



COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER JUNIOR NEWSLETTER 2007

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THE COLLEGE PROCESS: WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW TO BEGIN...

- BEGIN YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH TODAY!
HELPFUL WEBSITES ARE LISTED ON PAGE 2
- VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND TAKE TOURS DURING SPRING BREAK AND SUMMERTIME TO SEE IF A SPECIFIC SCHOOL APPEALS TO YOU
- REGISTER FOR THE ACT AT [WWW.ACT.ORG](http://www.act.org) OR THE SAT REASONING TEST AND SUBJECT TESTS AT [WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- TAKE THE SAT OR ACT EXAMS THIS SPRING—MAY OR JUNE TESTS ARE RECOMMENDED—THAT WAY IF YOU WANT TO RE-TAKE THEM AS A SENIOR YOU WILL HAVE THE TIME IN THE FALL
- ATTEND THE COLLEGE FAIR FALL 2007 TO INVESTIGATE COLLEGES AND SPEAK WITH ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES OF COLLEGES YOU PLAN ON APPLYING TO
- SPEAK WITH YOUR TEACHERS, COUNSELORS OR FAMILY MEMBERS TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR COLLEGE EXPERIENCES
- SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR COLLEGE COUNSELOR. WHOM YOU WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THROUGHOUT YOUR SENIOR YEAR
- PICK UP A SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLET IN THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER TODAY!

THE COLLEGE PROCESS HAS A WAY OF SNEAKING UP ON STUDENTS THEIR SENIOR YEAR. IF YOU PLAN AHEAD, YOU CAN MAKE THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS VIRTUALLY STRESS-FREE!

THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HAVE THREE BASIC REQUIREMENTS BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION TO THEIR COLLEGE WILL BE CONSIDERED:

1. QUALIFYING GRADE POINT AVERAGE
2. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS
3. SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

GPA: MOST INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING BASE YOUR ELIGIBILITY ON YOUR GRADES FROM SOPHOMORE THROUGH JUNIOR YEAR.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS: MOST SCHOOLS REQUIRE THE ACT (OR ACT WITH WRITING) OR SAT REASONING TEST. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM REQUIRES 2 SUBJECT TESTS. A FEW PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS REQUIRE 3 SUBJECT TESTS.

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS: THE UC & THE CSU SYSTEMS HAVE THE SAME MINIMUM SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS KNOWN AS THE "A-G" COURSES

JUNIOR PARENT & STUDENT NIGHT

WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: BARNUM HALL

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT IS TO HELP INTRODUCE STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO THE COLLEGE PROCESS, DIFFERENT TYPES OF COLLEGES, COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS AND THE COLLEGE CENTER'S PROCEDURES AND REQUIRED DEADLINES.

IN ADDITION, SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED TO PREPARE STUDENTS AND PARENTS AS TO THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT SENIOR YEAR.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR STUDENT'S COLLEGE COUNSELOR, YOU CAN CALL BY PHONE AT SAMOHI (310) 395-3204, OR SEND US AN E-MAIL

FOR STUDENTS W/LAST NAMES A-K: STACY LA DUKE @ EXT. 331 OR STACY.LADUKE@SMMUSD.ORG

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HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR THE COLLEGE PROCESS

HTTP://WWW.SAMOHI.SMMUSD.ORG/FUTURE/INDEX.HTM: THIS IS THE COLLEGE CENTER'S WEBSITE AT SAMOHI. IT CONTAINS TIMELY INFORMATION REGARDING ALL STEPS OF THE COLLEGE PROCESS INCLUDING RESOURCES FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES, FINANCIAL AID, SAT & ACT PREPARATION, SAT & ACT TEST DATES, COLLEGE VISITS, ON-LINE CLASSES, AND ALL OF THE COLLEGE CENTER'S IMPORTANT FORMS, INCLUDING THE BRAG SHEET, AS WELL AS DATES AND DEADLINES TO TURN IN ALL FORMS TO THE COLLEGE CENTER.

WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM: THIS IS THE SITE TO SIGN UP FOR SAT REASONING AND SAT SUBJECT TESTS. YOU CAN ALSO SEARCH FOR INSTITUTIONS BY MAJOR, INTERESTS, REGION; THIS SITE WILL PRODUCE 2-YEAR & 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NATIONWIDE.

WWW.ACT.ORG: THIS IS THE SITE TO REGISTER FOR THE ACT OR ACT PLUS WRITING EXAMS—THE UC SYSTEM REQUIRES THE ACT PLUS WRITING).

WWW.PRINCETONREVIEW.COM: THE SITE OFFERS SAT PREPARATION AND HELPS WITH COLLEGE SEARCHES.

WWW.REVOLUTIONPREP.COM: THE SITE HELPS WITH SAT PREPARATION AND THIS ORGANIZATION ALSO OFFERS GROUP SAT SESSIONS AT SAMOHI. PHONE NUMBER IS 1-877-REV PREP.

WWW.UCOP.EDU/PATHWAYS: INFORMATION ON THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM.

WWW.UNIVERSITYOFCALIFORNIA.EDU/APPLY: ON-LINE APPLICATION; FILING PERIOD NOVEMBER 1-30; ESSAY REQUIRED ON 3 DIFFERENT TOPICS—1,000 WORDS TOTAL, ONE ESSAY MUST BE 600 WORDS, THE REMAINING TWO 200 WORDS.

WWW.CSUMENTOR.EDU: INFORMATION ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM INCLUDING THE ON-LINE APPLICATION—FILING PERIOD IS OCTOBER 1-NOVEMBER 30.

WWW.CALIFORNIACOLLEGES.EDU: SEARCH BY MAJOR, REGION, SETTING, POPULATION ETC...THIS SITE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A LIST OF COLLEGES FOR 2 & 4-YEAR, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA

WWW.UCOP.EDU/DOORWAYS/: THIS SITE LISTS ALL THE APPROVED "A-G" COURSES FOR THE UCs & CSUS—IT ALSO DESIGNATES WHICH "A-G" COURSES ARE GIVEN THE EXTRA POINT FOR AP & HONORS COURSES.

WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG: THIS SITE IS A JOINT SITE FOR OVER 300 PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES; ALL CAMPUSES REQUIRE A CHOICE OF ONE OF SIX ESSAYS TO BE SUBMITTED.

WWW.NAICU.EDU: THIS SITE SHOWCASES ALL THE INDEPENDENT AND PRIVATE COLLEGES NATION-WIDE

WWW.AICCU.EDU: THIS SITE SHOWCASES THE PRIVATE AND INDEPENDENT COLLEGES IN CALIFORNIA

THE TIME IS **NOW** TO PLAN AND PREPARE FOR COLLEGE...DO THIS BY:

- CREATING A PORTFOLIO ON THE BRIDGES WEBSITE (SEE BELOW)
- SURFING THE WEB—SEE WEBSITES ABOVE
- VISITING COLLEGE CAMPUSES!
- FILLING OUT THE BRAG SHEET ON-LINE:..**HTTP://WWW.SAMOHI.SMMUSD.ORG/FUTURE/BRAGSHEET/INDEX.HTM**
- WRITING COLLEGE ESSAYS (SEE THE UC OR THE COMMONAPP WEBSITES ABOVE)

TAKE TIME TO EXPLORE CAMPUSES TO GET AN IDEA IF IT IS A PLACE WHERE YOU WANT TO BE. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 2-WEEK SPRING BREAK AND VISIT COLLEGES WITHIN A REGION THAT ARE SOME DISTANCE AWAY, OR VISIT OUR LOCAL CAMPUSES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON THE WEEKEND.

CHOICES PLANNER IS AN EXCELLENT ON-LINE TOOL AVAILABLE TO SAMOHI STUDENTS TO CREATE A PORTFOLIO AND EXPLORE COLLEGES. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO POSTED ON THE SAMOHI WEBSITE. **GO TO WWW.ACCESS.BRIDGES.COM** ENTER YOUR SITE ID: **0009476**; **PASSWORD: SANTA**

CLICK GO TO START PLANNING. TO CREATE A PORTFOLIO, CLICK CREATE A PORTFOLIO, ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND CREATE A PORTFOLIO NAME AND PASSWORD.



**College isn't
a trophy—
it's a match**