




SENIOR SCOTS BULLETIN

Counselor's Corner

On your mark, get set, GO! Yes, college application season is officially OPEN. Hopefully you have made a list of at least five (5) colleges to apply to by November 30th . If not, www.californiacolleges.edu or collegenavigator.gov or www.bigfuture.org - are all excellent websites for help with building your college list. Remember, you should apply to (1 or 2) a dream colleges, (2) three or more colleges that you would happily attend, even though it may not be the first choice, (3) colleges that you fit the general admission requirements, as a fall-back choice. The fall-back should NOT be an impacted campus. Impacted campuses are harder to get into because the campus receives more eligible applicants than can be accommodated so the campus must restrict enrollment. Go to www.csumentor.edu to apply to California State Universities or <https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm> to apply to the University of California system and for many private schools you can use www.commonapp.org. For some private and out of state colleges, go to their websites for directions. It's a lot of work, but it's worth it!!

-Ms. Barrick

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SAT @ HHS Check-In 7:30am
2	3 Cal-SOAP FSAID Student Workshop #1 (Gov/Econ Library) <i>Early Out 2:16 pm</i>	4	5 Cal-SOAP Senior Panoramic Picture Wed. Oct. 5 Scotland Yard—2nd Period FSAID Student Workshop #2 (Gov/Econ Library)	6 Fall Fine Arts Preview Concert	7 Cal-SOAP <i>Staff Breakfast</i> SAT REG Deadline 11/5 Test	8
9	10 Cal-SOAP CSU App Workshop Library (Call-Outs) <i>Early Out 2:16 pm</i>	11	12 Cal-SOAP	13 <i>Principal Partners Day</i>	14 Cal-SOAP	15
16	17 Cal-SOAP <i>Early Out 2:16 pm</i>	18 FSAID Parent Workshop #2 3:30-5:30 2C CASH-4-COLLEGE (FAFSA/Dream) 5:30-7:30 Library	19 Cal-SOAP	20 FOOD SALE	21 Cal-SOAP CSU App Follow-Up Career Center (Call Outs)	22 ACT TEST Not @ HHS
23	24 Cal-SOAP <i>Early Out 2:16 pm</i>	25	26 Cal-SOAP COMMON APP WORKSHOP Career Center	27 Fall Production Assemblies Fall Production	28 Cal-SOAP FALL HARVEST Ag Farm Fall Production	29 Fall Production
30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN !			—HAVE FUN. . .BE SAFE!!!		

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

MON OCT 10—CSU Application Workshop - HHS Library. CSU Application OPENS 10/01 and CLOSSES 11/30. REMINDER—CSU Campus Scholarships and Housing Deposits have varying deadlines, visit each campus website for specific application requirements and deadlines. CSU packet available in Career Center. www.csumentor.edu

FRI OCT 21 —CSU Follow-Up App Workshop - HHS Career Center.

WED OCT 26 — COMMON APPLICATION Workshop Career Center (deadlines vary depending on specific college(s). Sign-Up and Handouts in Career Center. www.commonapplication.org

THU NOV 2—U.C. APPLICATION Workshop - Library. Online app OPENED 08/01; Submit 11/1 — 11/30. Personal insight questions required. Scholarship search automatic for UC campuses. UC packet available in the Career Center. www.admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu.

MONDAYS NOV 7 AND 9—California Community Colleges account workshop. Location TBA. (REQUIRED to apply to any community college in California—including Bakersfield College) www.home.cccapply.org. Handout available.

MON NOV 14—BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE APPLICATION Workshop Library (CCApply account required— see info above). Step 1 BC Matriculation "Admission Form" www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.

MON DEC 12 —BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE ORIENTATION Assembly WAH (Attendance will get you credit for Step 2 BC MATR Matriculation "Orientation" - a mandatory step of applying for BC). All SENIORS will attend.

REMINDER: FEE WAIVERS for college applications are available within the **online** college application for both UC's and CSU's. Private and out of state colleges may accept the College Board Fee Waiver (you will get an email with instructions if you used a fee waiver to register for the SAT). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Check with Ms. Courtis to see if you qualify to get a fee waiver for college applications **BEFORE** you apply!

SCOTS! Cal-SOAP IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

Cal-SOAP is a program that helps students with post-secondary education (after high school that is!). Ms. Padilla will be back in the Career Center Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30- 4:00 pm. Ms. Padilla is here to help with college applications, financial aid applications, scholarship searches, tutoring, and job searches. Cal-SOAP is here to answer any questions and make your transition from high school to college as smooth as possible! Stop by to say hi and sign-up for services ANYTIME. Welcome Back Ms. Padilla !!!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you receive
Free or Reduced Lunch
YOU QUALIFY
For **FEE WAIVERS**

- SAT/ACT
 - College Applications
- Upcoming Test Dates
ACT—Oct. 22 NOT @ HHS
SAT—Nov. 5 @ HHS
SAT — Dec. 3 NOT @ HHS
ACT—Oct. 22 NOT @ HHS

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH TO...

- ◆ **CSU Applications** opened 10/1 for submission. Info packets with app, scholarship & EOP info are available in the Career Center. 11/30 deadline! HHS Workshops October 10th & 21st.
- ◆ **DID YOU KNOW:** EOP stands for **Educational Opportunity Program** and gives extra benefits to low income, first generation college applicants (extra \$\$ for books, priority registration, tutoring, and more). Check college websites!
- ◆ **Take SAT/ACT tests** - Most 4-year colleges want tests taken **NO LATER THAN** the **December** test to be scored in time to be included with college applications.
- ◆ **SAT/ACT Scores:** order ACT/SAT scores when you register for tests or **within 7 days** of taking the test (*if you used a fee waiver, there's no deadline*).
- ◆ **Maintain Grades:** Senior year grades matter even though 1st semester grades will not be available during applications. **DID YOU KNOW:** Grades below "C" on A-G courses could cause colleges to cancel your acceptance!
- ◆ **BULLETINS:** important information—i.e., workshop dates, college & financial aid app deadlines, etc. can be found in the monthly **Senior Scots Bulletin**. Also, listen up for updates to Senior info/scholarships in the daily bulletin that is read during SSR.
- ◆ **University of California App** opened August 1 online—keep drafting and polishing responses to personal insight questions and gather info for application. Info packets with app, scholarship & EOP info available in the CC. Nov. 30 deadline to submit app! HHS Workshops 11/2 & 11/28
- ◆ **Common App** includes 700 colleges and universities. Some have early deadlines. Sign-up for Ms. Barrick's workshop 10/26 in the Career Center now.
- ◆ **Letters of Recommendation:** begin asking for those letters now for EOP, college apps (if required) and scholarships. Give recommenders 2-3 weeks to prepare letters for the best results. Give a thank you letter or card too! Info handout & thank you sample in CC.
- ◆ **2017-18 FAFSA Opens OCTOBER 1** this year! Plan to attend Highland's first **CASH 4 COLLEGE (FAFSA/Dream Act) Workshop Tuesday, Oct. 18th, 5:30-7:00 pm in the Library.** Advisors available in English & Spanish. Bring 2015 Taxes to apply... www.fafsa.ed.gov
SAVE THE DATE !!!
- ◆ Graduating Seniors, class of 2017— be sure you apply for the **correct FAFSA aid year** which is the **2017-18** application, **THE YEAR YOU WILL BE STARTING COLLEGE.** There will be two app years available online—pay close attention so you do not choose the wrong one!



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<i>Doodle for Google Scholarship.</i> Submit a "doodle" for Google. Top Prize \$30,000. www.google.com/doodle4google	9/14-12/2
<i>Hollister Co. Anti-Bullying Scholarship.</i> 3.0+ GPA Maintained grades despite bullying or led anti-bullying campaign. \$2,500 www.hshssfoundation.org/scholarships	Opens Oct. 1
<i>Wendy's High School Heisman Award.</i> Phase 1 application DUE 10/3. Must have recommender review also by 10/3. Phase 2 App DUE 10/24. One male & female athlete per high school chosen for certificate and patch. www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com	Oct. 3
<i>Do Something "Community Service" Scholarships.</i> Various campaigns available to join related to community service. Awards vary. www.dosomething.org	Oct. 17-31
<i>HotelsCheap Scholarship.</i> Need based, answer 4 personal, open-ended, thought provoking questions. www.hotelscheap.com/scholarship \$1,500	Oct. 15
<i>Make it Move Scholarship.</i> Turn your creative idea into something that "moves." Film your creation and upload it to Instagram #ampmakeitmove \$1,000 www.applied-motion.com/makeitmove	Oct. 16
<i>College Jump Start Scholarship.</i> Looking for students who possess traits "Hard work. Perseverance. Love of learning." Essay contest, choice of topics. \$1,500-\$500 www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/application-us	Oct. 17
<i>Horatio Alger Scholarship.</i> Focus on students who have faced and overcome obstacles and plan to use college degree in service to others. Include national, state, degree, career & technical awards. www.horatiaoalger.org/scholarships Award Varies	Oct. 25
<i>Coca-Cola Scholarship.</i> Academic excellence, positive leadership, dedication to service. May NOT BE children of employees. www.coca-colascholars.org Award Varies	Oct. 31
<i>Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship</i> 250 word or less essay describing how you would survive if your high school were overrun with zombies. www.scholarshipexperts.com \$2,000	Oct. 31
<i>Active Life Weakness to Strength Scholarship.</i> Essay contest—identify a weakness and turn it into a strength! \$1,000 www.getupgetactive.org/active-life-weakness	Oct. 31
<i>Voice of Democracy.</i> Patriotic audio essay competition – 2017 Topic "My Responsibility to America" www.vfw.com Top Prize \$30,000	Nov. 1
<i>Ron Brown Scholarship.</i> Seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. www.ronbrown.org	Nov. 1
<i>Prudential Spirit of Community.</i> Students who have made a difference through volunteering. Complete application & Certification (by principal or head of various organizations) \$1,000/trip to D.C. www.spirit.prudential.org	Nov. 8

Pick up your guide to "100 Unique and Weird Scholarships Worth Applying For" available NOW in the Career Center
-Ms. Curtis