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COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

COUNSELING HIGHLIGHTS

Senior Application Workshops - Throughout October, McLane counselors hosted workshops to support seniors with their CSU, UC, and Fresno City College (FCC) applications.

As of November 2nd, our seniors have made great progress:

- **CSU:** 133 of 267 eligible seniors have completed at least one application, with another 101 in progress.
- **UC:** 131 of 151 eligible seniors have started their applications, with 2 submissions.
- **FCC:** 280 seniors have successfully submitted their applications!

With the **November 30th CSU and UC application deadline** approaching, counselors will continue offering workshops throughout November to help students complete and submit their applications.

FAFSA & CADAA Financial Aid Workshops - Throughout October, McLane counselors hosted workshops to help seniors complete their portion of the **FAFSA or California Dream Act Application (CADAA)**, which provide access to financial aid opportunities for college. Counselors also hosted a successful **Parent Financial Aid Workshop on October 21**, offering additional support to families.

As of November 2nd, 142 seniors have started their applications, with 122 already submitted!

With California requiring seniors to complete a financial aid application or formally opt out, getting an early start is essential. The process can be complex and time-consuming, often requiring individualized support. Our counseling team will continue providing workshops and assistance to help students and families navigate the process and meet important deadlines.

College Campus Visits: Exploring Future Opportunities - On October 20th, McLane counselors chaperoned two exciting college field trips! Our **Rising Scholars visited UC Santa Barbara**, while another group of primarily sophomore students explored **Cal State Monterey Bay**, with an opportunity to visit the nearby wharf!

These experiences are invaluable in exposing students to college life, helping them envision themselves on a university campus, and inspiring them to explore future educational opportunities. College exposure is an important part of building a college-going culture and encouraging our Highlanders to dream big!

Quarter 1 Academic Celebration: Smart Cookies & Spooky Success! - On October 29th, McLane celebrated the academic achievements of 883 Highlanders who earned a 3.0 GPA or higher during Quarter 1! Our Smart Cookies & Spooky Success celebration recognized students for their hard work and dedication with a sweet treat during lunch in the Quad. We are proud of our Highlanders for their academic success and look forward to celebrating even more students next quarter!

Quarter 1 Student Success Meetings - Following the finalization of Quarter 1 grades, McLane counselors began their second round of **Student Success Meetings** on October 30th and November 2nd, focusing on 9th and 10th grade students who earned two or more D or F grades.

Counselors are meeting individually with students to review academic progress, identify challenges, and set goals for improvement. Students are also being connected with Tutor.com and reminded of available on-campus tutoring supports to help them get back on track for Quarter 2!

LOOKING AHEAD: NOVEMBER COUNSELING UPDATES

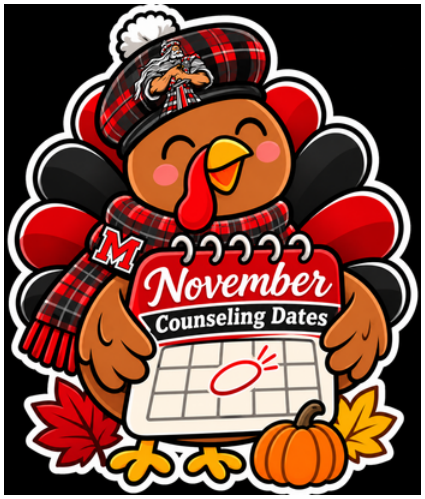
November is another busy month for the McLane Counseling Team as we continue supporting students with academic success, college readiness, and postsecondary planning! Our focus includes helping seniors complete their college and financial aid applications, providing academic interventions, connecting with families, and offering workshops focused on dual enrollment, HBCU opportunities, and college support programs.

On **November 3 at 3:30 PM in the Library**, the Counseling Department will host a **Parent Connect Meeting** for families of 9th and 10th grade students who earned two or more D or F grades during Quarter 1. This meeting will provide an opportunity to share valuable academic resources and supports, answer questions, and partner with families to help students get back on track.

We are also excited to welcome our future Highlanders from **Scandinavian and Yosemite Middle Schools on November 12th and 13th** for our annual 8th Grade Move-Up Days! Students will explore our campus, learn about McLane's academic programs, CTE pathways, electives, and extracurricular opportunities, and get a glimpse of what it means to be a Highlander. These visits help build excitement and confidence as students prepare for their transition to high school!

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER COUNSELING DATES

- Nov. 2nd - Quarter 1 Student Success Meetings
- Nov. 3rd - Parent Connect Meeting
- Nov. 3rd & 4th - FAFSA Application Workshops
- Nov. 5th - UC Application Workshop #3 & DSPS AIM Applications
- Nov. 6th - Fresno Pacific University Application Workshop
- Nov. 9th & 10th - Dual Enrollment Spring Application Workshops
- Nov. 11th - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 12th - Scandinavian Middle School Move-Up Day
- Nov. 13th - Yosemite Middle School Move-Up Day
- Nov. 16th - 20th Quarter 2 Progress Reporting Week & EOP Support/College Application Follow-ups
- Nov. 17th - HBCU Workshop & FAFSA Parent Night
- Nov. 18th - CSU Application Workshop #3
- Nov. 19th - DSPS Intake Workshop & UC Final Review
- Nov. 20th - College Application Workshop (all apps)
- Nov. 23rd - 27th - Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 30th - CSU & UC Application Submission Deadline



As always, thank you to our McLane staff for your continued support and flexibility as we work to meet the academic, social-emotional, and college and career needs of our students. We recognize that pulling students from class requires your cooperation and understanding, and we truly appreciate your willingness to make these important opportunities possible. Your partnership plays a vital role in helping our Highlanders succeed, and we are grateful for all that you do!