

Welcome Class of 2024 and Families

Senior Information Night

Presented by Muir Counseling



Early College Magnet

AGENDA

Please ask questions!



Early College Magnet

- Graduation Requirements
- A-G Requirements
- College Application Process
- Career Bound Applications
- Financial Aid
- Next Steps
- Questions



Graduation Requirements



- **220 Credits to Graduate**

- 50 Elective Credits
- 40 Credits of English
- 30 Credits of Science
 - 10 credits of Life Science
 - 10 credits of Physical Science
 - 10 credits of Either Life or Physical
- 30 Credits of Math
- 30 Credits of Social Science
 - 10 credits of World History
 - 10 credits of US History
 - 5 credits of American Gov.
 - 5 credits of Economics
- 20 credits of Physical Education
- 10 credits of Language other than English
- 10 credits of Visual/Performing Arts

- **40 Hours of Community Service**

- **Senior Defense and Portfolio**

- **All Counselors have meet with all Seniors, if questions please reach out to your counselor directly**



A-G REQUIREMENTS

- **A-** 2 Years of History
- **B-** 4 Years of English
- **C-** 3 Years of Math (4 years Recommended)
- **D-** 2 Years of Lab Science (4 Years Recommended)
- **E-** 2 Years of Language other than English (3 Years Recommended)
- **F-** 1 Year of Visual/Performing Arts
- **G-** 1 Year of College Preparatory Electives

Grades need to be "C" or better!

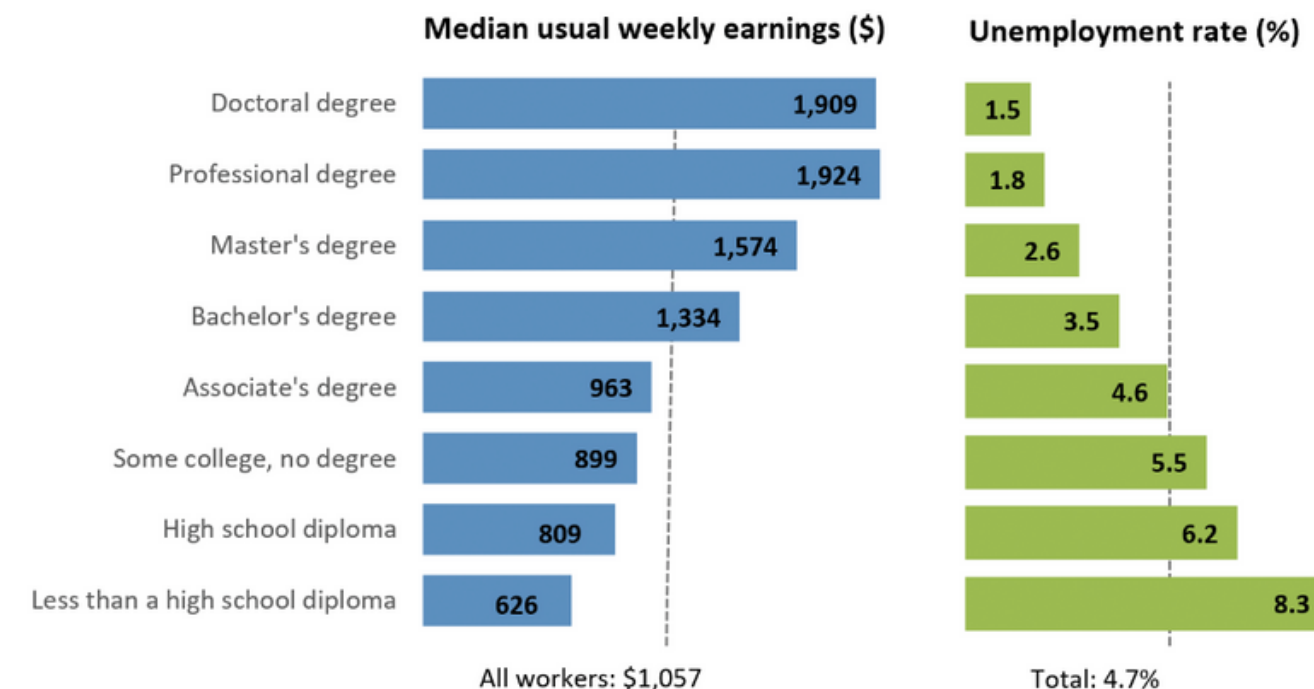


WHY COLLEGE?

In a nation where postsecondary attainment is all but required to obtain living wage employment, supporting college access and enrollment is a critical equity issue. Students from low-income families are still 20% less likely to attend post-secondary institutions than their higher-income peers.¹ Low-income students are also more likely to enroll in two-year institutions, despite research demonstrating that only 13% of low-income students who begin at a two-year institution earn a B.A. within six years, compared to 47% of low-income students (and 76% of high-income students) who begin at a four-year institution.² For too many students who are from low-income and historically underrepresented backgrounds, college does not feel like an option.

At the same time, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, people who obtain a college degree not only earn more on average, but also have a lower unemployment rate³ (see graph below). In a time where two-thirds of the job market requires some type of college education,⁴ it's important to support our students on their journey to college - specifically paying attention to the groups of students that historically have not applied or enrolled, but are eligible.

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2021



It Starts with a Balanced College List

Look at all Factors!! Your Reach, Match, and Safety Schools

- Look at your GPA
- Look For Major
- Look at Location
- Look at Tuition

| | SCHOOL NAME | TYPE OF SCHOOL | LOCATION | AVERAGE GPA ADMITTED | |
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| | <i>ex: Muir University</i> | <i>Public</i> | <i>Pasadena, CA</i> | <i>3.2</i> | <i>4</i> |
| SAFETY SCHOOLS: Your grades and test scores exceed average profile and acceptance rate is more than 60%. These are schools you'll probably be admitted to because you have gone way beyond the eligibility requirements. | | | | | |
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| MATCH SCHOOLS: Your grades and test scores meet average profile and acceptance rate is 30%-60%. These are schools where you meet the basic eligibility requirements and where your qualifications are like most entering freshmen. | | | | | |
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| REACH SCHOOLS: These are schools you really want to go to, but where you just barely meet or don't quite meet the eligibility requirements. Your grades and test scores meet or fall below average profile and/or acceptance rate is less than 30%. | | | | | |
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| Career Technical Education: Schools under the category of Career Technical Education are trade/vocational schools. These schools typically offer programs that focus on practical, job specific skills that prepare students for careers in a wide range of industries. | | | | | |
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| Community Colleges: Schools under this category offer two-year degree programs, certificates and other vocational training programs. They offer a wide range of courses that are designed to prepare students to transfer to a four-year university or entry-level jobs in various fields. | | | | | |
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College Application Process

Please launch all College Applications through your californiacolleges.org account

- UC Application now open!
- CSU Application will open October 1st.
- Common App Schools differ in Opening Date
 - Be aware of Early Decision or Early Action Due Dates
- Common Black College App



UC PIQ Questions

Start NOW!!

- You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions.
- Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
- Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you. However, you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.
- All questions are equal. All are given equal consideration in the application review process, which means there is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain questions over others.
- There is no right or wrong way to answer these questions. It's about getting to know your personality, background, interests and achievements in your own unique voice.
- Use the additional comments field if there are issues you'd like to address that you didn't have the opportunity to discuss elsewhere on the application. You may use the additional comments field to note extraordinary circumstances related to COVID-19, if necessary.





CSU Application Opens Sunday OCT. 1st!!

Launch Application
Through
californiacolleges.edu
account

Freshman Application Checklist

When you're ready to begin your application to the CSU, be sure you have these items on hand:

- Unofficial transcripts (both high school and college transcripts, if applicable)** You'll be asked to enter all the courses you've completed on your CSU application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed.
- Your Social Security number**, if you have one.
- Your citizenship status**
- Credit card or PayPal account** Application fees are due at time of submission.
- Annual income** Your parents' if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent
- Educational Program, Work and Extracurricular Participation Information** You will need to provide the years you participated in college preparation programs and your average number of hours per week of work and/or participation in extracurricular activities.
- Information needed to apply to EOP (if applying)** See the [Apply to EOP website](#) for information about materials needed to complete the optional EOP application.
- Test scores** Optional; if you have taken or plan to take the ACT, SAT, AP, IB exams, you may include the information on the application. Reporting test scores is not required. SAT and ACT scores will not be used for determining who gets admitted into the CSU. If you are accepted, the campus will use official test scores to for placement into mathematics and English courses.
- California statewide student ID** Optional; every K-12 student in a California public school is assigned an ID number. The number should be printed on your transcript.

Common App/Private & Out of State



Check for Due Dates

The Common App cover over 1,000 colleges but they are not all do at the same time! Check for Early discussion/action



Letters of Recommendation

Many Schools will require letters of Rec. or Counselor review. Please ask Teachers and Counselors before submitting name for recommendation. **Counselors would like notice by OCT. 31st**



Start Early

Each school is different but all will have Short Answer Question and/or Essay Questions.



COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APP

Similar to Common App but houses majority of HBCUs (Not all)



APPLY TO ANY NUMBER OF THE 65 HBCUs BELOW FOR ONLY \$20.

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE YOUR 2023 – 2024 APPLICATION

ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY
ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY
ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY
ALLEN UNIVERSITY
AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE
ARKANSAS BAPTIST COLLEGE
BENEDICT COLLEGE
BENNETT COLLEGE
BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
CLINTON COLLEGE

COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
DILLARD UNIVERSITY
EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
FISK UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY
HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY
HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
LANE COLLEGE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (MO)

LeMOYNE OWEN COLLEGE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (PA)
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIV.
MILES COLLEGE
MORRIS COLLEGE
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIV.
PAINE COLLEGE
PAUL QUINN COLLEGE
PHILANDER SMITH UNIVERSITY
RUST COLLEGE
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY
SHAW UNIVERSITY
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIV.
SOUTHERN UNIV. AND A&M COLL.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY (NO)
STILLMAN COLLEGE
TALLADEGA COLLEGE
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
TEXAS COLLEGE
TOUGALOO COLLEGE
UNIV. OF ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF
UNIV. OF MD. EASTERN SHORE
UNIV. OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
VOORHEES COLLEGE
WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY
WILEY COLLEGE

Career Bound & Art/Trade Schools

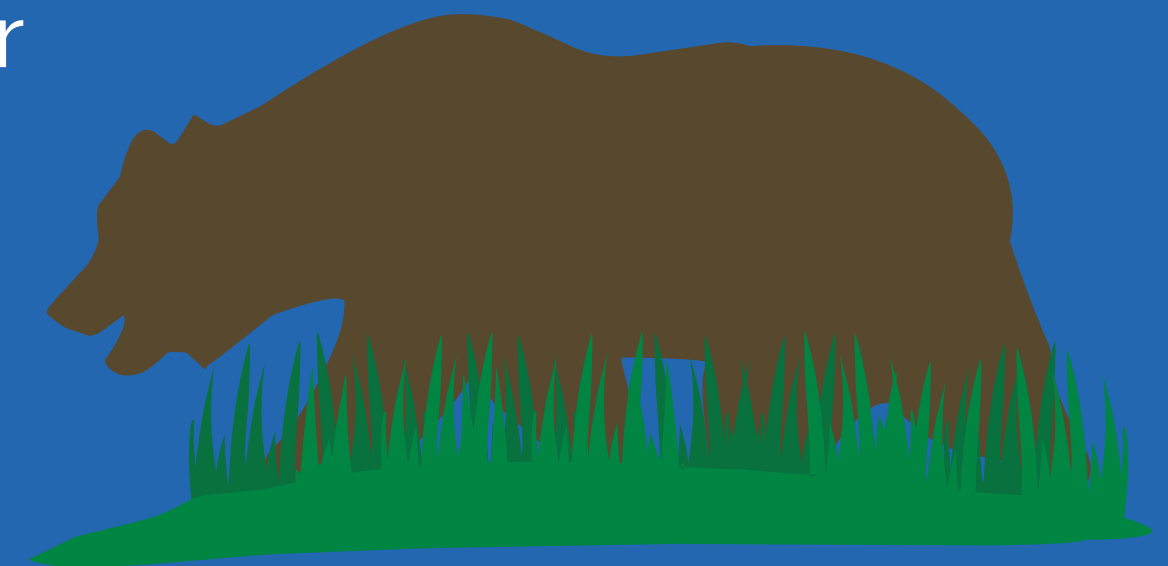
- Connect with Local Trade Unions for Specific Programs
- Take CTE courses at Community Colleges
- Some Art/Trade Schools may require Student Portfolios
- Some Art/Trade Schools are eligible for Federal and State Aid
- CA Department of Rehabilitation for students with Special Needs
- Use **californiacolleges.edu** account and **careeronestop.org**



Community Colleges



- **119 Colleges** Throughout California. **One application** Open CCC
- Great for Certificates, Associates of Arts/Science (AA/AS) or Transfer
- Some Community Colleges have **4 year degrees**
- Applications for Next Fall should be up around December



Financial Aid

- **FAFSA** (US citizens or Permanent Residents)
 - Free Application For Student Aid
 - New Application
- **CADAA** (DACA or Undocumented Students)
 - California Dream Act Application
 - Changes will be similar to FAFSA
- **CSS Profile**
 - Required by many Private Schools
 - More Financial details needed
- **Grants and Scholarships**
 - Apply NOW!!
 - Local and National Scholarships



FAFSA

SOME OF THE CHANGES



Application will Open in **Late December**



Fewer Questions but split into "Student Application" and "Parent Application"



Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to Student Aid Index (SAI)



IRS Retrieval Tool Must be Used



Due Date has been pushed to April 2nd



All students and Parents must have an FSA ID



CADAA

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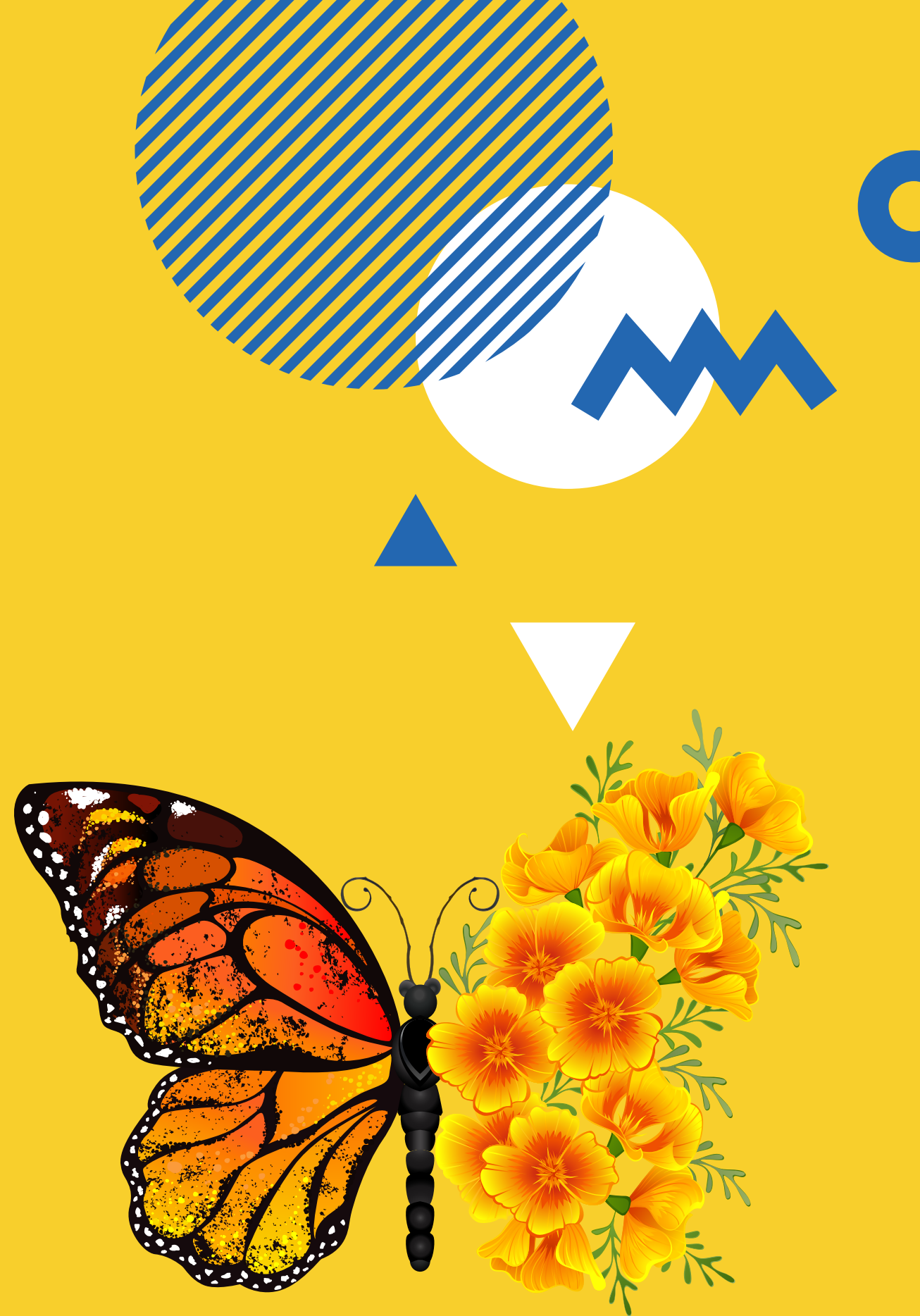
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CSS Profile

Opens OCT 1st

- FAFSA Should be filed but CSS profile is still open to Undocumented Students
- Questions are very detailed
- Each School or Program have different Due Dates
- Families earning less than 100,000 are eligible for **fee waiver**



GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

GRANTS

- All require a submission of either the FAFSA or CADAA
- **Cal Grant GPA** submission will be sent for all seniors unless opted out
- **Pell Grant** can be awarded through FAFSA



Scholarships

- Variety of options but should start with local scholarships
- Some may require FAFSA
- Some National Scholarships can be found on **fastweb.com** or **careeronestop.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please have Information
ready!



PUSD College and Career
Fair October 4th

Muir's College and Career Day
October 18th

Please have **SSN** if you have one and
Professional Personal Email

HBCU Caravan @PCC October 24th
Permission Slips will be available soon

College Application Workshop
tentative October 30th

More info soon please have all needed
materials for specific College App

More Dates for College and
Financial Aid Workshops

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