



12th Grade College Night: Class of 2019

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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Help is here... Just ask!

- ▶ We are all here to help you along in this process over the coming months.
- ▶ Contact us:
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 - ▶ College Counseling Assistants



You will be AWARE OF DEADLINES

- ▶ Senior year is all about **DEADLINES** –
 - ▶ College Applications
 - ▶ Financial Aid
 - ▶ Scholarships
 - ▶ Confirming with the college you choose to attend = May 1st!
- ▶ Ms. Miramontes will HELP you remember deadlines via email, robo calls, Naviance, and classroom check-ins.



Check your email daily!!
It's where all the important stuff goes!



Senior Year

All year:

- ▶ Continually check your Naviance!
 - ▶ Update College List
 - ▶ Request Letters of Recommendation
 - ▶ Sign up for College Visits
 - ▶ Search for Scholarships
- ▶ Visit college campuses every chance you get!
- ▶ Search for scholarships. There is a lot of free money you can get your hands on if you just put in a little effort!
 - ▶ www.fastweb.com
- ▶ Maintain your grades in all of your academic courses.
 - ▶ Must pass all senior classes to graduate



The Application Process

You are responsible for:

- ▶ Application & fees
 - ▶ All applications will be submitted online.
- ▶ Essays/personal statement
- ▶ Asking/getting teachers to complete recommendation letter/s
- ▶ Sending your ACT or SAT test scores to the colleges you are applying to
- ▶ Following up with all necessary communications with the colleges
 - ▶ CHECK YOUR EMAIL EVERYDAY

California State Universities (CSU) and University of California (UC)

▶ California State Universities

- ▶ Apply by November 30th
- ▶ 2.0 + GPA
- ▶ Same application for ALL CSU's – must submit application to each CSU you are applying to and pay fee (if applicable)
- ▶ Straight forward application –list classes and grades
- ▶ No essay
- ▶ No letters of recommendation
- ▶ SAT or ACT Required

▶ University of California

- ▶ Apply by November 30th
- ▶ 3.0 + GPA
- ▶ Same application for ALL UC's – must submit application to each UC you are applying to and pay fee (if applicable)
- ▶ Comprehensive application –list classes and grades, extra-curricular activities, awards/activities
- ▶ UC Personal Insight Questions – pick 4 of 8 (350 words each)
- ▶ No letters of recommendation
- ▶ SAT or ACT Required
- ▶ Subject Tests optional but encouraged

Private and Out of State Colleges

- ▶ Deadlines vary (most are due by mid January)
 - ▶ Completed before start of Winter Break
- ▶ Apply using the Common Application or through the college's website.
 - ▶ <http://www.commonapp.org/>
- ▶ Comprehensive application - list classes and grades, extra-curricular activities, awards/activities.
- ▶ Common Application Essay/Personal Statement required
- ▶ Letters of Recommendation Required (for most colleges)
- ▶ SAT or ACT required
 - ▶ SAT Subject Tests no required but encouraged (check the college's requirements)
- ▶ Interviews sometimes available through admissions office

Application Fee Waivers

- ▶ If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, you may obtain application waivers for private colleges from Ms. Miramontes through Naviance.
- ▶ For the UC/CSU, students must enter their parent's annual income and the computer will immediately let you know if you are granted a fee waiver.
- ▶ If you get a fee waiver you should apply to the full number of schools you are able to for free:
 - ▶ UC = 4 campuses
 - ▶ CSU = 4 campuses
 - ▶ If you would like to apply to more than the fee waiver will cover, you must pay for the additional applications.

Application Workshops during X-Block

- ▶ Every Monday during X-Block!
 - ▶ Essay Help
 - ▶ Application Help
 - ▶ Structured time to work on applications
 - ▶ ASK QUESTIONS



Senior Year: September and October



September

- ▶ Minute Meeting Check In
- ▶ Sign up and attend College Visits @ HTLA
- ▶ Create timeline of application/scholarship deadlines
- ▶ Update resume on Naviance
 - ▶ Necessary for LOR's
- ▶ Work on college applications/essays
- ▶ Register for the SAT/ACT
 - ▶ Last chance is November

October

- ▶ Final College List due on Naviance by October 1ST!
- ▶ Sign up and attend College Visits @ HTLA
- ▶ Finalize timeline of application/scholarship deadlines
- ▶ Continue working on college applications/essays
- ▶ Request Letters of Recommendations
 - ▶ Not needed for UC/CSU's
 - ▶ Due by November 1st

Senior Year: November and December

November

- ▶ Sign up and attend College Visits @ HTLA
- ▶ Finish college essays
 - ▶ Make sure you have had at least two other people read your essays.
- ▶ Finish UC/CSU Applications
 - ▶ Due by November 30th
- ▶ Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA)

December

- ▶ Complete all college applications
 - ▶ private colleges and out of state
- ▶ Send official SAT/ACT scores to the colleges you applied to.
- ▶ Check Naviance before Winter Break to make sure all documents such as transcripts and letters of recommendation have been sent.
 - ▶ HTLA will not be open during Winter Break.

We are NOT talking about financial aid in detail tonight. But...

- ▶ Do not limit your college research or application submission based only upon the notion that you will not be able to pay for tuition.
- ▶ Do apply broadly
- ▶ Do apply for financial aid through the FAFSA
 - ▶ Look for scholarships
 - ▶ HTLA will submit Cal Grant Form for all students
- ▶ EVERYONE applies for financial aid and scholarships!
 - ▶ 2 year, 4 year, public, private, out of state!
 - ▶ Even though don't qualify for Free/Reduced lunch at HTLA doesn't mean you won't qualify for college financial aid.
- ▶ Financial Aid Night: Thursday, November 8th @ 6:00 pm

Spring 2018:

- ▶ If you received a grade of “D” or “F” during first semester, you **MUST** call the admissions offices at the four-year colleges and tell them. They have the right to rescind your acceptance if they don’t find out about it until June.
- ▶ Mid-year transcripts will be sent to all colleges in January
- ▶ You will start to receive acceptances from college in March
 - ▶ As you receive notification, update Naviance
 - ▶ AND TELL Ms. Miramontes! 😊
- ▶ In April, you need to review financial aid packages
 - ▶ Ms. Miramontes is happy to help!
- ▶ SIR (STUDENT INTENT TO REGISTER) Due May 1st!
 - ▶ If not submitted, you will lose your spot!

Communicate as a Family

- ▶ Continue communicating on the college topic in your home.
- ▶ Talk about . . .
 - ▶ Decisions
 - ▶ Obstacles
 - ▶ Fears
 - ▶ Struggles
 - ▶ Excitement
 - ▶ Transition
- ▶ Support your students, but do not do it for them.
 - ▶ Assist with issues/conflict, but allow students to solve on their own.
- ▶ Pay attention, and stay involved.





HTLA Alumni Panel Discussion