

Agenda for Juniors' College Information Night
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
6:30 pm in the HS Computer Lab

Welcome and Open in Prayer

Sharing the role of College Counselor

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College Resource Center, room 202

- Books, brochures, resources, & more!
- College recruiters come to us. ☺
- Azusa Pacific University will be here this Thursday!

Handouts and Overview

SAT / ACT / Subject Area Test Information

UC and CSU Important Facts

CSU vs. UC Comparison of Eligibility Requirements

Timeline for College Admissions

CSU Information

UC Information

VCHS School Code:
053-593

**4 Categories of Colleges/
Universities**

Community Colleges

California State Universities

University of California (UC)

Private / Highly selective

Universities

Christian and Private

Military Academies

Specialty colleges (i.e.: Art,
Culinary, etc...)

<http://www.cccco.edu>

www.csumentor.edu

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

<https://www.commonapp.org>

California's A-G Requirements

- See Handout
- VCHS Graduation Requirements are designed to meet A-G Requirements

PSAT / SAT/ ACT / Subject Area Tests

On the websites:

Daily Practice questions

Interest Inventories for careers
and majors

College comparisons

- Components of each test
- Subject Area Tests will no longer be required for incoming freshmen in the fall of 2012.
- SAT or ACT Required by almost all 4-year Universities
- Community colleges use results for placement
- Student should check w/ colleges to see what specific tests they require.
- www.collegeboard.com for SAT / Subj. Area
- www.actstudent.org for ACT

California Community Colleges

Requirements for Admission:
- High School Diploma

- Complete an application during the spring semester
- Value of taking the SAT or ACT
- Solano CC assessment coordinator and counselor will visit VCHS in the spring.

California State Universities (CSU)

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- High School Diploma
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- SAT or ACT
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- Application website opens October 1st.
- Impacted programs have additional admissions criteria above the minimum CSU standards
- Sacramento State and Sonoma State priority
- Admits roughly the top 30% of HS graduates.

University of California (UC)

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- Application including Essay
- SAT Reasoning or ACT + writing
- Sliding table of GPA vs./ test scores.
- Application website opens Oct. 1st
- Roads to Admission
- Admits roughly the top 12.5% of HS graduates.

Private Universities / Military / Specialty Colleges

- Military Academies – Begin this Spring
- Apply via University's website
- Common Application
- Teacher and/or Counselor Recommendations

Naviance

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- Password is your student's web password w/ an X at the end.
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- Get involved in school organizations/ clubs/ service organizations/ leadership roles. It's better to have 2-3 major areas that you've consistently been involved in, instead of 10 you were sporadically involved in or just briefly involved in.

Winter

- Consider taking SAT/ACT test for first time. If you wait till spring, be preparing now.
- Earn your best grades.
- Continue w/ service/ leadership activities
- Use Naviance and compare universities
- Map out which colleges you want to visit.

Spring

- College visits!
- Keep your academics as a top priority.
- Take your SAT/ACT tests (initially or perhaps 2nd time)
- If interested in a military academy – the application process begins.
- Begin planning what course load you desire for your senior year that will best help you to achieve your objectives college-wise.
- Look for service/ leadership opportunities for next year (ie: student council, youth group, clubs, etc...)

Summer

- More college visits
- June – consider retaking SAT/ACT tests.
- Drafts of college essays
- Begin asking for Letters of Recommendations
- Prep for retake of SAT or ACT if you have not taken them twice by now.
- Lots of research on universities.

Time for Questions / Answers

Your Questions????

VCHS Letter of Recommendation Template

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Fill this section out for each specific request.

I am requesting that _____ write a Letter of Recommendation for me for / to be given to the individual /college/ organization below:

Name: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Your ID or Applicant number you are known to them by (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

To the ATTN of: _____ Needed by: _____

What would you like this letter or recommendation to specifically highlight/ emphasize?

Circle desired mode of delivery: Mail / Pick-up by Student / Fax / Online submission
Indicate Fax number or web address if applicable _____

Fill out this section once and then make copies for additional recommendation needs.

1. Your college/ career ambitions: _____

2. Your current GPA _____ Your Cumulative GPA: _____

3. AP classes you are currently enrolled in: _____

AP classes you have taken in past years: _____

4. Academic Honor Societies you are a member of (NHS, CSF, Mu Alpha Theta, and International Quill & Scroll) and for how long:

Any special positions or awards? _____

5. Accomplishments in the Fine Arts: _____

Any special positions or awards? _____

6. VCHS Sports teams you have played on? _____

Any special positions or awards? _____

7. Student Leadership Positions Held (Be specific): _____

8. Involvement in your church (Be Specific): _____

9. Community Service you have done (think about what you have done for Service hours): _____

10. Any other leadership roles, awards (scouting, Rotary, ACSI, Barnabus, Top student in a subject area, coaching younger students), things that speak to your hard work and success:

I certify that the information I have given is true and accurate.

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

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A-G Changes for Fall 2012 Freshmen Applicants

Same: 15 year-long college preparatory courses from the approved A-G list are required for both CSU and UC.

For UC's, beginning w/ fall 2012 Freshmen applicants, 11 UC-required college preparatory (A-G) classes must be completed by the end of 11th grade.

California's A-G Requirements

A-G Categories	VCHS' Grad. Req.	Minimum for CSU	Minimum for UC
"a": History/ Social Sciences	3 years	2 years including one year of US History or one semester of US History and 1 semester of American Govt., <u>and</u> 1 year of history/social science from either the "a" or "g" area.	2 years including one year of US History or one semester of US History and 1 semester of American Govt., <u>and</u> 1 year of World History.
"b": English	4 years	4 years	4 years
"c": Mathematics	3 years	3 years	3 years, (4 yrs. Recommended)
"d": Science	2 years	1 yr. Physical Science / 1 year Biological Science, one from "d" and one from either "d" or "g" area.	2 years from "d" area classes. (3 years recommended)
"e": World Languages	Highly recommended / For class of 2013 & afterwards, 2 years.	2 years	2 years, (3 years recommended)
"f": VPA/Fine Arts	1 year	1 year	1 year
"g": College Preparatory Elective	1 year Practical Arts 60 cred. / 40 cred.	1 year	1 year

Some of these requirements, specifically the timing for them being accomplished, has changed starting with the class entering in the Fall of 2012 (this year's juniors.) These changes do not affect this year's seniors.

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- ▣ Required by almost all 4-year Universities
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Changes for Freshmen applicants for the Fall of 2012

- ▣ UC's will no longer require Subject Area tests.

Important Info about CSU/ UC Grade Calculations

- ▣ Calculate GPA using only "A-G" approved courses taken after the 9th grade.
- ▣ You do count A-G course completion using courses taken in 9th grade.

Grades Matter

- ▣ Required “A-G” courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- ▣ Courses in which grades of D are earned must be repeated, except in the areas of math and language (other than English), where grades of D can be validated by successful completion of higher-level coursework (see details).
- ▣ At VCS, we require that all Math and World Language courses be completed with a grade of C or better in order to progress to the next course.

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How Many? Which Ones?

- ▣ 3-Tier Planning
- ▣ What are you looking for?
- ▣ Specialties of programs / Expertise of University
- ▣ Environment
- ▣ Location
- ▣ College Visits
- ▣ Feasibility (Cost, qualifications)

**Three Tiers of
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Thing**

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Q & A

- ▣ What questions do you have?

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