

Welcome PHS Senior Class Families

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What Should I Do Now?

➔ **Review Your Transcript (GPA, Rank, etc)**

Check to ensure that ALL graduation requirements are on track

➔ **Eligibility**

Make sure you are fully eligible to apply to a 4-year college/university. Do I have all the required “A-G” college preparatory coursework? GPA minimum? SAT/ACT taken?



Transcript/Status Report

- **Important Questions:**
  Is it accurate? Is it complete?
- Are there D's or F's in "A-G" courses that need remediation? Missing credits for graduation?
- **Important Details:**
  220 credits required for graduation
- 40 hours of Community Service
- Graduate Portfolio and Defense

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BEGINNING WITH THE CLASS OF 2019





GRADUATE PORTFOLIO AND DEFENSE

- ☑ Artifact #1: 6-8pp Research Paper
- ☑ Artifact #2: Student work that showcases creative/innovative solutions, processes and/or actual product
- ☑ Artifact #3: Reflection Paper 3-5pp

Portfolio with varied graded student work

40 WBL /VOLUNTEER HRS

- Job Shadows
- Internships
- Community Service

40 hours of any combination

220 CREDITS

Traditional HS Graduation Credit Requirements Must now include:

- 5 Credits CTE
- 5 Credits Health

*exempt for class of 2020

Part I: Graduate Defense

1. **RESEARCH, as evidenced via Research paper (6-8 pages) -** evidence of student's critical thinking skills, use of evidence to support claims, and critical reading ability

2. **CREATIVITY, as evidenced via various student work** - student work that showcases creative/innovative solutions, processes and/or actual product

3. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, via Reflection paper (3-5 pages**) - evidence of written communication skills, ability to reflect and assess growth and progress on items 1 and 2 above. This paper will also serve as the script for the oral presentation.

Portfolio and Defense Options:

A. Students may select a new topic during their senior year that incorporates all critical components of the portfolio content

OR

B. Select their best work from different class assignments throughout their high school years that meet the critical components of the portfolio content

Part II: Defense of Learning: Oral Communication Presentation

A. **Sharing of portfolio** – share 3 graded documents with panel of judges

B. **Individual presentation** in front of panel of judges (8-10 minutes)

C. **Use of technology** - well-produced audio/visual aids or media

D. **Question and answer session** (5 minutes) – as demonstration of growth, reflection and self-evaluation

College Entrance Exams

ACT

Math, Critical Reading, Writing & Science Reasoning

Must register for ACT with Writing (Includes Essay)

Score out of 36 (Composite Index)

No Penalty for Guessing

SAT

- Math, Critical Reading; Writing is Optional (Recommended)
- Score out of 1600 (800 Math + 800 Critical Reading)
- No Penalty for Guessing

SAT Subject Tests

UC and CSU DO NOT require them; However, at least 2 Subject tests are **recommended** *if you are majoring in the sciences or analytical field of study.*

2 in different subjects are required by many Private Schools

Options include English, History, Math, Science, World Languages

SAT

$49.50 ; $64.50 with Essay

SAT Subject Tests

$26 Registration Fee; $22 Each SAT Subject of Choice; $26 Language Test with Listening

Fee Waivers Available

October 5

November 2

December 7

ACT plus Writing

$58.50

Fee Waivers Available

October 26

December 14



Tip

*December test dates may be too late for some colleges.

Plan ahead!

College Applications

Apply Broadly:

- ➔ *2-3 Reach, 3-4 Target, and 2-3 Safety Schools

Consider the Following Options:

- ➔ Public Universities: UC's, CSU's, and Out-of-State Schools
- ➔ Private Colleges/Universities
- ➔ WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange)
- ➔ Community Colleges





Recommendation Letters

Only for Private and Out-of-State Colleges

- **UC and CSU Schools Do Not Accept Recommendations**
  - **Exception : UC Berkeley will send email IF recommendation is needed**
- **Ask Teachers Early (NOW!)**
- **Most Private Schools Require 2 Teacher Recommendations**
- **Requests Can Be Made in Naviance By STUDENT**

  Recommendations are preferred from Junior or Senior year teachers.
  Sophomore year teacher (last resort)



Admission Factors

For admission, colleges may consider:

- ❏ Grades/GPA/Class rank
- ❏ Standardized Test Scores
- ❏ Extra-Curricular Activities, Talent, or Expertise
- ❏ Essays
- ❏ Recommendation

Writing the College Application Essay

DO NOT write essays for your child! Or have it MANUFACTURED!

UC

- Application open for input in October
- 4 out of 8 personal insight questions totaling 350 for each
- Less formal, more personalized in “I” and “my” in writing

CSU

- No essays

Private and Out-of-State Colleges

- Requirements vary by school



Tip

Check college websites and/or Common Application

California Public Universities

California State University

www.calstate.edu/apply

- ❑ **Apply & submit applications between October 1st - November 30th**
- ❑ **Must meet minimum GPA of 2.0 in ALL college preparatory courses through Junior year (summer).**
- ❑ **Notice of admission is on a rolling basis for most campuses**



Tip

Apply Early!

Seniors should aim to have all CSU applications complete before Thanksgiving!



Tip

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Seniors should aim to have all UC applications complete before Thanksgiving!

California Public Universities

University of California

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

- Application opens October 1. Submission starts November 1.
- Must meet minimum GPA of 3.0 in ALL college preparatory courses through Junior year (summer).
- Notice of admission is mid-March to late March.



Private Colleges/Universities

CA (Common Application) - Over 500 schools

UCA (Universal College Application) - 33 schools

Coalition Application - 52 schools

- ➔ **Apply via the Common Application in Most Cases**
  commonapp.org
- ➔ **Early Decision/Early Decision II (Binding)**
  ED1 : Nov 1/16 Deadline - Decision : December
- ➔ ED 2: Jan 1/17 Deadline - Decision : February
- ➔ **Regular Decision/Rolling Admission**

Community College

- ➔ Affordable option
- ➔ Transfer programs
- ➔ Vocational programs

Apply in April-May

*Pasadena City College (Fall 2020 Application opens December 1, 2019.

PCC registration will take place at PHS in early December 2019.

Online application

Register at www.pasadena.edu

Sending College Entrance Exam Scores

Send official test scores directly from College Board or ACT to colleges when you register for the exams

For UC system, you may send to one and they will share with all schools applied

For CSU system, use code **3594** (SAT) or share with CSU Mentor on ACT

For NCAA eligibility, use code **9999**

ALL OFFICIAL SAT/ACT scores must be sent from the College Board and/or ACT to applied college(s) by January 15, 2020.

Financial Aid

- FAFSA (October 1 -March 2) for everyone! **fafsa.gov**
- Use 2018 IRS Data Retrieval Tool link within FAFSA application
- Create FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID asap
- Must be legal resident with Social Security Number or DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) with SSN
- CA Dream Act Application for Undocumented students with no SSN **dream.csac.ca.gov**
- GPA verification for Cal Grants automatically sent by Registrar
- CSS Profile (October - December) for private schools and some scholarships **student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile**
- Scholarships (Start now!)
- Naviance Scholarship Listing
- **fastweb.com** has it all!

The End Is In Sight..

- Admission notification now made almost exclusively in web portals
- UC notification mid- to late March
- CSU notification on a rolling basis
- Private School notification varies, but mid-March to early April is common
- May 1st is the deadline to select one school

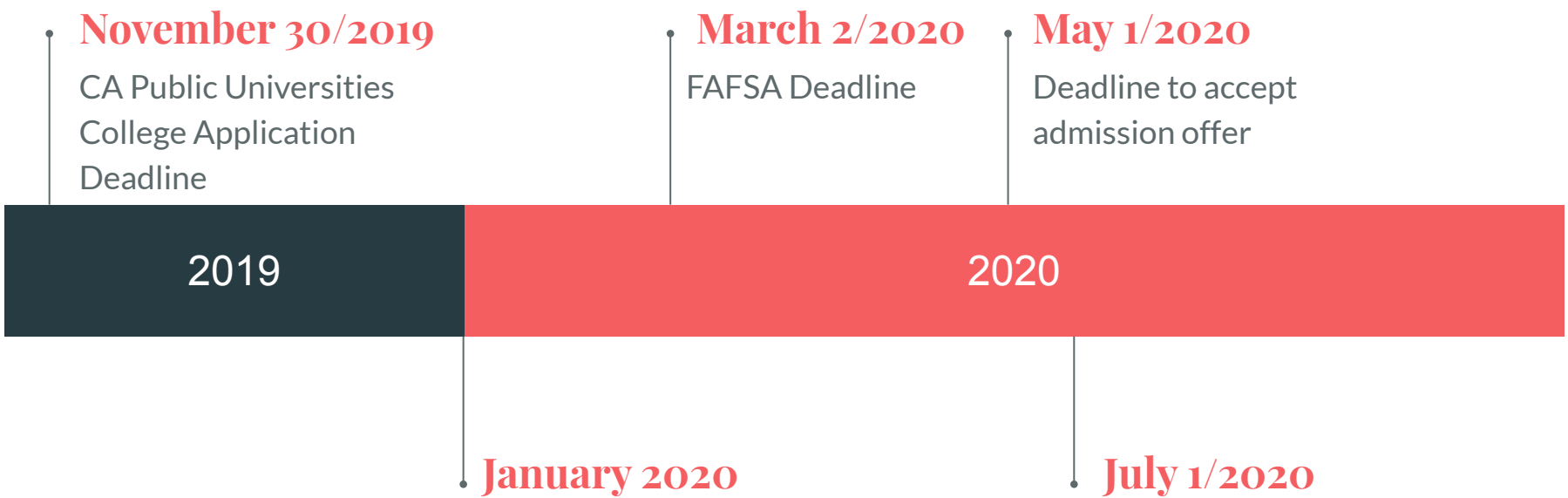


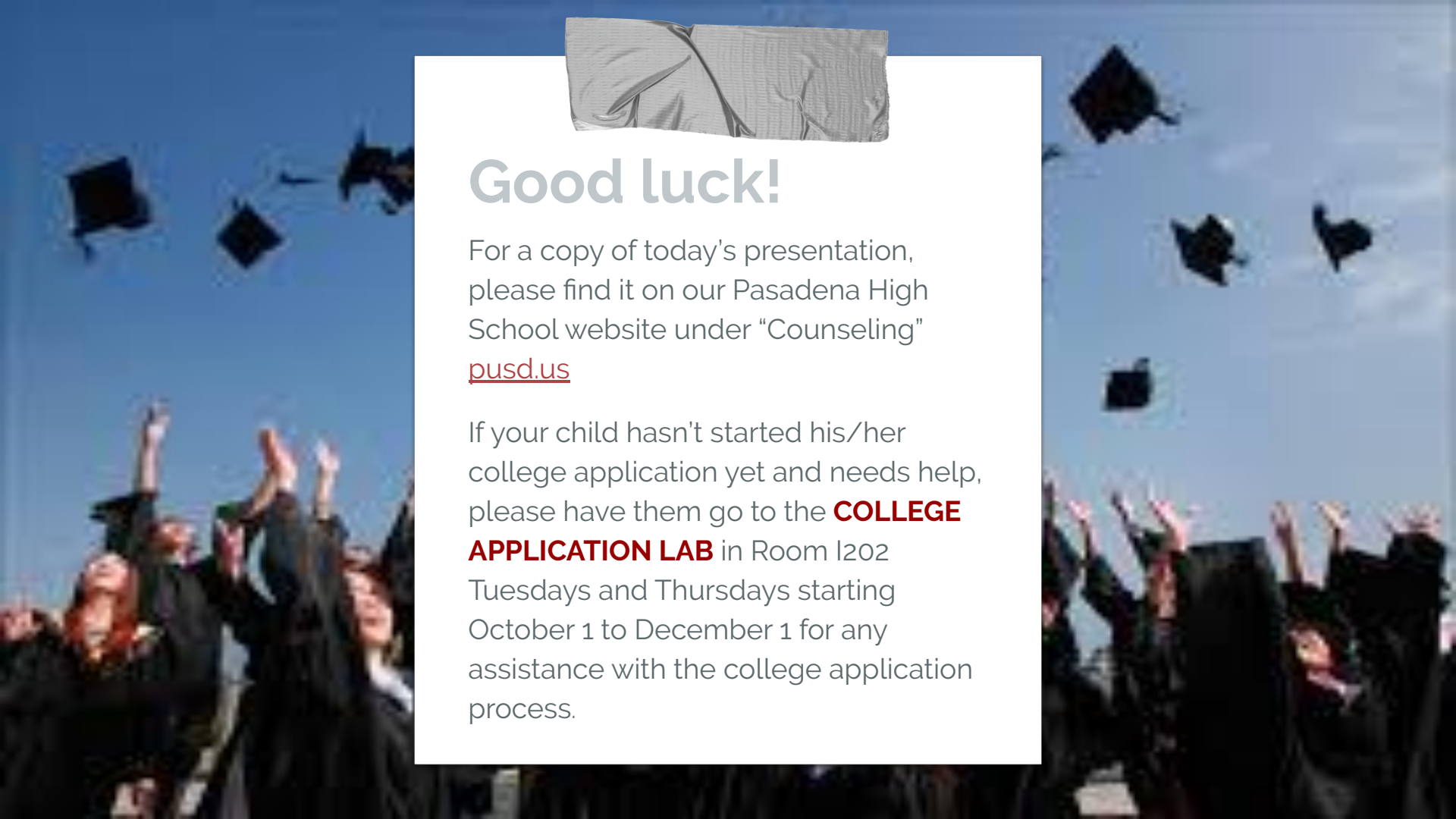
Tip

Request FINAL TRANSCRIPT from NAVIANCE during Senior Check-out Day or before. Colleges will need them by July 1, 2020.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Important Deadlines





Good luck!

For a copy of today's presentation, please find it on our Pasadena High School website under "Counseling" pusd.us

If your child hasn't started his/her college application yet and needs help, please have them go to the **COLLEGE APPLICATION LAB** in Room I202 Tuesdays and Thursdays starting October 1 to December 1 for any assistance with the college application process.