

Senior Newsletter

Financial Aid Updates

FAFSA Loans!

Loans:

Subsidized = no interest

Unsubsidized = interest accrues (3.76%)

**Must complete "entrance counseling" to be eligible for loans.

IRS Transcript = often required for financial aid disbursement – takes about 1 week if mailed! www.irs.gov

Cal Grant Webgrants

Monitor and manage your Cal Grant and Chafee awards 24/7 at WebGrants for Students. Log on to www.webgrants4students.org You can also update your address, view payment history, or **make a school change**. Cal Grant automatically uses the first school listed on your FAFSA, so make sure to update if needed.

BOG Fee Waiver

If you are community college bound and have financial need, be sure to fill out both the FAFSA and the BOG fee waiver. As a community college student you are still able to file a FAFSA if you haven't done so already. Then, fill out the BOG waiver either online, or on PDF and turn into your college's Financial Aid office ASAP. **If you file the BOG soon, and are eligible for aid, you will not have to pay for classes when you register!** It is available online at: http://www.losrios.edu/lrc/bog_years.php

Financial Aid Award Comparison tool –
www.CaliforniaColleges.edu

Community Colleges

Registration for classes at FLC will begin around **May 9th** – classes must be paid for within two weeks of registration (\$46/unit) - be prepared! Even if you have not completed the all of the application steps, you can still register for classes at Community College

Community College Workshop

There will be a Schedule Building Workshop during dback on **May 3rd**. Even if your classes are in your planner, you must choose a scheduled day and time, and then put them in your shopping cart in order to actually register. Sign-up and get some help on enrolling in classes! Remember, registration begins on May 9th, for those of you with priority, and May 15-17 for those of you without!

Final Transcripts

As part of the admissions process, most 4 year colleges require the submission of a final transcript showing your final high school grades and the date your diploma was issued. To send your final transcripts, come to the Career Center anytime between now and the end of the school year and **1) fill out a yellow request form, 2) type your college's address on the "Official High School..." envelope** (you may use the Career Center computers and printers if you wish), and **3) submit the form, envelope, and \$1.00** to the Counseling Office. Final transcripts will be mailed to your college by June 9th.

Intent to Enroll

NATIONAL COLLEGE DECISION DAY – MAY 1ST!

Admitted students must confirm their 'Intent to Enroll' / 'Statement of Intent to Register' for Fall 2016 by **Monday, May 1st**. If you do not let your college know that you want to attend by May 1st, they will probably rescind their offer! **Sign up for orientation and housing** while you're at it! Remember, admission decisions are provisional until all requirements have been met; in other words, do well this last semester!

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CSU Placement Exams

Remember, you must take any necessary placement tests by **April 30th**, or risk jeopardizing your college registration date. Be sure to register by April 17th.

■ Register online at: www.ets.org/csu

■ Check out the following website for study help: WWW.CSUSUCCESS.ORG

Test Date	Reg. Deadline
5/06/2017	4/21/2017

UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam

The UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam will take place in Saturday, May 13th for UC bound students who did not meet this requirement through test scores. Students can meet this requirement by scoring: ► 30 or better on the ACT Combined English/Writing test; or ► 680 or better on the SAT Reasoning Test, Writing section; or ► 3 or above on either Advanced Placement Examination in English. There is a \$110 fee for AWPE. This fee will be waived if you have already received a waiver for your UC application fees. Further information and test prep can be found by logging on to:

www.ucop.edu/elwr

UMHS Google Account

Once you graduate, your UM google account will no longer be available. Transfer info now! Change email address where needed.

April 'to do' list:

- Order cap and gown (www.jostensnorcal.com)
- Purchase yearbook
- Purchase Grad Night ticket (library)
- Prep for AP tests
- Register for / take College placement tests
- Complete 'intent to enroll' for 4-year colleges.
- Sign up for Freshmen Orientation
- Accept financial aid offers
- Check on Financial Aid and submit extra paperwork
- Apply for housing - send in deposits.
- Complete Community College application process.

Class of 2017, where will you be next fall.....

Sign the Wall outside the Career Center with your name and the college you will be attending. Felt pens provided in the Career Center! 'The Wall' will fill up quickly – sign soon!