



# ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

## COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER ISSUE



2025-2026

### EVENTS

#### Upcoming College Visits

Register to attend a visit in Scoir. Check out this Scoir Intro video - [LINK](#) Pick up a pass from Ms. Gwen once you register for the visit.

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Tues<br>9/2   | <a href="#">Pitzer College</a>                   | 1:20 pm<br>SMART       |
| TH<br>9/4     | <a href="#">Dartmouth College</a>                | 12:30/<br>Lunch        |
| Thur<br>9/4   | <a href="#">University of Chicago</a>            | 1:20 pm<br>SMART       |
| Tues<br>9/9   | <a href="#">UC Berkeley</a>                      | 12:30p<br>Lunch        |
| Tues<br>9/9   | <a href="#">Western Washington University</a>    | 1:20pm<br>SMART        |
| Weds<br>9/10  | <a href="#">Bishop's University</a>              | 230pm<br>Early release |
| Thurs<br>9/11 | <a href="#">University of Rochester</a>          | 1:20pm<br>Smart        |
| Thurs<br>9/11 | <a href="#">University of San Diego</a>          | 3:30pm<br>after school |
| Tues<br>9/16  | <a href="#">Chaminade University of Honolulu</a> | 1:20pm<br>SMART        |

To enjoy all of the hyperlinks - I recommend your download this Newsletter!

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@hornets\_buzz\_ccc



### ← College Visits for September

All college visits are in-person, so reserve your spot!  
*See page 4 for more details about Scoir*

Students must Register for all college visits at least one day ahead of the visit: [Video Link - Signing up for a College Visit](#)

- Once you register for a visit - Students will need to pick-up a PASS from me before SMART period. The CCC is in the Media Center across from The Pit in Rm. E-128 The PASS needs to be signed by your Smart period teacher and brought back to the CCC. I will be taking attendance so I clear up an absence if you get mis-marked as absent.
- Senior Only Visits - in an effort to bring schools to campus, I may have to schedule a handful of visits during a class period or they are high demand school. Only Seniors will have access to register for these visits.

### Mark your calendars:

**Alameda's Citywide College Night** is Monday, October 6th  
When: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Where: College of Alameda Gym  
40+ colleges will be present. [Come with questions.](#)

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| Thurs<br>9/18 | <a href="#">Northeastern</a>                      | 1:20 pm<br>Smart  |
| Tues<br>9/23  | <a href="#">Whitman</a>                           | 1:20pm<br>SMART   |
| Thur<br>9/25  | <a href="#">Santa Clara University</a>            | 1:20 pm<br>Smart  |
| Tues<br>9/30  | <a href="#">Occidental College</a>                | 1:20 pm<br>Smart  |
| Thur<br>10/2  | <a href="#">University College~Dublin</a>         | 12:30pm<br>Lunch  |
| TH<br>10/2    | <a href="#">Lehigh University</a>                 | 1:20 pm<br>Smart  |
| Mon<br>10/6   | Citywide College Night @ College of Alameda (gym) | 6pm-8pm           |
| Tues<br>10/7  | <a href="#">Smith College</a>                     | 12:30 pm<br>Lunch |
| Tues<br>10/7  | <a href="#">University of Puget Sound</a>         | 1:20 pm<br>SMART  |

**SENIORS:** Start your senior year strong. Stay on top of your classes as well as important deadlines. Every school still has virtual information sessions and visit options on this their website. Sign up for those!

### **Fall Deadlines:**

- ALL UC & CSU applications need to be submitted by November 30th - No Exceptions!

- [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens in **October 1st for seniors**. Students will be submitting an application for the 2026-27 school year. Parents will be using their 2024 tax returns to fill out the financial portion of this application. The deadline in CA for submission will be April 2nd but I recommend submitting your FAFSA in December or January if possible.

### **College Applications:**

If you have a 3.0 GPA or above you are eligible to apply to a UC. The [UC Application](#) is now open. You can begin working on it.

### **UC Application Overview**

If you have a 2.5 GPA or above, you eligible to apply to a CSU. The [CSU application](#) does not open until October 1st. You have time to do your research about the different CSU campuses

[Common Application](#) is used to apply to Private colleges & Out-of-State universities. Deadlines vary. Do your research about about out-of-state schools that offer tuition discounts to CA students, e.g. [Western Undergraduate Exchange Schools \(WUE\)](#).

Planning to attend Community College after graduation? Enrollment for **CA Community Colleges** will open in April 2026.

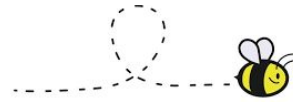
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### What about Standardized Testing??

Should seniors or juniors try and take an SAT or ACT for college admissions?

- Who requires testing for 2026 admissions? MIT, Georgetown & US Military Academies to name a few. [Here is a current list from June 2025](#)
- UCs/CSUs will not look at SAT/ACT score. This is what the [UC website](#) says about testing. Same for the CSUs.
- Test Optional means that a student can submit scores if they have them and they think it will add value to their application. Many private colleges and out-of-state schools are test optional this year.
- If you really want to take a practice exam, [Revolution Prep](#) is offering online practice exams this fall for the PSAT, SAT and ACT [Dates and registration Information link](#)

How do I search for scholarships? [VIDEO](#) you can watch.

- Sign up for 1-2 scholarship databases. You can create a profile and give them information that will “supposedly” help them find scholarships where you match the eligibility requirements. Here are a few that I recommend:
- [JLV College Counseling](#) - Scholarship Resource list that I like!
- [Go Merry](#) - Scholarship Database
- [Fastweb](#) - Scholarship database
- [StudentScholarships](#) - Scholarship database
- [Unigo](#) - Scholarship database

Are there only scholarships for seniors? No, but you will see more scholarships for seniors. The scholarship databases can help you find scholarships for 9th, 10th & 11th graders.

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### Scoir - pronounced "Score"

<https://app.scoir.com/signup> If they haven't already, students need to register with Scoir as an Alameda High student using their ausdg.us email. They need to be logged in their AUSD Chrome Browser - Single Sign-On is easy - "Sign in with Google".

How do I Register for College visits: **See below**

- Click on your MENU bars in the upper right corner
- and scroll down to "Events & Deadlines"
- Register for the visit
- Come and get a pass from Ms. Lori
- Set a reminder for yourself. Ms. Lori is not your mom. She will not remind you about the visit and she will not deliver passes to you.

**Log in**

Email \*

Password \*

Log In

[Forgot password?](#)

or

Log in with Google

Log in with Clever

Log in with ClassLink

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