



SENIOR UPDATE

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The deadline to submit your FAFSA or Dream Act Application is March 2nd!!
The deadline to submit your Humboldt Area Foundation applications is March 15th!!
See your counselor ASAP if you need help with either of these.

More financial aid notes:

- You can still submit your FAFSA or Dream Act after March 2nd, but you will only be considered for aid if there is any money left after processing all applications submitted on time. Submitting on time guarantees you get all of the money for which you are eligible.
- You **MUST** claim your Cal Grant once you know where you are going to school. Grants not claimed will be pulled and redistributed to other students in the summer. Make an account at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/> to log in and check the status of your grants. Do not claim your grant until you are 100% certain of where you are going – you can't change your school once it has been claimed.
- Go to scholarships.com or fastweb.com and create a profile. The profile questions match you with national scholarships that you are eligible to receive. Apply to as many as you can.
- Tell us when you get a financial aid award! We want to honor every senior who has won a scholarship at Senior Awards Night in June, but we won't know what you get unless you tell us.
- **Scholarships and financial aid are NOT just for college. If you are going on to any training program after high school, there is money available for you. Don't miss out!**

Are you going to a four-year college or university?

- Make sure you read EVERYTHING that your colleges are sending you. By now you should have logged in to each of your potential schools' applicant portal and started working on the 'to-do' list that you find there. The instructions and links are in one of the first emails the school sent you. If you need help doing this, see your counselor ASAP.

Are you going to a community college?

- College of the Redwoods: CR will be here on **March 7th and 8th** for you to take their **math and English placement tests**. Sign up in the main office by Friday, March 2nd to attend. You can also call CR's Testing Center and make an appointment to take the test there: 707-476-4106. You can practice for the test by going to: <http://www.redwoods.edu/asc/Placement-Testing/Review-for-the-Placement-Test>
- We will be going up to CR in April or May for **new student orientation and fall registration**. Watch the bulletin for more information.

- If you are attending another California community college, you can most likely take CR's test and send your scores to your school. Check with your counselor or call CR's testing center to see if this is an option for you.

Are you planning to live on campus?

Most colleges make housing applications available on their websites in March, and dorms are first-come first-served. HSU's new student housing application is due with a \$200 deposit on April 6th.

Acceptance notices from colleges:

Most CSUs and UCs send out acceptance letters in late March. We are as excited as you are! Once you are accepted and have made your decision, please tell your counselor where you are going.

A reminder about graduation requirements:

All of this college and advanced training stuff is awesome, but none of it happens without a high school diploma!! **You must pass every class** you are currently enrolled in to graduate from high school. Also, if you are doing the **senior online credit recovery** you need to check in regularly with Mr. Helms and complete your entire online course before the last day of school in order to graduate. And remember that if you want to walk the stage and participate in other senior end-of-year activities **you must follow the Senior Activities Policy** that Mr. Williams talked to you about in your history class. Things that can prevent you from participating include **15 absences in a period (unexcused or excused), 10 tardies, suspensions, or an F in any class at the time of the activity.**

IMPORTANT DATES (some may change):

3/7 and 3/8 College of the Redwoods Placement Tests in B labs
3/24 Seal of Biliteracy Language Fair and Oral Assessments @ HSU
3/29 Raza Day @ HSU (field trip for Latino and African American students)
3/29 Latino Parent Night
4/16 No school all week – Spring Break
5/2 Change the World Showcase and Open House
5/4 Spring Rally
5/7 First day of AP Testing - Good luck!
5/15 Seal of Biliteracy Awards Night @ HCOE
5/18 Student Appreciation Day
5/23 Senior Awards Night
5/24 Senior Ball and Banquet
5/25 Senior Picnic
5/29 Multicultural Graduation Ceremony
5/31 Last Day of School
6/1 Senior Breakfast and GRADUATION!!
6/2 First day of the rest of your life... 😊