



**SMHS Senior Parent Night**  
**Applying to College in Senior Year**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

# SMHS Counseling Department

Name	Title	Assignments
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Sandra Roman	Counselor	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Daniela Galvan	Counselor	ELD
Nancy Kane	Career Advisor/Volunteer Opportunities	
Steve Hanson	College & Financial Aid Advisor	
Tammy Maldonado	Counseling Staff Assistant	

# Tonight's Goals

- Learn what you can expect from us
- Recap college options
- Who do you talk to for college, career, and/or grades?
- Important deadlines for the year
- Helpful events
- What do I need to know to pay for college?
- Presentation – 45 mins. Q & A – 15 mins.

# Question for you.....

Who is nervous about what this year will entail for your child?



# How Will SMHS Help Seniors?

- Financial Aid help (classroom presentations and application assistance in the Career Center)
- College Applications (application workshops and Career Center help as needed)
- Naviance guidance to craft a college list
- Arranging college visits to SMHS to connect students to admissions officers
- Sending in student requested documents (i.e. transcripts & letters of rec.)
- Inform students of key deadlines
- Communicate Career Center & college events to parents through Facebook, Canvas, & website

# Who Does What?

Steve Hanson – College Advisor

Helps students with college planning, applications, financial aid, scholarships, and anything else related to college, both four year and community colleges.



Sandra Roman/ Daniela Galvan– Senior/ ELD School Counselor

Helps seniors with issues related to academic courses, counseling services, and reaching graduation requirements. Provides students with ELL assistance, AB 540, and DACA guidance.



Nancy Kane – Career Coordinator

Issues work permits, helps students find jobs, volunteering opportunities, and career/training planning for students not going to college.



# Post High School Options

## **3 main California College Systems**

- University of California (UC) - 10 locations
- California State University (CSU) - 23 locations
- California Community College (CCC)-Largest system in nation with over 114 locations

## **Alternate Options**

- Armed Forces
- Apprenticeship Training Programs
- Occupational Training- Cosmetology, Fire Science
- Certificate Programs -Enter work force as soon as 6 months after High School

# UC Schools – Important Info

- Apply at :  
[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)
- Filing Period: November 1 – 30
- SAT with essay, or ACT with essay
- \$70 fee per campus
- 4 personal insight questions
- Minimum 3.0+ GPA



## Not Required at Application Time

- Letters of Recommendation (UC campuses are allowed to ask for letters after the fact, but it is a minimal amount of students they can ask.)

# CSU Schools – Important Info

- Apply at :  
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
- Filing period: October 1-November 30
- SAT or ACT
- \$70 per application
- Minimum 2.0+ GPA

## Not Required

- Letters of Recommendation (EOP program will require additional letters)
- Extracurricular Activities
- No essay required



# Community College

## **Entrance Requirements:**

- 18 years of age or High School Graduate
- No SAT/ACT required
- Attend Welcome Orientation
- Complete English & Math Assessment Form
- Occupational/Certificate Programs may have additional requirements

## **Students Should Plan to Attend:**

- Spring semester presentation and application workshop
- Sign up for Priority Enrollment Program (PEP)

# Community College

## **CSM Promise Scholars Program**

- Full tuition and fees waived for two years
- Textbook assistance
- Gas card or food credit
- Monthly meeting with counselor

### **How To Apply:**

- Complete FAFSA or DREAM ACT
- Apply for the Promise Scholars Program on WebSMART
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 units

# Deadlines

- CSU: October 1st – November 30th
- UC: November 1st – November 30th
- Private & Out of state: Check each University website
- Community College: Open enrollment

# Out of State & Private/Independent Application Types

## **Early Action (EA)**

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

## **Early Decision (ED)**

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they are **expected** to enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early. Decision is **BINDING**

## **Regular Decision**

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time-typically found directly on the college website

## **Rolling Admissions**

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

# School Counselor Letter of Recommendation Deadlines

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Last day to request a letter of recommendation if your first college requiring a counselor letter of rec. has a deadline *BEFORE* Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Last day to request a letter of recommendation for all other deadlines

# Coalition Application

The Coalition Application is a few years old and only a few schools mandate it. It doesn't always communicate as nicely with our systems, so we ask students to try and avoid it when possible.



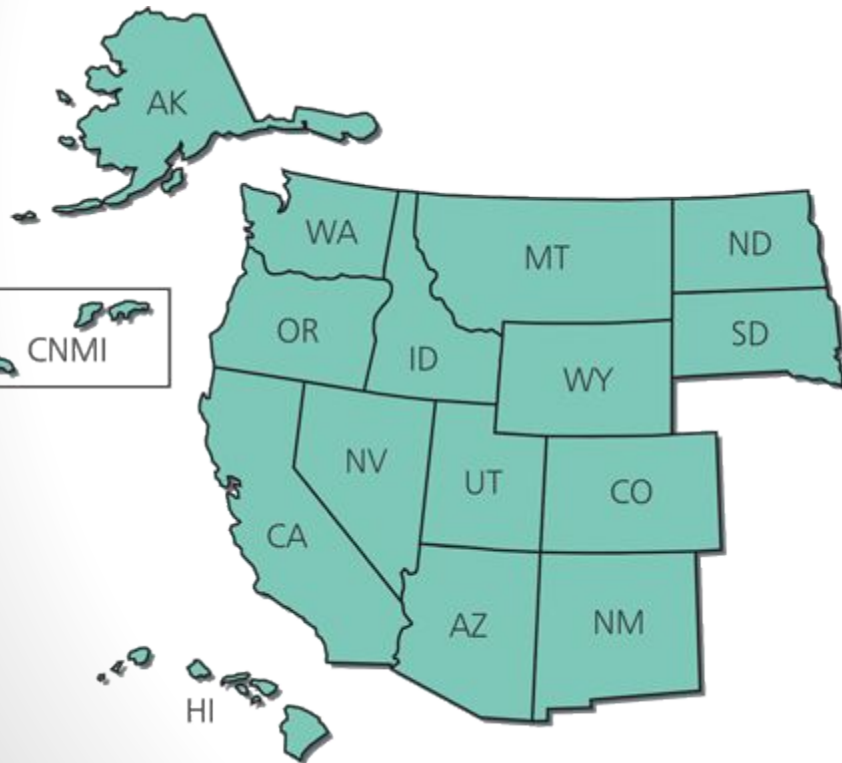
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# The Five Coalition Only Schools

- University of Maryland – College Park
- University of Florida
- University of Washington
- University of Washington - Bothell
- Virginia Tech

# WUE – Western Undergraduate Exchange

- Provides an opportunity to attend certain colleges in fellow western states and territories at a fraction of the out of state costs
- Certain GPA and test score requirements may exist to be WUE eligible
- Full list of participating schools available in the Career Center



North Dakota

Washington

South Dakota

Oregon

Montana

Nevada

Wyoming

California

Colorado

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New Mexico

Hawaii

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### Upcoming Events



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#### Senior Parent Night

Wed 6:30 PM · Performing Arts Center · San Mateo, CA  
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#### SMHS Financial Aid Night

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**Barbara Snider College & Career Center at San Mateo High School**

August 21 at 6:00pm ·

Dartmouth will be coming to our area in two weeks to discuss the importance of STEM, startups, and software in liberal arts. This discussion is free and open to anyone who would like to attend. Follow the link to learn more and to sign up if interested.

### Why STEM, Startups, and Software Matter in Liberal Arts – Dartmouth Public Information Session

Dartmouth offers its students multiple opportunities for experiential learning—in research labs, overseas programs, leave term internships, and entrepreneurial incubators, to name a few. Join us for this one-of-a-kind information session with our featured speakers, Dr. Joe Helble, Dean of Dartmouth'...

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**Barbara Snider College & Career Center at San Mateo High School** shared a link.

August 21 at 12:05pm ·



### What students need to know about college recommendation letters

They're one of the most misunderstood aspects of college admissions. How are they used? Who should write them? How many do you need?

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# 2019 - 20 SAT & ACT Test Dates

## SAT/SAT Subject Test

- October 5<sup>th</sup> 2019
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019
- December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

<https://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

## ACT

- October 26<sup>th</sup> 2019
- December 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

- *Photo upload procedure*
- *Use legal name*
- *Last time to test for Early Decision and Early Action is typically November, though some schools may require tests be taken by October, so be sure to check the dates at all the institutions you are planning to apply to*

# SAT Subject Test

- 1 hour multiple choice tests on specific subject areas
- Similar to final exams as far as content
- Rarely required for college admissions, though some programs at schools may require or recommend that students take them (e.g. UC Irvine doesn't require it for their university, but does recommend SAT Math Level 2 for their School of Physical Sciences)
- Can take (3) tests in one sitting
- Cannot take SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests during same test date

# Requesting Transcripts

- Make sure to pick up Transcript Request Form in the College and Career Center
- If transcript needs to be mailed, a small transcript fee applies.

# What is Financial Aid?

## FREE Application for Student Aid

FAFSA – Federally funded to help U.S. citizens, green card holders, and some visa holders

CA Dream Act – State funded to help undocumented students.

If you're not sure which application is right for you, we can help you figure it out. No matter your circumstances, there is money for you to go to college!



# Deadlines

File FAFSA or CA Dream Act starting on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

- Do this early, some grants are offered on a first come, first serve basis

Cal Grant Deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>

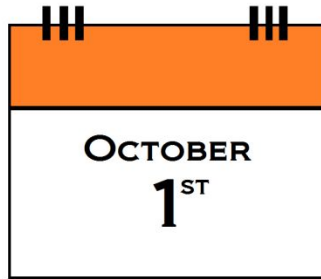
- Our high school files the Cal Grants electronically for students
- Individual college financial aid deadlines are crucial. Financial aid deadlines begin as early as November 1<sup>st</sup>. In that case you must have all documentation turned into your college by that deadline. Don't Miss Out!
- CSS Profile on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) is required by many private and independent universities to help distribute institutional aid

# Financial Aid Timeline

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 you can start filling out financial aid for the 2019-20 freshman year of college using tax forms from 2017.



Use taxes from 2018...



To apply for FAFSA and  
Dream Act applications in  
2019.....



To attend college  
in 2020-21.

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Past

Present

Future

# Money for College

## Financial Aid Night

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

San Mateo High School- Biotech Conference Room

Details will be sent out to students

# Scholarships at SMHS

- Scholarships become more available to students in the late fall; after application deadlines!
- Scholarship lists are updated in the Career Center every 1 – 2 weeks.
- Students may pick up the most current scholarship list in the Career Center, along with paper applications when available.
- Remember the more students work on the more they can earn! Start working on scholarships early and remember that not all scholarships are need based. There are many for merit and volunteerism.
- Beware of scams. Never pay or provide information on your personal accounts to apply for a scholarship.

# Important Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

10/1 – FAFSA & CA Dream Act Applications Open

10/11 – First Counselor Letter of Rec. Deadline

10/15 – Financial Aid student and parent presentation

10/17 – District College Fair at Burlingame HS

11/6 – CSU Application Workshop

11/6 – Stay in the Bay with \$100K

11/15 – Final Counselor Letter of Rec. Deadline

11/30 – UC & CSU Applications are DUE

3/2 – Complete FAFSA or CA Dream ACT by this date

Date TBD

UC Application Workshop - October or November

Financial Aid Application Workshop

# NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Last Day of School	27	28	29	30 UC & CSU Apps Due

# Final Thoughts

- Senior year does count- Avoid Senioritis
- Maintain communication- check email regularly (including Canvas, Naviance and personal), listen to announcements, Remind text service
- All acceptances provisional dependent upon final semester grades
- Change in schedule-must notify colleges
- Colleges can rescind acceptance letters once final transcripts are sent out!
- In addition to e-mail, login to the college website portals after applying as some schools will communicate with you through their system

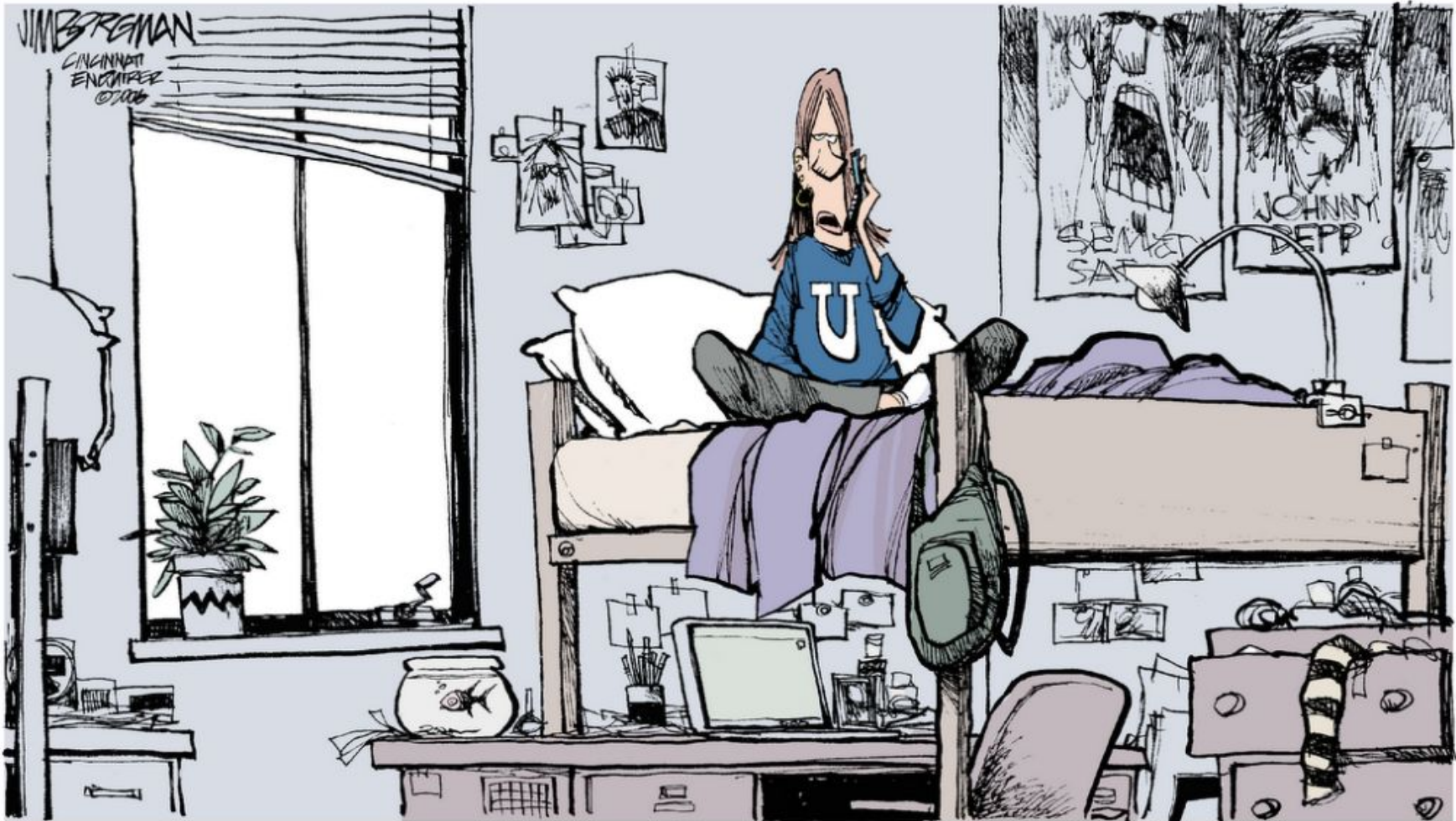
# Parents in the Process

## How You Can Help

- Talk about options . . . family considerations
- Review college choices and deadline chart
- Visit colleges with student
- Talk through any changes
- Be supportive

## Tasks Your Student Should Be Completing

- Registering for tests and sending scores
- Completing the applications and essays
- Submitting applications
- Tracking and scheduling interviews



"YES, MOTHER, I TOLD YOU, I'M DOING FINE ON MY OWN AT COLLEGE .... HEY, COULD YOU LOG ON AND FIND MY SCHEDULE, ORDER MY BOOKS AND CALL ME WHEN IT'S TIME FOR CLASS?"