



Pitman College & Career Monthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2026

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23 MJC DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES START THIS WEEK	24 PRIDE TIME COLLEGE NIGHT AT PITMAN 5:30-7:00 	25 HOMEROOM	26 WEAR COLLEGE / CAREER SHIRTS  WEST FEST MJC COLLEGE NIGHT 4:00-8:00	27 PRIDE TIME FOOTHILL HORIZONS CAMP COUNSELOR INTEREST FORM, DATES & DETAILS SENIORS ONLY LIBRARY	28 SENIORS... INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR UC MERCED'S MAAP SCHOLARSHIP? FILL OUT GOOGLE FORM IN GOOGLE CLASS OF 2027 TO JOIN WORKSHOP!	29
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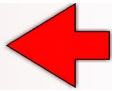
STAYING ON TRACK:

<u>Freshmen:</u> Start high school off right! • Turn assignments in ON TIME. By earning C's or BETTER you will stay A-G eligible for college! The higher your grades, the more competitive schools that will accept you! • Start off strong, because against popular belief...EVERY CLASS COUNTS! • Join a club or sport and become involved EARLY!	<u>Sophomores:</u> • Your GPA sophomore year is extremely important to colleges. Sophomore year is also when your GPA is considered for financial aid. • Aim for at least a 3.0 to ensure you qualify for the most amount of money possible. • Consider joining a club or sport if you haven't done so or join one this year! Colleges like students who take challenging classes, get good grades AND are involved in extracurricular activities.
<u>Juniors:</u> • Junior year is arguably the most important year for college admissions. If you haven't started, it's time to begin to narrow in on where you want to apply after high school. Are you considering a UC? CSU? Community College? Vocational School or the military? • Check out Bigfuture.com or collegeboard.org to start or deepen your College Search and sign up for College/Career Pride Times that interest you!!	<u>Seniors:</u> • PAY CLOSE ATTENTION to all things that counselors tell you this year including during their classroom presentations! Keyword..DEADLINES! • During the Fall Counselor presentation you will sign up for workshops specifically designed to give you more information on your different options. • Fill out your Senior Surveys so we can support your future pathway. • Your senior to do list is available here: -- SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

Class of 2027...YOUR Senior year has arrived!!

SENIOR SURVEY:

We will be hosting a variety of workshops to help you with the many applications to support your chosen pathway - whether it be college or career. Please be sure to complete the senior survey so you can be pulled for the correct workshops this year! Scan QR code above or use this link: <https://bit.ly/seniorfallsurvey27>



SENIORS PATHWAY PLANNING:

If college is in your future, take time to get your list of possible schools together that you would like to apply to. You should have a list of **reach schools** (dream schools), **probable schools** (you meet the requirements but the school is competitive) and **safe schools** (schools you know you can get into). You will need this list as you start your applications this fall!

SENIOR WEBPAGE:

Seniors as you make your way through the school year... be sure to be checking the Senior Web Page for important dates, updates, announcements and Power Points. This will help you keep track of what is coming up. Here is the link to help you navigate to the web page: <https://sites.google.com/turlock.k12.ca.us/2027seniors/home>

Communication:

Connecting with the Career Center through **Google Classrooms**, **Pride Times**, **Monthly Calendars**, **Instagram**, our **Senior Webpage** and now **PARENT SQUARE** is imperative to the success of your plans and goals! Be sure to check all of these and reach out to Mrs. McBay regarding the many opportunities with support!

MJC Dual Enrollment - FALL:



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Don't forget that if you are enrolled in MJC Dual Enrollment courses be checking your MJC emails for registration, course details / assignments posted in Canvas and emails from your professors. Classes start Monday August 24th. through MJC! Work hard and do your best!

Details About Earning College Credits While In High School-

You may have heard that students can begin earning college credits in high school for **FREE!** There are many options for students to begin earning college credit and we have broken them down for you!

Dual Enrollment:

Students are enrolled in high school and college at the SAME time and have the opportunity to earn college credits **while attending high school free of tuition** (small student fees still apply). The most common/easiest way to do this is by enrolling through **MJC's Dual Enrollment courses offered on campus** but students can take any Junior College course from any Junior College with approval from their counselor. These courses do not appear on your high school transcript or count towards graduation but will appear on your **COLLEGE** transcript. It is **VERY** important that you are serious about your grade in these courses as they will stay with you when it is time to transfer to a 4 year University from JC, applying to grad school, or a job. The college/career center can support you in signing up and enrolling in these courses but all further communication is done through the professor/MJC. You can get information any time from the Career Center. Students may enroll in these courses by filling out all necessary paperwork on the TUSD Dual Enrollment website.

Early College:

Pitman has an agreement with CSU Stanislaus to offer one Stanislaus State course through A-Period each semester. **This course does not appear on the students high school transcript but gives college units through CSU Stanislaus for free.** Students must sign up for these courses through Mrs. McBay in the Career Center. **Our Fall course offering will be Intro to Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. It will meet Monday & Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 starting August 19th. Link to interest form :[INTRO TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY](#)**

Articulated Classes:

There are classes offered at Pitman that are articulated through Modesto Junior College. What this means is that if you enroll in a course, pass the class with a B- or better and meet specific requirements....such as passing an exam or turning in a portfolio, you will earn COLLEGE UNITS and high school credits at the same time.

Advanced Placement Courses: Advanced Placement Courses are *college-level* courses offered at the high school. These classes meet high school graduation requirements, enrich students who need more challenging courses and offer an extra point for a student's GPA. A student must pass the AP exam with a 3, 4, or 5 in order to waive some college requirements. Each campus is different as to what courses are waived by passing AP exams. This is the best way to find out what your University Policy is→ <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

****It is important to examine your workload before choosing to take on additional courses. Your **first priority** should remain high school graduation, grades and commitments.



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