

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

FINAL EDITION!!!

Last Minute Information.....

Four Year bound Students: Remember to 1) finalize housing plans 2) sign up for orientation 3) **send in final transcripts.** To send transcripts – come to the Career Center to print out an envelope. Fill out the yellow form. Take form, envelope and \$1 to the counseling office and they will send it out for you. Do it now – don't wait until the last minute!!

Community College Students: If you haven't selected classes, you need to do so **NOW!** Even if you never made it to your counseling appointment, you can still sign up. Come see me if you need help!!

All Seniors: You will need to complete your senior exit survey as part of senior checkout. You can complete it in the Career Center, in the library or at home. Here's how - Log on to **connection.naviance.com/umhsca** (or use the Naviance link on the Career Center page of the UMHS website)

User Name = first four letters of last name + UM ID#

Password = first initial, last initial, + last four digits of perm D #

Open "About Me" tab: surveys will be on the left.

Surveys to complete –

- Senior Graduation Survey
- Senior Supplemental Survey

Be sure to list **all colleges** you applied to, and the result of that application! Once surveys are complete, bring your check out sheet to the Career Center for me to sign you off.

Sign the 'Wall of Fame'! Come sign wall next to the door of the Career Center. Let us know what you are planning to do next fall!

Tips for College – things they forget to tell you

Books: Save \$\$\$ by purchasing your books online, rather than at the college bookstore. Amazon.com, textbook.com, ecampus.com – are some resources. Renting books will also save you money – **check out Chegg.com!** The trick is to know which books you need in advance, so that you allow time for shipping. To figure out what books you will need, take a copy of your class schedule (with course number and teacher) into your college's bookstore and make a list of the books you'll need – make sure you get the correct edition.

Scantrons: Colleges require you to buy your own scantrons and bluebooks (for essay exams) for your tests. Pick these up at the beginning of the school year, so you will be prepared in advance ... nothing is worse than running late on the morning of the exam and just as you slide into class you realize that you forgot to stop by the bookstore and buy a scantron. As an added bonus, you can even use scantrons as a money maker (though don't expect to make enough to pay off those student loans): buy extras and then sell them to those who forgot theirs on test day!

Student ID cards from your college usually provide you with:

- Library privileges.
- Free or reduced fares for public transportation in most cities.
- Printing privileges – most school libraries allow you to load money on your library card which you can use for printing (sorry – you no longer get free printing in the library!). It is wise to load \$5 on your card so that when you are frantically finishing up that essay for your English class you can actually print it and turn it in! Otherwise, no money, no printing, no grade!

Congratulations Class of 2017! I wish you success as you leave Union Mine. It has been a pleasure working with you. Best Wishes, Mrs. Galbraith

ADVICE FROM LAST YEAR'S SENIORS!

Never forget to have fun every so often. University is stressful at times, and you'll probably end up having to do a lot more late night studying than in high school, but you'll drive yourself insane if that's all you ever do. Take a break sometimes; you deserve it. – **Miles Levitsky - University of Glasgow**

My first year of college has been the most difficult transition I have ever experienced, but it's also been the most liberating and exciting time of my life. As long as you keep a positive attitude and make spontaneous choices, you'll thrive! Remember to embrace the fact that you are now an adult with responsibilities and must keep yourself centered, but no matter what, there's always time for food adventures and late-night beach runs. **Elle Bertuccelli – UCLA**

One of the first things I was worried about when going to college, was finding friends and meeting new people. If you were like me then let me be the first to tell you that you shouldn't be. Always keep in mind that everyone is going through the same thing you are and don't be afraid to try new things and say hi to someone. **Jason Lee – UC Davis**

What I love most about college is the freedom of choice. With that freedom comes a level of maturity that enables you to make personal and academic decisions for your future. College is a lot of hard work and you will find yourself spending many hours studying, but it is exciting knowing that you are working towards your career goals. Don't forget to have fun and enjoy all of what college has to offer, socially and academically. **Kaitlin Lishman – Folsom Lake College**

My top advice would be:

1. Get out of your dorm room, and do stuff. Participate in campus activities. 2. Write your term papers early because it makes the end of the semester far easier. 3. Don't let the stress of doing well get to you. Paying attention in class will save you hours of having to read over material again, and again. **Harrison Frey-Thomas Western Connecticut**

Find a community that you want to be a part of and contribute to. This can include almost anything from Greek life, theme programs in the dorms, common-interest clubs, or even just a dedicated study group. **Dustin Murray - UC Berkeley**

If you're not sure if you should buy a Keurig, do it, because it gets expensive always buying Starbucks or coffee from campus! Go to all the sporting events you can and make sure to get involved in clubs or get a job on campus! You'll regret not getting involved and it's a great way to make friends that you wouldn't meet if just stay in your dorm all year! **Katie Vick- University of Arizona**

Before I even set foot on my campus, I almost gave up. This new environment I was unsure of terrified me. (I got lost a couple times too.) But after participating for a year, there's been a cataclysm of growth. I've never accomplished so much, from such a short amount of time. Do not be afraid of this pivotal point in your life, embrace it! This scary new adventure you'll face is a blessing in disguise. Go forth fearlessly! **Jenna Lennart – Sacramento State**

College is a fresh start from high school so take advantage of it. Make sure to manage your time as best you can, because learning in college requires a lot of time outside of class. **Zach Gutierrez – Folsom Lake College**

Your freshman year is going to fly by while also being the longest and hardest year of your life. It will bring about all sorts of changes but striking a balance will make it all worth it. Finding the equilibrium between the fun and freedom college allows with the academic rigor expected is difficult to uncover. But going to class, office hours, and working hard while never forgetting to enjoy the amazing moments college brings is all that you can do. **Ally Prior – UC Davis**

Tip #1: Don't skip class. Just because you're away from your parents and are free to do so shouldn't make it okay. Missing a few lectures put me so far behind that I had to put at least twice the time and effort into relearning them than just going to class in the first place.

Tip #2: Respect and get to know your floormates! If you begin to realize that your neighbors have their priorities mixed up, it may be a big issue later throughout the year. It's important to know what you're getting yourself into.

Tip #3: Utilize the tools that are given to you. Colleges may have many tools to help you succeed. There are so many free workshops and organizations committed to helping students succeed. Use them to your advantage!

Tip #4: Embrace the college experience! Enjoy all of the clubs, organizations, events, intramurals, amazing places and beautiful things that your college has to offer. Find some blogs or communities dedicated to doing awesome things in your area. Utilize the best parts of college that you never had before in high school. Have fun! **Taven Tanger – UC Santa Cruz**

Attend class even if it is not mandatory. There are often unannounced assignments or even bonus quizzes. If any extra credit is offer be sure to take it because you never know when you might slip up on an assignment or test. Make sure to prioritize sleep and studying but do not forget to have some fun too! Try to make a friend with someone from each one of your classes so that way if you do have to miss a lecture for any reason you can get the notes or assignments from them. **Sierra Nelson – UNR**

BE BOLD and put yourself out there! College is the time to take risks and try new things. Being bold has afforded me so many opportunities this year and taking risks has allowed me to grow immensely! You're first year of college will be an exciting, yet challenging journey, but will also be one of the best years of your life! Enjoy it while it lasts because it goes by fast! And remember, opportunities come to those who create them!! So great them! **Lexi Cardoza - Pepperdine**

The five things people should know before coming to college are:

- 1.) Don't be afraid to try new things
- 2.) Bring Tupperware and refillable water bottles
- 3.) Know the shortcuts around campus once you are here, and if you don't, make friends with upperclassmen
- 4.) Get to know your TAs and professors especially your major professors
- 5.) Time management will be your best-friend in college **Erika Garig - UC Santa Cruz**

I recommend getting involved with sports or clubs because college can be a lonely place. Don't allow yourself to get overwhelmed with studying because in the end, the relationships you form with people and the fun you have is what really matters. **CDT Katie Morgan – West Point**

The top ten things to bring to College: 1. Headphones 2. Febreze 3. A good pillow 4. Ream of printer paper 5. Extension cord 6. Flip flops for the shower 7. Keurig 8. Tape 9. Earplugs 10. Password to your parents' Netflix account