



**THE KING'S ACADEMY**

**RISING SENIOR  
COLLEGE NIGHT**

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**SPRING 2024**

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# **OUR MISSION**

**The King's Academy is a Christ-centered school that inspires academic excellence, servant leadership, and enduring relationships.**

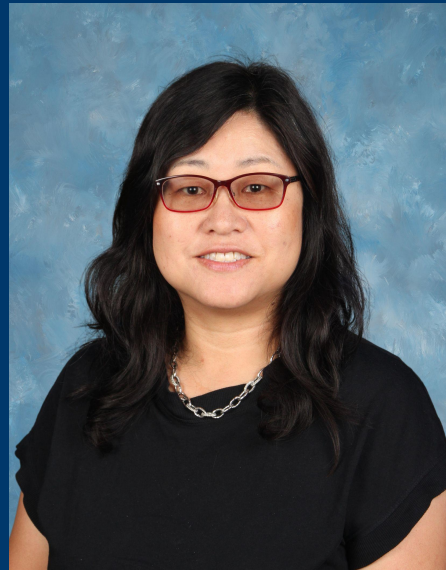


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# IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIOR YEAR

- **AUGUST 1** - UC & COMMON APP AVAILABLE
- **LATE SEPTEMBER** - FINANCIAL AID NIGHT
- **OCTOBER 1** - FAFSA & CSS PROFILE
- **OCTOBER 1** - CSU APPLICATION AVAILABLE
- **OCTOBER** SAT @ TKA
- **NOVEMBER 1 OR 15** - MOST ED/EA DEADLINES
- **NOVEMBER 30** - UC/CSU APPLICATIONS DUE
- **JANUARY +** MOST REGULAR DECISION APPLICATION DEADLINES
- **MAY 1** - DECISION DAY (UNLESS EARLY DECISION)

# Junior Meetings

**HAPPENING NOW UNTIL THE END OF MAY**

# CLASSROOM VISITS

## WHAT WE DO DURING CLASSROOM VISITS



**SET UP COMMON APP**



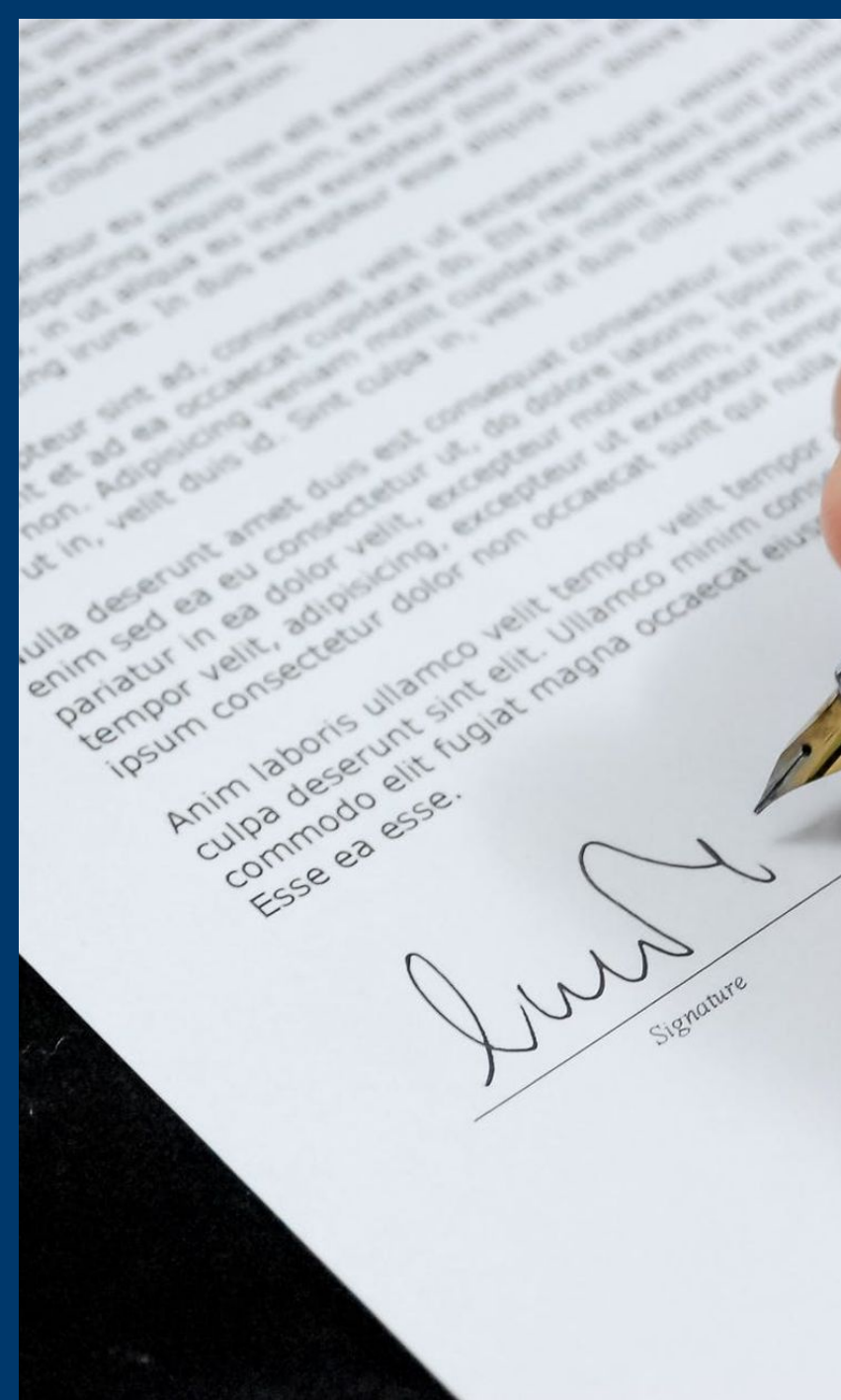
**LINK COMMON APP  
TO NAVIANCE**



**HOW TO REQUEST  
RECOMMENDATION  
LETTERS**

# COUNSELOR LETTER

- COLLEGE PREP  
HOMEWORK
  - assigned junior year
  - student & parent surveys





# COLLEGE MATCH

Seniors should continue to use **College Match** as a resource.

Recommended Chapters:

- **CHAPTER 6:** LEARNING FROM CAMPUS VISITS
- **CHAPTER 7:** MAKING YOUR ESSAYS WORK FOR YOU
- **CHAPTER 8:** THE ADMISSION PROCESS REVEALED



# APPLICATION WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAYS 9-10 AM

SEPTEMBER

GENERAL

SEPTEMBER

**UC  
WORKSHOP**

OCTOBER

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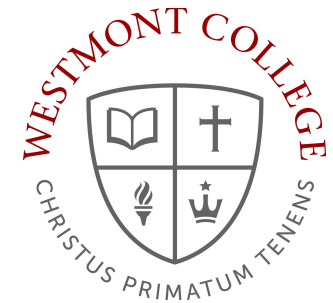
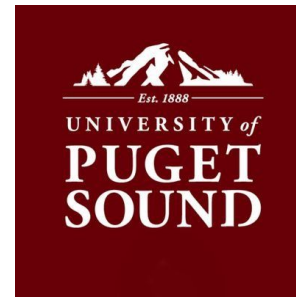
**CSU  
WORKSHOP**

NOVEMBER

GENERAL

# DROP-IN / SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- Students may drop in, but an appointment is preferred
- Please arrange an appointment using the counselor's **Calendly** account or email the counselor directly



# TKA RESOURCES

- 1 | CLASSROOM VISITS
- 2 | **COLLEGE MATCH**
- 3 | WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS
- 4 | DROP IN OR SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS
- 5 | COLLEGE REP VISITS  
NAVIANCE --> COLLEGE --> VISITS
- 6 | TKA RECORDINGS



# MORE RESOURCES

## 1. UC Transfer by Majors

- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/transfers-major>

## 2. Common Data Set (search college name + "common data set")

## 3. Dataverse College Transitions

- comprehensive lists for researching colleges by data

## 4. Community College Resource

## 5. WUE - Western Undergraduate Exchange schools

- regional tuition savings agreement

## 6. Ranking ROI (Return On Investment)

## 7. College Application Timeline

## 8. TKA CAC Event Recordings



# COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES



# CA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- California residents
- **High school diploma**
- No entrance exams (SAT/ACT)
- **TAG: Transfer Admission Guarantee (UCs/CSUs/honors programs)**
  - not all campuses participate
  - seek the transfer counselor at the CC
  - research & select the UC or CSU before beginning course work
  - [assist.org](http://assist.org)

# CA PROMISE PROGRAM



**FREE TUITION +  
\$1000/YR FOR  
BOOKS**



**PROGRAM = MAY  
HAVE INCOME  
REQUIREMENT**

i.e. DeAnza now has  
\$200,000 income limit



**FIRST TIME  
COLLEGE STUDENTS**



**CONFIRM WITH  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO SEE IF  
IT PARTICIPATES  
AND INCOME LIMITS**



**FULL-TIME  
STUDENTS**



**FILE FAFSA AND  
LIST COLLEGES ON  
THE APPLICATION**

# CA STATE UNIVERSITIES (STATE SCHOOLS)



**EMPHASIZE UNDERGRADUATE  
EDUCATION**



**ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL  
COST: \$30,000+**



**MORE PRACTICAL AND  
HANDS-ON**



**NO ESSAYS &  
RECOMMENDATION LETTERS &  
TEST SCORES**



**23 CAMPUSES**

SAN JOSE, CAL POLY HUMBOLDT,  
SAN DIEGO, EAST BAY

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



**STRONG EMPHASIS ON  
GRADUATE PROGRAM  
PREPARATION**



**ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL  
COST: \$42,000 (1ST YEAR)**



**WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH IN  
SCIENCES & HUMANITIES**



**4 ESSAYS**



**EMPHASIS IN THEORY-BASED  
EDUCATION**



**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**



**9 UNDERGRADUATE CAMPUSES  
BERKELEY, SAN DIEGO, DAVIS...**



**NO RECOMMENDATION  
LETTERS OR TEST SCORES**

# PRIVATE & SOME PUBLIC NON-CALIFORNIA COLLEGES



**SCHOOL/COUNSELOR REPORT**



**ESSAYS**



**TEST SCORES**

**NEXT TKA-HOSTED TEST: OCTOBER  
2023**



**RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**



**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**



**INTERVIEWS**

A detailed close-up photograph of a mechanical assembly. The image features several interlocking gears of different sizes and materials, including brass and steel. Some gears are mounted on shafts with purple-colored bearings. A large, circular metal plate with a central screw is visible on the right side. The overall appearance is that of a complex, well-used mechanical system, possibly a watch movement or a small engine component.

# **PARTS OF THE APPLICATION**



# SCHOOL/COUNSELOR REPORT

- Transcript
- School Report
- Counselor Recommendation Letter

# TESTING

## **Should I take it?**

- School specific and sometimes major specific.

## **Should I submit it?**

- Depends on each school's averages
- Middle 50%+20 points or higher: Submit

NOTE: UC/CSU: Test Blind

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Commitment**
- **Depth**
- **Substantive Contribution**
- **Achievements**





# TEACHER LETTERS

- **WHO?** Core subject teachers who know you well and confirm your abilities in the classroom.
- **HOW to ASK?**
  - In person and politely.
  - Once teacher AGREES, use NAVIANCE to request letters. Details in the fall.
- Do **NOT** enter teachers into Common App

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# ESSAY / PERSONAL STATEMENT

- WHO YOU ARE
- WHO THE COLLEGES ARE



An aerial photograph of the Pepperdine University campus, showing a mix of greenery, buildings with red roofs, and a parking lot. In the background, a blue coastline with a bay and hills is visible under a clear sky.

# Pepperdine

## SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION

Pepperdine is a Christian university where all are welcomed and encouraged to challenge each other in the pursuit of truth. Students, faculty, and staff members from all backgrounds participate in conversations of faith inside and outside of the classroom. Considering that Pepperdine is a Christian university, why are you interested in attending and how would you contribute to conversations of faith on campus?



# Columbia University

## SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION

List the titles of the books, essays, poetry, short stories or plays you read outside of academic courses that you enjoyed most during secondary/high school. (75 words or fewer)

We're interested in learning about some of the ways that you explore your interests. List some resources and outlets that you enjoy, including but not limited to websites, publications, journals, podcasts, social media accounts, lectures, museums, movies, music, or other content with which you regularly engage. (125 words or fewer)

A photograph of a tall palm tree in front of a modern university building at dusk. The building has large windows and is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The sky is a soft, pale blue.

# Santa Clara University

## SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION

At SCU, we push our students to be creative, be challenged, and be the solution. Think about an ethical dilemma that you care about that society is currently facing. This can be something happening in your local community or more globally. How can an SCU education help you prepare for and address the challenge? (150-300 words)

# INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

## SHAPING A CLASS

**NATIONAL-LEVEL  
AWARDS /  
HONORS**

**RECRUITED  
ATHLETES**

**BIG DONORS**

**PERSONAL  
BACKGROUND /  
DIVERSITY**

REGIONAL (WYOMING),  
LOW-INCOME, 1ST GEN,  
INTERNATIONAL, ETHNICITY, ETC.

**LEGACY**

**YIELD**

DEMONSTRATED INTEREST



**PROCESS**

**Do NOT use TKA email address**

**\*Create a new college-only  
email or use a personal  
account**



# RESEARCHING COLLEGES

- COLLEGE WEBSITES, ALUMNI,  
YOUTUBE CHANNELS, COLLEGE FAIRS

[HTTPS://WWW.NACACFAIRS.ORG](https://www.nacacfairs.org)

- TKA COLLEGE REP VISITS
- SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAYS

# HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD I APPLY TO?

- 1-3 LOTTERY: 30% OR LESS ACCEPTANCE RATE
  - 3-5 TARGET / MAYBE: 40%-80%
  - 4-5 FOUNDATIONAL / LIKELY: 80% AND HIGHER
- \* DEPENDS ON STUDENT & MAJOR

# DEADLINE OPTIONS

- **REGULAR DECISION:** *I'm interested and need my 1st semester grades or fall test scores to be included. (March-April)*
- **EARLY ACTION:** *I'm interested, want to show some demonstrated interest (for some schools), and want to find out my admissions decision sooner. (December - February)*
  - **UNRESTRICTED EARLY ACTION:** May apply to other schools
  - **RESTRICTED EARLY ACTION:** May only apply to this school

Early Action

# DEADLINE OPTIONS [continued]

- **EARLY DECISION:** Please meet with your counselor for this option. *This is my 1st choice, and I MUST attend if accepted. I must also withdraw my applications from ALL other colleges after I accept my spot.*
- **ROLLING:** Accepts applicants until the class is full.
- **UCs / CSUs:** NO "Early" option

# COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

**MONDAY, JUNE 3  
& TUESDAY, JUNE 4**



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