



Senior Class presentations

Fall 2023

Preparing for your Senior Year
and Postsecondary Plans



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College and Career

Senior Class Counselors

Why are we here?

To go over a lot of information that you will need to know as you embark on your Senior year!

- Options
- Application (Common App vs. institution app)
- Essay
- Letters of recommendation
- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- ICAP/Naviance
- Important dates and information



DISTRICT 11 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- <https://www.d11.org/cms/lib/CO02201641/Centricity/Domain/69/SectionI/IKF-E.pdf>

 46 Credits to Graduate



CCRD Requirement

- ICAP GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS
 - Add or Update 2 Careers
 - 12th Grade Postsecondary Goal
 - Add Colleges I'm Applying to
 - Complete the FAFSA
 - Add/Update and Complete your Resume
 - Senior Exit Survey ---In April



KNOW YOUR OPTIONS: *military*



- SPEAK WITH A RECRUITER
- WWW.MILITARY.COM
- ASVAB required- 31 min score



KNOW YOUR OPTIONS:

workforce and volunteering



- Resources
 - AmeriCorps/Peace Corps
 - Pikes Peak Workforce Center
 - WBL- Work Base Learning (PPBEA.org)
 - Job Corps
 - Build Colorado (Apprenticeships)
 - Your CTE Teacher!
 - Job Shadow



Know your options: *College/Universities*



- PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE
- 2 YEAR COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE
- 4 YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
- US SERVICE ACADEMY/ROTC
- VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL/APPRENTICESHIP



NARROW YOUR SEARCH

- CHOOSE THREE TO FIVE SCHOOLS

- MAKE SURE THEY MEET YOUR CRITERIA

- MAKE SURE YOU MEET THEIRS

- MAKE SURE YOU'VE VISITED THESE SCHOOLS (VIRTUALLY OR IN-PERSON)

- MAKE SURE YOU FEEL AT HOME THERE

- <https://www.coadmissionstool.org/>





The application

MAY INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING...

- **TRANSCRIPTS**
- **TEST SCORES (OPTIONAL?)**
- **APPLICATION FEE**
- **RESIDENCY INFORMATION**
- **ESSAYS- MAYBE**
- **RECOMMENDATIONS?**

Common app vs.
institutional app: which is
better?



OBSERVE DEADLINES!!!



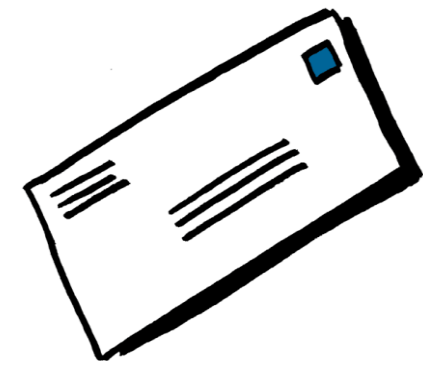
- When It's Polished, You Shine!
- Make It Engaging
- Let The Reader Get To Know You
- Error-Free: Show Your Very Best

THE ESSAY: *THE HUMANIZING ELEMENT*





LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



First step: respectfully ask if the person will write you a LOR for college/scholarship.

- If you're applying with the CommonApp, LOR's start and end in Naviance. Otherwise, they can be done the traditional way.
- Be ready to handover a copy of your resume to assist the writer
- Give at least 2 weeks notice.
- A gentle reminder a few days before your deadline can be helpful.
- A "thank you" note is a nice touch after everything is done.



College Entrance Exams

- SAT -CollegeBoard
 - Oct. 7th, Nov. 4, & Dec. 2nd.
 - You have to register 1 month ahead of time
 - Basic Fee -\$55.00 , there are fee waivers avail through Counseling
- ACT
 - Oct. 28, & Dec. 9th
 - Basic Fee- \$60





College App Tips

- Proof-Read
- Sanitize your Email Address
- Keep Nicknames Private
- Follow Directions
- Explain Changes/Easy Courses on your transcript if needed
- Know Thy College
- Think Twice about Tugging at Heartstrings
- Keep Schools Straight
- Keep it Clean
- Schools H8 2 C Text talk
- Own Up to Bad Behavior
- Use optional essays to strengthen application if weak in other areas.
- Extracurriculars: Don't overdo it
- Be Electronically Savvy



Social media:

They Loved Your G.P.A. Then They Saw Your Tweets.



- Mistake #1: Keeping your profile/account completely public
- Mistake #2: Cyberbullying
- Mistake #3: Contradicting your application.
- Mistake #4: Oversharing
- Mistake #5: Posting evidence of illegal activity
- Mistake #6: Inappropriate pictures, profanity and writing without thinking



Paying for college

- ***FINANCIAL AID (FASFA)***

- GRANTS
- LOANS
- WORK STUDY

- FASFA NIGHT at Doherty is
TBD
FASFA opens in December

- ***SCHOLARSHIPS***

- MERIT BASED
- TALENT BASED
- SERVICE BASED
- ORGANIZATION

- Note: Daniels & Boettcher are open!

** Please let your counselor know if you are on Free/reduced lunch and/or are a 1st gen student. Lots of extra resources available if you are either!!



COLORADO APPLIES MONTH



October 17th - 19th
Doherty will host event on Oct 18th in
Library from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Come receive help applying and meet with
college reps

**Who is Eligible to
Participate in Free
Application Day?**

All residents of Colorado who are applying for undergraduate programs at all state public and some private Colorado colleges and universities



Collegiate athletes

NCAA/NAIA

- Any Senior who is a Varsity Athlete and looking to play sports in college must register with the NCAA.
- It is \$90.00 fee so it could be wise to be recruited first before applying. Fee waivers are available.



Doherty FASFA NIGHT

**When: TBD
Auditorium**

Bring your parents!

Hear directly from UCCS about
how to fill out your FASFA
application!



Do you need help with the
FAFSA? > >

Join this FREE event to learn step-by-step how to complete the FAFSA and get questions answered by financial aid

District 11 FAFSA Update Training and FSA ID Advising

**When: October 11
from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
RJWAC Auditorium**



Learn about the new changes to
FAFSA and get help creating your
FSA ID!



Do you need help with the

FAFSA?

> >

Join this FREE event to learn step-by-step how to complete
the FAFSA and get questions answered by financial aid



Important dates

COLLEGES THAT ARE VISITING US:

- *Western Colo- Sept 6th, 8am*
- *Ft. Lewis- Sept. 12th, 10am*
- *Colorado State- Sept. 12, 12pm*
- *Colorado School of Mines- Sept. 20, 12pm*
- *Colorado College- Sept. 26, 1pm*
- *CU-Boulder- Oct. 3, 1pm*
- *Regis- Oct. 4th, 2pm*
- *UCCS- Oct. 11th, 9am*
- *12 + out of state colleges (many late Sept/early Oct.)*

**Register ahead of time on your Naviance account or sign up in the Counseling office, and passes are available as needed.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Southern Colo College Fair- Oct. 2nd @ Coronado HS: 5:30pm- 100's of colleges, incl. all in-state ones!
- **Doherty in-state college fair- November 9th, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Small Gym**
- FAFSA – being overhauled, opens in December.
- Financial Aid night- TBD @ 6pm (Auditorium)
- Boettcher Scholarship and Daniels Scholarship now open!
- Senior Pinning Ceremony – TBD
- Senior Awards –May 16, 2024
- Graduation – May 21, 2024 at 9am



Resources & Communication:

- THIS WEEK IN SPARTA- COUNSELING NEWS
- **NAVIANCE: Update regularly!!**
- COUNSELING WEB PAGE
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- **COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR COUNSELOR!**



What did you learn? Get out your phone and take this quick survey for attendance!

