



College Planning Calendar for Seniors

Fall Semester (August-December)

- ❑ **Senior Credit Evaluation Meeting**
 - Meet with your counselor to review high school graduation requirements & make sure that you are enrolled in the right courses.
 - Determine if you are A-G ready! If not, make a plan if you are 1-2 courses short.
- ❑ **Create a personal email address** to use for all college planning activities.
- ❑ **Narrow your college list.** Apply to at least 4 colleges/universities and use fee waivers if you qualify.
- ❑ **Request letters of recommendation**
 - Request letters of recommendation for scholarships, some college admission applications and/or support services programs like EOP or CAMP require them
 - Give your recommender at least a 3-week advance notice
 - Be prepared with a resume or a "[brag sheet](#)" of your [accomplishments](#). Use either form
- ❑ Register and prepare for the SAT and ACT (SAT Subject Tests) as required. See the counseling secretary for a fee waiver. **Please note:** UC & CSU's have indefinitely suspended the SAT/ACT testing for admissions but they may use them for placement purposes.
 - SAT: www.collegeboard.com
 - ACT: www.act.org
- ❑ **Student-Athletes planning to play Division I and II- make sure you are registered & eligible by visiting eligibilitycenter.org**
- ❑ **Students with disabilities-** accommodations on IEP's/504's don't carry over to college. Make sure to contact the college/university directly to request accommodations
- ❑ **Visit Colleges in-person or virtually.** Virtual college visits [CSU](#), [UC](#) and [AICCU](#)
- ❑ UC Application Center via phone or email. The Center is available Monday – Friday, 10am – 6pm (Pacific Time). **For the % 2023, students can submit their applications as early as Oct 1, 2022!**
 - (800) 207-1710 (within the U.S.)
 - (925) 298-6856 (outside the U.S.)
 - ucinfo@applyucsupport.net (Email)
- ❑ **APPLY to UC, CSU, Community College and/or Independent Colleges** Submission DEADLINE for both UC & CSU- **Nov 30, 2021** Counselors will host application workshops.
- ❑ Check deadlines for independent colleges
- ❑ Salinas Valley Promise
 - Community College application. All STEPS to SUCCESS must be done to qualify for the Salinas Valley Promise (dates to be determined)
- ❑ Attend College application workshops at RSJ (dates to be determined)



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- Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®:** PROFILE is an online application used by [certain colleges](#) (in CA, 20 private schools) and scholarship programs to determine eligibility for their aid dollars.
- Draft college essays** and ask teachers to read them.
- If you're applying for an early decision make sure not to miss the deadline.
- Begin the Financial Aid process** October is the first day to file the FAFSA/CADAA
 - o [Set up an FSA ID](#) for you and at least one parent or guardian by October 1st
 - o Gather all your documents and those of your legal guardians
 - o **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** To apply for most financial aid, you'll need to complete the FAFSA.
 - o Attend our Cash for College event for help completing your Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)/CADAA (**Dates to be determined**)
- Review & monitor your grades. Attend the Trail Center, Saturday school, or after school tutorials
- Submit your UC and CSU application by the **November 30th deadline!**
- Make sure your colleges or universities of choice receive your SAT and ACT scores no later than mid-December (if required)
- Scholarship searches and applications ONGOING. Check our RSJ website.

Spring Semester (January-May)

- Check your personal email **REGULARLY!** This is how colleges and financial aid offices communicate with you. Check your college campus dashboards for requests for information from the college campuses you applied to including requests for SAT/ACT scores or college placement exams
- Meet the FAFSA priority deadline, **March 2nd**
- Review your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) with your counselor and/or your college financial aid award letter. Compare financial aid offers. Provide needed documentation as requested
- Create your [webgrants account](#) to manage your Cal Grant award
- Attend Hartnell Community College "Panther Prep Day"
- The deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) is May 1
- AP Testing in May- a score of 3 or higher can earn you college credit!
- If you took a Concurrent Enrollment course through Hartnell College, request an official transcripts for your high school **IF** you're using college credit for high school requirements
- Request from your high school and community college (if you attended) to send official transcripts to the university you will be attending
- Request AP scores from college board to be sent to your intended university or college (including community colleges)
- If you will be attending a **UC campus**, sign up for the **Entry Level Writing Test** *unless* you satisfied it by:
 - o A score of 3 or above on either the **AP English Language & Comp or English Lit & Comp**
 - o A C or higher in a UC transferable English Composition college class- **English 1Ax** qualifies!



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- SAT score of 680 or better on Evidenced Based Reading & Writing OR a 30 or better on the ACT English Language Arts or 63 or higher on English Plus Reading
- Senior Events: Finals, Clearance, Grad Night, Awards Night (Dates to be determined)
- **Graduation – May 26th**
- **Register and prepare for the SAT and ACT (SAT Subject Tests *as required*)**
 - *UC's have suspended SAT/ACT testing indefinitely and CSU's have suspended it for 2022 admissions.
 - SAT: www.collegeboard.com
 - ACT: www.act.org
- **EXPLORE CAREERS, MAJORS, COLLEGE CAMPUSES**
 - www.cacareerzone.org Explore jobs that match your personality/interests
 - www.careerkey.org Looks at personality types and work related behaviors
 - www.mymajors.com Students input high school experiences/personal values into a simple quiz
 - www.californiacolleges.com College exploration site, financial aid planning
 - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/> Site that allows you to compare graduation rates & data on colleges and universities
 - www.collegedata.com College search & profiles on admissions. Calculate financial aid
 - www.rwm.org/rwm Find the right vocational program for you
- **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS (all systems)**
 - <https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/> UC
 - Applications open **August 1** and **deadline is NOVEMBER 30th**
 - One application for any of the 9 campuses
 - <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
 - *the CSU application can be submitted as early as **October 1st** Deadline **Nov 30th***
 - www.cccapply.org Platform to learn and/or apply to California Community Colleges
 - www.aiccu.edu Platform to learn and/or apply to California Independent Colleges and Universities. Check college deadlines!
- **FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS**
 - Fafsa.ed.gov FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID
 - <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> CADAA financial aid application for undocumented students
 - <https://www.salinasuhd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1410> District Scholarship search
 - <https://www.csac.ca.gov/> Create webgrants account
 - <https://www.questbridge.org/>
 - <https://asianpacificfund.org/>
 - <https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources/>
 - <https://www.hsf.net/>