

Oakwood to UCSB

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Finding my passions at Oakwood



Why I chose Applied Math

- Find my academic passion which you are developing skills for
- Major not limiting in college, you can change it
- The gateway to college and your life is your major, not your life itself

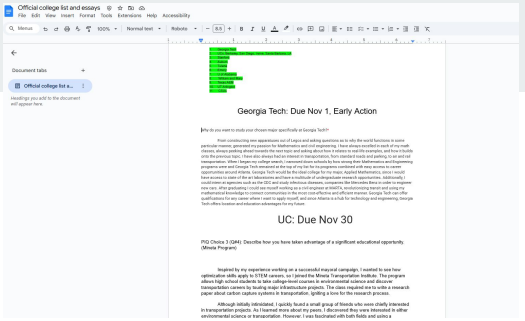


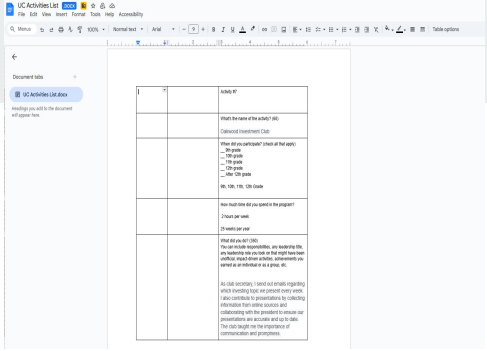


- I wanted to choose a major which cast a wide academic net

- PreCalc and Calculus, along with Physics and AP CSA, solid classes
- Spanish Language helped me connect with my own culture too
- Scientists and mathematic solve real world issues

- Find a class you enjoy, could become your major
- The individual subject area matters too
- Either way you can choose a less impacted major





Making a college/activities list

-Start by visiting campuses around you,

Note: You will significantly cut down your list in the next year

-Large early admit day for UCSB

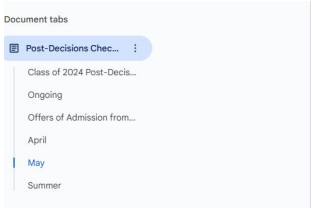
-Confirmation of enrollment, respond and choose hou

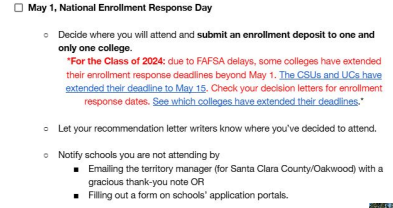
quickly

-Activities/Thinking about relating major to application

Research is a good choice, I participated in the Mineta Transport Institute (MTI)

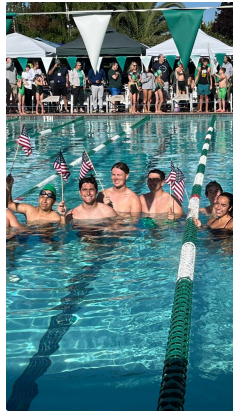
Doing sports in high school is good











Touring colleges

-You can tour colleges by region, locally, or internationally

-I UC campuses, southern colleges and some local, show interest!!

-After getting admitted, I made sure to visit



Visiting Georgia Tech



UCI Visit



Auburn University

Starting at UCSB

-Classes were 10-50x larger than oakwood classes

-Cool events such as a Big Sean concert

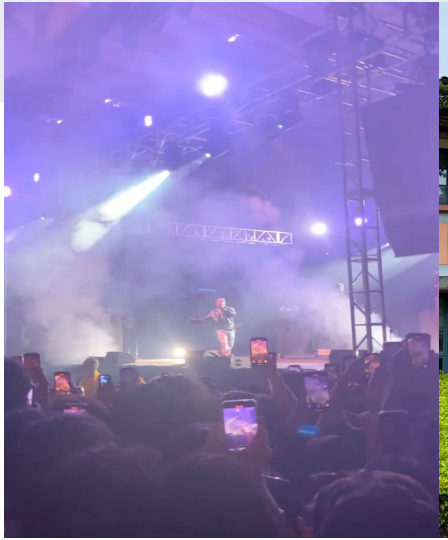
-Big event centers for soccer/track/basketball

Resources:

- Davidson Library open 24/7 great for studying

-Professors had frequent office hours or section hours in most cases

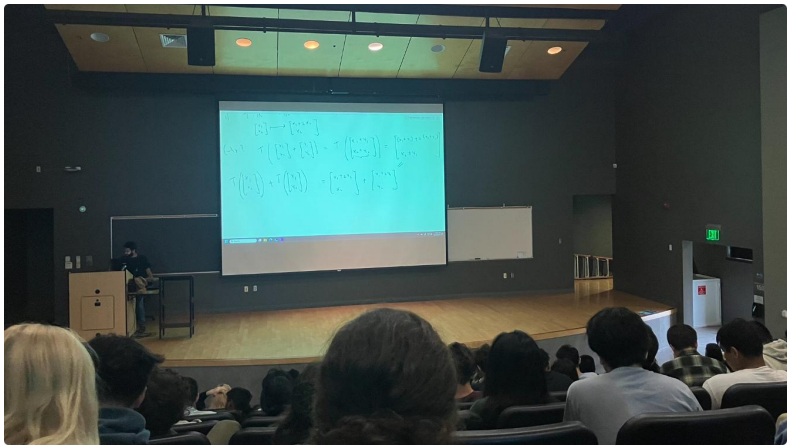
-Plenty of biking trails for exercise, the aquatic center/gym is large



Concert at UCSB Events center



Admit students weekend, physics



Math 4A lecture, around 150 (Oakwood's total student body)

Adjusting to life at UCSB

Lodging and Homework

-Regular bedroom vs dorm room (big difference)

-Oakwood prepared me well for homework load,

although harder to meet with professors

-Only 12 units this quarter (15 average)

	FALL 2025	WINTER 2026	SPRING 2026
Quarter Begins	Sep 21, 2025	Jan 05, 2026	Mar 30, 2026
Pre-Instructional Activities	Sep 22, 2025 - Sep 24, 2025		
Instruction	Sep 25, 2025 - Dec 05, 2025	Jan 05, 2026 - Mar 13, 2026	Mar 30, 2026 - Jun 05, 2026
Finals	Dec 06, 2025 - Dec 12, 2025	Mar 14, 2026 - Mar 20, 2026	Jun 08, 2026 - Jun 12, 2026
Quarter Ends	Dec 12, 2025	Mar 20, 2026	Jun 12, 2026
Commencement			Jun 11, 2026 - Jun 14, 2026
Days of Instruction	49 days	48 days	49 days



Freshman Dorm



UCSB Gym



Davidson (UCSB) Library

Academics/Clubs

I joined orgs/club like ASUCSB,

debate, and triathlon

-Also I was a rep for residential hall council

-Looking forward:



UCSB Associated Students



Irvine College Debate tournament



Stanford treeathlon race

Thank you