



ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS

College Visits for AHS students.

TH 10/31	Non-Student Day/ SAT	8:30am 
Tues 11/4	University of Oregon	1:20pm SMART
Thurs 11/6	SF State	1:20 Smart
11/5, 11/12 & 11/19	College Application Help	2:30- 5:30pm
11/10 & 11/11	Veteran's Day Break	
11/24- 11/28	Thanksgiving Break 	

SENIORS: Reminder Fall Grades Matter!!! Please do not lose focus on your classes. Doing well in your classes this fall matters.

Big Deadlines:

UC Application Deadline:
December 1st before 5:00pm to be safe. [Application Tutorials](#)

CSU Application Deadline:
December 1st submit earlier if possible.

Financial Aid Application:
[FAFSA](#) (Free Application For Student Aid) & [CADAA](#) (CA Dream Act App)-*March 2nd 2026*

Financial Aid for *some* private colleges also require the [CSS Profile](#). This application is a deeper dive into your parent's financial records. Any school that "meets 100% of demonstrated need" will require this application along with the FAFSA. (e.g. in CA: Stanford, USC & all the Claremont colleges) [Walkthrough Video](#)

JUNIORS:

For those of you who wanted to take a practice tests this fall here are some options. Revolution Prep is offering two virtual practice exams this fall.

Digital SAT Practice exam:
November 1st 9-1:00pm
online-FREE

ACT Practice exam:
November 8th 9-1:00pm
online-Free

Register for one or both of these practice exams [HERE](#)

Local Test Prep:
recommendations: Our local test prep dynamic duo Ryan & Natalie - [Felix Prep](#)

Visit the CCC website for more information on college, career, scholarships, financial aid, test prep, job and volunteer postings, and more! Click [HERE](#)



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Seniors: Get ready for the 2025-26 FAFSA/CADAA going live?

- Opened October 1st
- For FAFSA - Both the student and ONE parent can create their [FSA ID](#) (PLEASE remember your username & passwords) The FSA ID will be used to sign into the FAFSA application and both parent and student will need a FSA ID to sign and submit their application.
- [Documents you need to file a FAFSA or CADAA application](#)

Scholarship Resources: Use multiple sites when looking for scholarships

- AHS College & Career Center's [Scholarship Page](#): Begin here. Scholarships are listed chronologically & are all hyperlinked. I am updating this page weekly so if you see a 2025 deadline, use this as a reference for when the 2026 deadline will most likely be.
- Sign up for at least one scholarship search engine: [Scholarships.com](#), [Unigo](#), [Scholarships](#), [StudentScholarshipSearch](#), [Fastweb](#)
- Start applying NOW! There is no limit to how many scholarships you can apply for. A spreadsheet might help you stay organized - [Scholarship Organizer](#)
- Ms. Gwen's ["Scholarship Search" video](#)
- Can you recycle scholarship essays? Not always. Do not just submit your Common App essay or a PIQ you have written. You will need to tweak your essay to fit each scholarship. It will take some effort but this is for free money! Make the effort now and it can pay off.
- Parent/grandparent - think about if they are a member of a union or their employer offers scholarships for dependents?

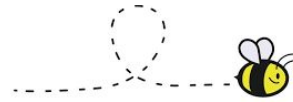
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Upcoming Opportunities (Juniors):

UC Irvine Virtual events - [Link](#)

UCSB is offering Virtual Presentations for Future Freshman Applicants

[LINK](#)

UC San Diego Health Pathways Webinar November 19 | 1-2 p.m. PT

[Recordings](#)

Revolution Prep Webinars for November: “College Planning Case Study” Thursday, November 6th 5:00 pm PST [Link](#)

Seniors-Please try to finish your regular decision application by November 19th, as we are on break leading up to the final day to submit on December 1st. Try not to submit on the last day!

Take advantage of our upcoming breaks to go check out colleges, sign up for in person tours.



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