



ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS

College Visits for AHS students.

Weds 11/1	CSU East Bay	3:30 pm early release
11/1	Ms. Gwen's Last Application Help Night	6:00 - 8:00 pm
TH 11/2	Washington State	1:20 Smart
Tues 11/14	Loyola Chicago University	1:20 Smart
Wed 11/15	UCSB	3:35 pm early release
TH 11/16	SF State	1:20 Smart
TH 11/23	Seniors - submit your applications Before 	#goals
TH 11/30	U.S. Air Force Academy	1:20 Smart

WHEN YOU START WORKING ON YOUR COLLEGE APPS IN NOVEMBER.



JUNIORS:

For those of you who wanted to take a practice tests this fall here are some options. Revolution Prep is offering two virtual practice exams this fall.

ACT Practice exam: November 4th 9-1:00pm online \$10

Digital SAT Practice exam: November 11th 9-1:00pm online \$10
Register for one or both of these practice exams [HERE](#)

Our local test prep dynamic duo Ryan & Natalie - [Felix Prep](#)

SENIORS: Reminder Fall Grades Matter!!! Please do not lose focus on your classes. Doing well in your classes this fall matters.

Big Deadlines:

UC Application Deadline: 11/30th before 5:00pm to be safe.

CSU Application Deadline: 11/30th submit earlier if possible.

Financial Aid Application: [FAFSA](#) (Free Application For Student Aid) [CADAA](#) (CA Dream Act App)- *Opens in January 2024*

Financial Aid for *some* private colleges also require the [CSS Profile](#). This application is a deeper dive into your parent's financial records. Any school that "meets demonstrated need" will require this application along with the FAFSA. (e.g. in CA: Stanford, USC & all the Claremont colleges)

[Walkthrough Video](#)

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Scholarship Resources: Use multiple sites when looking for scholarships

- AHS College & Career Center's [Scholarship Page](#): Begin here. Scholarships are listed chronologically & are all hyperlinked. I am updating this page weekly so if you see a 2023 deadline, use this as a reference for when the 2024 deadline will most likely be.
- Sign up for at least one scholarship search engine: [Scholarships.com](#), [Unigo Scholarships](#), [StudentScholarshipSearch](#), [Fastweb](#)
- Start applying NOW! There is no limit to how many scholarships you can apply for. A spreadsheet might help you stay organized - [Scholarship Organizer](#)
- Looking for scholarships is like digging for buried treasure. You have to dig a lot of holes before you actually find any treasure/ scholarship you can apply for.
- Can you recycle scholarship essays? Not always. Do not just submit your Common App essay or PIQs. You will need to tweak your essay to fit each scholarship. It will take some effort but this is for free money!? Make the effort and it can pay off.
- Parent/grandparent - think about union or employer scholarships for dependents?

Seniors: Get ready for the 2024-25 FAFSA/CADAA going live?

- For FAFSA - Both the student and ONE parent can create their [FSA ID](#) (remember your username & passwords please) The FSA ID will be used to sign into the FAFSA application and both parent and student will need a FSA ID to sign and submit their application.
- [Documents you need to file a FAFSA or CADAA application](#)

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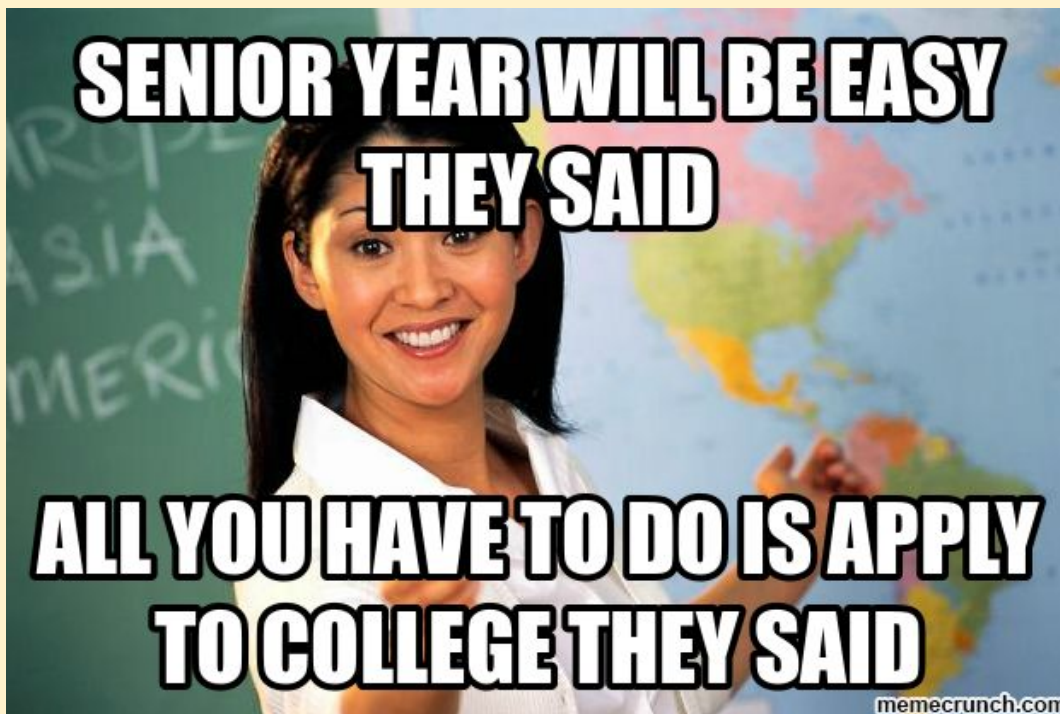
Resources:

UCSB Admissions is hosting two events

In November:

Freshman/High School Updates

- We are hosting workshops on [Admissions and the College of Engineering](#). Do you have students wondering about our selection into our engineering or computer science programs? Our fall workshop is November 6th at 3pm PT | [Register](#)
- We continue to host workshops which help your students talk about [Culture and Identity in the UC Application](#). Two more workshops are scheduled for November | [Register](#) for November 6th at 5pm PT or [register](#) for November 20th at 5pm PT.



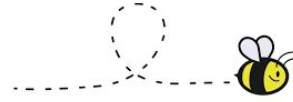
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Visiting Family during the Holidays? Why not add in some “light” college touring.

- The “drive-by” college visit: My son was partial to this style of college tours. We would drive around a campus to get a feel for their facilities etc. We would park and walk to the quad or center of campus. See who was walking around. If possible we would go into a building or the library or the bookstore for some swag. For my son, we would check out the food options around the campus
- The “Official Campus Tour”: I like these [“Four Tips for a Productive Campus Visit”](#) from the College That Change Lives website. The key thing to remember is you need to register for the campus tours.
- The “Self-Guided Tour”: many schools will offer a self-guided tour that you can download or use your phone. This is a perfect option when official tours don’t fit the schedule.
- The “Family Connection Tour”: We all know your Aunt has been dying to walk you around her alma mater! If you can find a young person who is a current student on campus, this is ideal. Your neighbor’s kid who is at UCSB. Someone with current experiences to share with your kid. A former student walked us around University of Puget Sound. He could get us into the buildings and showed us his dorm room. It was fabulous.
- The “Virtual Tour”: You can always check out a campus virtually!

PARENTS:

NPR - [How to bust the 'big lie' around college applications](#) I recommend you listen to this 7 minute audio as well as read the article.

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