

Senior Class presentations

Fall 2023

Preparing for your Senior Year
and Postsecondary Plans



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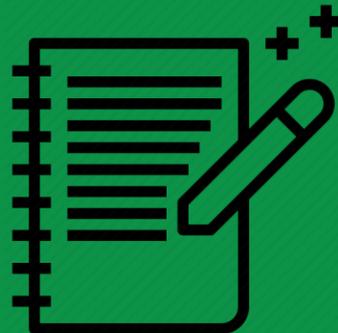
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Senior Class Counselors

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!!!



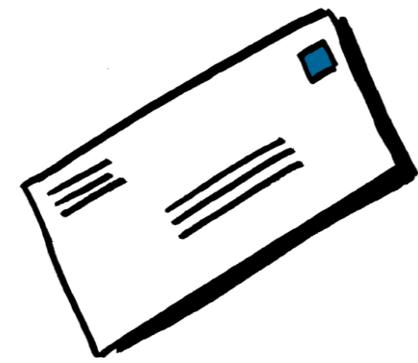
- When It's Polished, You Shine!
- Make It Engaging
- Let The Reader Get To Know You
- Error-Free: Show Your Very Best

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!

A background image showing a spiral notebook with 'Student Aid' written in blue marker. To the left is a white calculator with 'M-' and 'M+' buttons. To the right is a yellow graduation tassel and a white marker. The image is partially covered by a blue banner at the bottom.

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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!

