

Ask Questions Get Answers

San Ramon Valley Unified School District College Night 2016

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Dougherty Valley High School
10550 Albion Way, San Ramon, CA 94582

College Night is designed to educate you on the many higher education opportunities available to students. Representatives from over 135 colleges, universities, vocational schools and military academies will be on hand to answer questions and distribute literature. All students and parents are invited to attend.

We have two special parent presentations to choose from this year:

“The Collegiate Athlete” (Library)

or

“Exploring Community College Options”

*Learn about Associate Degrees, Career Technical Education (CTE,) Transfer Options and More
(Performing Arts Center)*

(Each presentation will be from 7-8 p.m.)

This 29th Annual College Night is brought to you through the combined efforts of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and the Academic Boosters from California, Dougherty Valley, Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley High Schools. Participant RSVP is NOT required.

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## **Students: How to make the most out of attending College Night!!**

### **Questions to ask yourself before you attend College Night**

Prior to college night, ask yourself “Why do I want to go to college in the first place?” This may sound basic, but you’ll be surprised how difficult this question might be for you to answer in the beginning. Consider sitting down with your parent(s) and discussing some factors or features they might be looking for in a college for you. Do you have the same thoughts? During this discussion, be sure to talk about budget and location to help understand your options. In addition, think about your skills and interests, and identify potential majors that fit your current personality and lifestyle. Use the tools in Naviance and your College & Career Center to help you start defining your strengths and explore college possibilities. Use Naviance to help build your profiles and college searches.

### **Get a list started**

Once you have identified a list of 15 or so “very likely” and “maybe” schools, find out which colleges and universities will be represented at the fair. You can expect to see approximately 135 or so colleges represented at our college fair.

Be organized and have a plan in place before you attend. This will make the evening a more pleasant experience for you (and your parent), and will keep you focused. With 135+ colleges it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Planning ahead will keep you sane!

### **Make some labels**

Include the following information on a label: Name, Address, Phone number, Date of High School Graduation, Name of High School, Email, Major interest (if you have one), Sport of interest (if you have one), and along with your current GPA and SAT/ACT test scores (if you want). This makes visiting different tables a lot easier when you can have more time to talk to the college representative and just put a sticker on an interest card.

### **Bring a bag**

You will be gathering materials of all shapes and sizes and a bag will help.

### **Student driven**

Students should guide their parents through the event. Don’t let them lead you! Stop at college tables that might not be on your list if they look interesting, but try to stay focused so you get the information you need to assist you with the college application/research process.

### **What should you pick up from the table?**

Students should try to get the following information: View book, application information, and information on specific majors, financial aid information and the representative’s business card for future reference. Be sure to ask about summer programs for high school students as these are great ways to learn about a college campus.

### **What can your parents do at College Night?**

We will be having two speakers: one to talk about “*The Collegiate Athlete*” and one to talk about the *Exploring Community College Options: Learn about Associate Degrees, Certificates, Transfer Options and more*”... See flyer for details.

### **What should you do after College Night is over?**

In the few days after the event take time to sort through the materials that you gathered from the evening. Save business cards from representatives in case you need to email questions that you might have. Set up a favorite list within your Naviance account (“Colleges I am thinking about”). You can also watch for when the colleges that you are interested in might be visiting your high school campus and sign up to attend those visits through Naviance (using your school’s procedure).

*Note for Parents: You can assist your student by encouraging him/her to begin the exploration process EARLY! Be ready to discuss potential college (post high school) options, including finances. Encourage your student to do some self-reflection regarding his/her plans after high school to enable him/her to find a “right fit” college or post high school experience. Rev. 9/1/15*