



# ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWSLETTER

## AUGUST ISSUE



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### EVENTS

Upcoming Virtual College Visits for AHS students.

How do students register and get a Zoom link?

- Every AHS student has a Naviance account. Please watch this tutorial on how to sign into to Naviance.

Video tutorial on [“How to sign into Naviance and sign up for a college visit?”](#)

TH 9/2	<a href="#">Lafayette College</a> Virtual	1:24 pm SMART
Tues 9/7	<a href="#">Beloit College</a> in-person	1:24 pm SMART
Tues 9/14	<a href="#">UCSB</a> Virtual	1:24 pm SMART
Tues 9/21	<a href="#">SUNY Purchase</a> Virtual	1:24 pm SMART
TH 9/30	<a href="#">Macalester College</a> Virtual	1:24 pm SMART

### HUZZAH HORNETS!!

Welcome to the CCC Newsletter!

This newsletter is one way I try and keep families in the loop on all the goings-on in the CCC even from a distance.

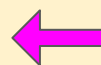
*To enjoy the hyperlinks - I recommend your download this Newsletter!*

Follow the CCC on Instagram [@hornet\\_huzzahs](#)



### JUNIORS:

Plan to take the PSAT in October. It is currently scheduled for Saturday, October 16th. You CANNOT sign up online. **Ms. Loy will email out instructions when it is time to register. Juniors have priority over 10th graders.**



Attend some College Visits this fall, sign up in Naviance. Start researching colleges using Naviance. Check out these videos:

- [How do I begin my college search?](#)
- [Using Naviance to do a college search](#)

### FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORES

Welcome! What might bring a 9th or 10th grader into the CCC?

#1 Might be you are looking for a Work Permit. I am the person who processes all work permits once you get a job.

#2 You might be looking for information about summer programs.

#3 You might be looking for a microwave. I have two in the CCC. I am in the Media Center just off of The Pit. Look for the signs!

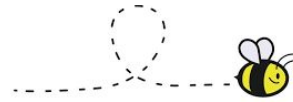
Three great reasons to checkout the [CCC tab](#) on the AHS website for info.

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## Who Is Ms. Gwen?

This will be my 6th year at AHS as the College & Career Specialist.

## Fun Facts about me:

- I am originally from CA but I spent my teen years living in D.C., VT & NY.

- I am a huge fan of [Fiona](#) the Hippo.

- What are some of my favorite colleges & universities? Here is a [link to the CCC Tab](#) - so many colleges so many options!

- I have a daughter who just graduated and she played softball in college.

My son is a first year student at UMass Amherst (#1 in college food 5 yrs running) and he is planning on studying Sports Management.

- I curate the [@hornet\\_huzzahs](#) account

## **WORK PERMITS:** 1st thing is you obtain an offer of a job from an employer

- 1) Download the attached [work permit](#) form OR pick up a copy in the CCC
- 2) Fill in the "Minor's Information"(your name and information)
- 3) Have your employer fill out the employer information and sign it.
- 4) Have one of your parents or your legal guardian sign it.
- 5) **You can either:** drop it off in person st the CCC or scan the front page and e-mail it to Ms. Gwen [gmeyer@alamedaunified.org](mailto:gmeyer@alamedaunified.org) If you don't have a scanner, you can take a picture of it with your phone (or several close ups so it can be read) and e-mail that to Ms. Gwen.
- 6) I will e-mail your "official" work permit back to you and you will need to sign & date your copy and return it to your employer.

## **SENIORS:** *Breathe!!! I am going to get you all through this process.*

**College Applications:** The [UC Application](#) is now open. You can begin working on it. The [CSU application](#) opens October 1st. **Both** have a November 30th deadline. No exceptions!

[Common Application](#) is used to apply to Private colleges & Out-of-State universities. Deadlines vary.

Planning to attend Community College after graduation?

Enrollment for **CA Community Colleges** will open in April 2022.

## **Paying for College?! How do you get Financial Aid?**

[FAFSA](#) - Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens for seniors on October 1st. This will based on your parents 2020 tax information. You will file a FAFSA every year. Deadline to submit is March 2nd 2022.

[CSS Profile](#) - This is an additional application that is required by some private schools. You will need to research which schools require this. Deadlines varies.

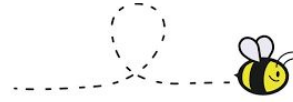
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### Upcoming College Events and Resources:

UCSD Summer Showcase August 16-19th Registration link [HERE](#)

The College Tour - UC Davis [LINK](#)

For Senior: Ethan Sawyer “The College Essay Guy” Fall college essay and application help [LINK](#)

### **PARENTS: How can you support your high schooler be ready for life after high school?**

- Encourage and support them in emailing/communicating with adults. High school is their training ground. Let them make mistakes with us. If they have a work permit that they need processed, they should be bringing/emailing it to me.
- College is NOT the only road. There are fabulous Career Technical Education programs in the CA Community College system. If your child wants to become a Chef, they have a different route through college.
- It is OKAY if they are undecided. Let’s normalize the fact that most 15-18 year olds are undecided about what they want to study.
- Don’t push your dream of UC Berkeley onto your child. Let them cultivate their own vision of where they see themselves.
- Take them to visit different college campuses. Visit UC Merced & Riverside. Walk around Cal Poly Pomona and SJ State. Drive over the hill to St. Mary’s College in Moraga. You don’t have to take a tour just walk around, eat lunch and get the vibe of the campus.
- Embrace Community College. If UCLA is their dream-come-true school then the best way to attend UCLA is by transferring from a CA Community College if they don’t get in as a freshman. Community College is the most cost effective route to avoid college debt.
- Have an honest conversation about paying for college. What can you afford?

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