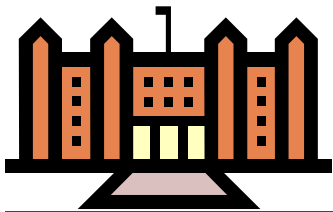


Senior Newsletter

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Commit yourself to an Institution!

*National
Commit Day
is May 1st!*

College Placement Exams

These exams are required by the California Public University Systems to determine your placement in English or math courses in college. You may be exempt from these exams based on SAT or AP scores.

Check the following websites to determine if you are exempt from taking the exams:

University of California

Entry Level Writing Requirement (formerly known as the Subject A Requirement):

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/add.html

California State University

English Placement Test (EPT) & Entry Level Mathematics Exam:

http://www.csumentor.org/planning/high_school/ept.asp

http://www.csumentor.org/planning/high_school/elm.asp

Considering, Deciding and Committing to an Institution of Higher Learning!

The month of March is when college acceptance letters and e-mails start appearing. Before you get too caught up in committing to a college wait until you get the financial aid package which comes in April.

After you have taken some time to review the different financial aid packages, you and your family will decide which is the best choice for you both academically and financially .

If your family is unable to cover some of the funds for college, many of the private institutions will find ways to get you the money to cover the cost of college so that you will enroll at their school. Contact the school's financial aid office to learn about this process.

Unfortunately, the UCs and CSUs are not able to come up with extra funds to help get you to college because they are public institutions and are solely funded by the state of California, they cannot make financial exceptions unless your financial situation has changed, then, contact a campus's financial aid office.

After you have applied for financial aid, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) as a result of your FAFSA Application you filed by the March 2 deadline!

It is vital that you review the SAR report, if there are any errors, you must correct them and submit your updated SAR for reprocessing.

Your complete, correct SAR will contain your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)—the number used to determine your federal aid eligibility.

This is sent to the colleges you designated on the FAFSA to receive your report. Once the colleges have made their admissions decisions in March; in April, they will send the financial aid package they are offering to you.

At this time, you will need to compare the different packages and decide which package is the most attractive to you and your family. You then sign a "letter of intent" often with a non-refundable deposit to the college you decide to enroll in no later than May 1, 2007!

Provisional Admission

Offers of admission are provisional until the campus receives the student's final official transcript and verifies successful completion of all coursework for eligibility.

If any information in the application is found to be incomplete or inaccurate or if a student's performance drops significantly during the senior year, the offer of admissions may be revoked.

Report Your College Acceptances to the College

Reasons to do this:

1. We record where our students have been accepted to, not just where they are going to attend.
2. Helpful for future students, to know if they have similar profiles to present students, what are their chances of getting in.
3. We enjoy learning of your good news when you get into those colleges that we may have helped you during this process.