

A P S T U D E N T S

Registration is now open and closes on November 2nd at 11:59pm. There will be a \$45 late fee per exam, for any student who registers after November 2nd. Please contact Mrs. Hagstrom at ahagstrom@tustin.k12.ca.us if you have any questions pertaining to AP's.

HOW TO REGISTER

- **Step 1:** Go to the online test registration site <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/053570>
- **Step 2:** Create an account using your PERSONAL EMAIL and cell number DO NOT USE MYTUSD EMAIL
- **Step 3:** Choose which exams you will take
- **Step 4:** Follow payment instructions and submit/send payment
*\$105 per exam *Submit a request for fee waiver if you qualify for financial assistance at THS *\$45 fee for late registration *Must cancel before 11/2/2020 to receive refund of \$100 *NO REFUND if you cancel after 11/2/2020



Santiago Canyon College

Tustin HS SCC Monday Visit Workshops (Mondays at 1:30 pm):

- GETTING STARTED WITH FINANCIAL AID (**Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7**)
- FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP (**Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14**)
- BENEFITS OF ATTENDING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE (**Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21**)
- APPLICATION WORKSHOP (**Oct 26, Nov 30**)

[Click here for more information](#) or contact Ms. Riggs at kriggs@tustin.k12.ca.us

ALL CLASSES



CSF window **September 8, 2020 to October 8, 2020**

California Scholarship Federation (CSF) membership is based on a student's grades from the previous semester. To become a member of CSF, you must complete the CSF form found [here](#) for Spring of 2020 and email it as an attachment to Mr. Lopez at aalopez@tustin.k12.ca.us. Please read [these directions](#) before you fill out the form. You must also pay the membership fee of \$7 through our [student store website](#). Students who wish to graduate with seal bearer status must qualify for 4 semesters from grades 10-12 and at least ONE qualifying semester of MUST be earned during your senior year. Students can print out their own transcripts here from [Aeries Parent Portal](#). If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Pysher at cpysher@tustin.k12.ca.us.

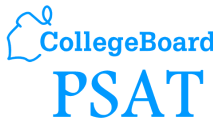
SENIORS, JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES

ROP: Are you interested in taking ROP courses? If so, please email our Career Specialist, Ms. Riggs's at kriggs@tustin.k12.ca.us! She can guide you on course offerings such as medical terminology, culinary arts, etc. There are currently spots available so don't forget to sign up!

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PSAT: Prepare for the PSAT by utilizing tutorials through Khan Academy. You will find additional resources [HERE](#). Each year, TUSD administers the PSAT to all 11th grade students. This is a **FREE practice SAT** given to all 11th grade students. Participation in the exam not only gives you practice for the SATs and gives you results so you know what to study, but it also makes you eligible for many scholarships including the National Merit Scholarship. This year, due to safety protocols, the **PSAT will only be offered to 11th grade students** who register for the exam. The exam will take place at Tustin High School. All physical distancing protocols will be in place to ensure a safe testing environment.

- **Test Date:** 10/14/2020
- **Cost:** Free
- **Location:** Tustin High School
- **Time:** Report time in the morning will vary so that we can stagger arrival time to maintain safety protocols.



You will receive an email to your mytusd email as we get closer to the test date with specific information.