



ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS

Upcoming College Visits
Register to attend a visit
in Scoir. Check out this
Scoir Intro video - [LINK](#)

Tues 8/30	Loyola University Chicago in-person	1:20 pm SMART
TH 9/1	Boston University in-person	1:20 pm SMART
Tues 9/6	CA College of the Arts in-person	1:20 pm SMART
TH 9/8	UChicago in-person	1:20 pm SMART
Fri. 9/9	University of British Columbia in-person	6th period 2:30
Tues 9/13	Lehigh University in-person	1:20 pm SMART
Tues. 9/13	Dartmouth College In-person Senior only	6th period 2:16

HUZZAH HORNETS!!

Welcome to the monthly CCC Newsletter! This newsletter is one way I try and keep families in the loop on all the goings-on in the AHS CCC throughout the year. Currently, I do NOT have access to update any information on the new AHSS website. I am hoping that will change this month. The CCC information is limited on the website. I am hoping to change that this fall.

*To enjoy the hyperlinks - I recommend you download this Newsletter!
Follow the AHS CCC on Instagram @hornet_huzzahs *

JUNIORS:

- Check out this Scoir Intro video - [LINK](#)
- Register with Scoir when you receive your invite via email - [Video](#)

Attend some College Visits this fall, sign up in Scoir. Start researching colleges using Scoir.

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.

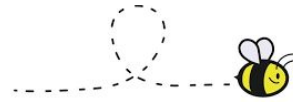
#3 You might be looking for a microwave. I have two in the CCC. I am in the Media Center just off of The Pit. Look for the signs!

Visit the CCC website for more information on college, career, scholarships, financial aid, test prep, job and volunteer postings, and more! Click [HERE](#)



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Who Is Ms. Gwen?

This will be my 7th 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.
- Both of my kids live in Massachusetts. My daughter is 23, my son is 19.
- We are a big sports family. We watch a lot of sports, both men & women's, in my house. We watched the the Women's Euros this summer. Huzzah Lionesses!
- The best s+ws I watched this summer: [Severance](#) & [Reservation Dogs](#)
- I curate the [@hornet_huzzahs](#) account

WORK PERMITS:

First thing you need to do is be offered 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 drop it off in person to me in the CCC. I will process it and give you your official permit.
- 6) You will take your official permit back to your employer for their records

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.

UCs/CSUs 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 2023.

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

[FAFSA](#) - Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens for seniors on October 1st. This will be based on your parents 2021 tax information. You will file a FAFSA every year you are in college. Deadline to submit is March 2nd 2023 to qualify for a [Cal Grant](#).

[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.

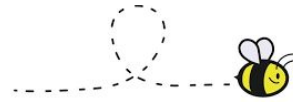
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What is SCOIR? Scoir (pronounced “score”) is our new college & career software. Scoir is replacing Naviance.

- Every AHS student has a Scoir account. To *activate* their account, students will need to *register* with Scoir as an Alameda High student. [How-to Video](#)
- As with everything AUSD, students will need to be logged into their AUSD Chrome Browser to access their Scoir account and be able to “Sign in with Google”.
- Please be patient. I am the only Scoir site administrator at AHS. That is 1800+ students that I am trying to roll out this new software and support with all of their questions.
- I will send invites via email to all seniors and juniors to register with Scoir.

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 not you!***
- 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 an “official” tour of every school, just walk around, eat lunch and get the vibe of the campus.
- Embrace Community College. If UCLA is your student’s 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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