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- ◆ Modesto High School code: **051985**



- ◆ Many colleges offer preview days in the fall for high school seniors and their families to visit the campus, if possible, plan on attending!

“Please do not procrastinate, you will regret it.”

Arleth Jacinto, Class of 2018

- ◆ If you are planning to visit a college on a school day, bring official confirmation of your visit to Mr. Gonzalez in the counseling office prior to your visit to excuse your absence.

“Be prepared to work hard and do NOT procrastinate. Nothing makes the college application experience worse than forgetting about that deadline.”

Eeman Khan, Class of 2018

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Fall is in the air, so are college applications!

This month marks the beginning of college application season, and Mrs. Cardoza says you can stress about those applications now! Help is here for you, but you have to take advantage of it! There are workshops scheduled to help you with MJC, CSU, UC, and the Common Application for private colleges. Sign up for the workshops in Naviance, under College Visits.

Your counselor will be meeting with you during your English classes this month to review your graduation progress. They will give you an unofficial copy of your transcripts. Please review your personal information at the top for accuracy: full name, address, phone, and date of birth. It is very important that the information you list on your college and financial aid applications matches the information from Modesto High. Your name needs to be your full legal name, which is listed on your birth certificate. If any of your personal information on your transcript needs to be changed, have your parents contact the counseling office as soon as possible.

Don't forget the **MCS College Expo on October 20 at Downey High School 9am—1pm**. Students in grades 9-12 should plan to attend this free event, no registration required.

Naviance Update: don't forget the new log in procedure: from a school computer, click “login with Clever”, on the next screen, select “login with active network” and Naviance will open. If you are not on a school computer, “login with Clever” and on the next screen, search for Modesto High School. Then enter your school district user name and password (same as school computer), then Naviance will open.

Your contact email in Naviance was changed to be your school email. If you would like to change it to a personal email, log on to Naviance, go to the “About Me” tab, and select “profile”. Click on the pencil icon next to your email address and type in your preferred email. If you would like to change your log in email or password, go to the “About Me” tab and select “account”.

<https://connection.naviance.com/mhs>

SAT and ACT Reminders

Don't forget to print your admission ticket and bring a photo I.D. to the test! Seniors, if you haven't registered for a test, you are running out of time! **Your last opportunity is the December test!**

- Register for SAT at www.sat.org and ACT at www.actstudent.org.
- You get 4 free score reports with each test, after that you will have to pay an additional fee. When registering for tests, request to have SAT scores sent to Cal State Apply # 3594 (ALL CSUs will get your scores) and 1 UC, they will share your scores with all UCs. For ACT scores, send to 1 CSU (and they will share with all CSUs) and send to 1 UC (will share with all UCs). Have your scores sent each time you take the tests, colleges will hold your scores until your application arrives.
- Students taking the exams this fall can submit college application without their scores, just list the date you are registered to take the exam on your college application, December tests are ok. Colleges will know to look for your scores.
- Be sure to take time to prepare for the test. Utilize the free resources listed in the Aug. and Sept. bulletins. The higher your score, the more doors will be open for you! Remember, applying to colleges is COMPETITIVE!
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SAT Test Date:	Oct 6	Nov 3	Dec 1	All test dates offered at MoHi
Register By:	Sept 7	Oct 5	Nov 2	

ACT Test Date:	Oct 27	Dec 8	Only the Dec Test will be at MoHi
Register By:	Sept 22	Nov 3	All other dates offered in Turlock or Manteca

What is a “for profit” college? Just like it sounds, the college operates to make money from their students. We have many for profit colleges in the Modesto area: Kaplan, Carrington, Heald College, ITT Tech, San Joaquin Valley College, Wyotech, University of Pheonix, and UTI, to name just a few. If you are eligible for Cal Grant, your grant money cannot be used at these schools because the state has deemed their graduation rate is too low and/or their student loan default rate is too high. Although these school may offer degrees and certificates more quickly, be aware that you will pay A LOT more money to attend them, and it really isn't that much quicker than attending a public or non profit private school. If money is a concern for you, be sure to compare the price and loans to other public and non profit private schools before you sign up. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Cardoza.

A great article to read about this topic:
<http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/28/opinion/barkley-corinthian-for-profit-colleges/>





MJC NEWS

www.mjc.edu

Good News!

All first year students will now have free tuition at MJC! In order to take advantage of this opportunity, students must complete either a FAFSA or CADA financial aid application and be a full time student.

Seniors

Before you can register for classes after graduation, you must complete all entrance requirements listed below. Let's start this process in October so you can be ready for summer/fall registration by April.

- Online Application
- Orientation
- Demonstrate College Readiness—by assessment test or multiple measures
- Meet with academic advisor to create an abbreviated Education Plan

Enrolling at MJC while in high school

In order to take classes at MJC, students must be on track to graduate. Students requiring summer school or ESS will not be allowed to enroll in concurrent classes at MJC. Students need to submit their application and waiver as soon as possible, class registration begins in November. Tuition is waived, fees are approximately \$30, plus books if required. See Mrs. Cardoza for course recommendations and more information.

Johansen High School will host two MJC courses this spring. American Sign Language will meet Mondays 5:00—8:05 pm and College Healthful Living will meet Thursdays 5:00—8:05 pm. There is a special enrollment form for the classes offered at Johansen High. See Mrs. Cardoza, quickly, before the classes fill up!

Upcoming MJC Events at MoHi—sign up in Naviance

October 26—Application Workshop and Orientation periods 3-4 or 5-6 (this is a 2 period workshop)

Upcoming Events

College Presentations on our campus! Sign up in Naviance in order to attend. Be sure to communicate with your teacher in advance.

- ◆ 10/5 Brown University
 - ◆ 10/8 MIT
 - ◆ 10/16 Cal State East Bay
 - ◆ 10/19 Financial Aid Workshop
 - ◆ 10/25 UC Berkeley
 - ◆ 10/30 Cal State Apply Workshop for CSU Applications
 - ◆ 11/2 UC Application Workshop
 - ◆ 11/7 USC
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- ◆ **The PSAT will be on our campus October 10 at 7 am in both gyms.** Students must have pre-registered in September.

 - ◆ CSU Stanislaus Preview Day October 20, 8:30 am—12:30 pm. Is CSU Stanislaus your destination for Fall 2019? Then Preview Day is an event you don't want to miss. Join us to learn and experience what being a **warrior** is all about. At Preview Day you will have the opportunity to meet and speak with faculty, staff, and current students through the various activities we have planned just for you.
<https://www.csustan.edu/admissions/preview-day>

 - ◆ Sacramento State's Future Hornet Day is on Saturday, October 20. Future Hornet Day is designed especially for prospective undergraduates and their families. Highlights of the day include campus tours, fun activities, information on admissions, housing, financial aid, demonstrations by some of our 250+ student clubs and organizations, and academic program demonstrations. They will be able to meet and mingle with some of Sac State's finest throughout the day – students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends, and much more. To register online for this free event go to:
<http://www.csus.edu/admissions/Future-Hornet-Day/>

 - ◆ CSU East Bay Preview Day October 13 and November 4 www.csueastbay.edu/previewday

 - ◆ CSU Chico Preview Day October 20—Meet with an academic advisor, tour the campus, and learn more about the campus. For more information and to register to attend
<http://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/chico-preview-day.shtml>

 - ◆ University of the Pacific Fall Open House November 10. Register to attend at
<https://www.pacific.edu/admission/admission-events/fall-open-house.html>



Opportunities for Students

3rd Annual MCS College Expo on Saturday, October 20 at Downey High School 9am—1pm. Students of grades 9-12 and their families are invited to attend. Keynote speaker will be Onkar Mudhar, a St. George University Medical Student and a panel of MCS alum to answer all of your questions about the college application process and transitioning to college. Break out sessions are available for: college application essay writing, CSU Honors programs, financial aid, Naviance, College 411, and more. There will be a college fair with over 30 different colleges already committed to attend, including MJC, CSUs, UCs and private colleges.

Attention Juniors! Rotary is looking for high school leaders to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camp February 15—18, 2019. Our school selects 2 students to attend each year. This is a one time leadership opportunity to interact with students from all over the state. See Mrs. Cardoza for more information. Application deadline is October 25.

Johansen High School will be hosting two MJC courses this spring. American Sign Language will be Mondays 5:00—8:05 pm and College Health will be Thursdays 5:00—8:05 pm. Special enrollment for high school students prior to October 11, as long as there is room in the classes. Tuition for classes is waived for high school students, there is a fee of approx. \$30 and possibly textbook cost. See Mrs. Cardoza to register.

The ASVAB exam will be given at Modesto High on October 26. See Mr. Dahlen in the Career Center room 6 for more information. This is a great test to help students determine a future career pathway. This test is a requirement for those entering the military, but taking the test does not mean that students have to enlist.

JOB CORPS: Career Technical Training • Education • Professional Skills

Job Corps is a career technical training and education program for low-income young people ages 16 -24. Each year Job Corps provides training and support services to approximately 60,000 young people in more than 100 career technical areas at 125 centers across the nation. Job Corps offers hands-on training in America's fastest-growing careers, and our graduates land high-wage jobs. And the best part? It's at no cost to income-eligible students. Contact Job Corps to find out about the centers closest to you and if you qualify for the program. (800) 733-JOBS [5627]
www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov

CSU Application

www2.calstate.edu/apply

- 4 year colleges, tend to be more hands on/career focused
- Funded by state and student tuition
- Application deadline November 30
- Applicants self report academic history on application
- No essays, no letters of recommendation.
- Transcripts sent AFTER graduation.
- Application fee \$55 per campus.
- Request fee waiver on application. If approved, allows 4 free applications.
- Requires a SAT or ACT score.
- Consider the non-impacted campuses: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Humboldt, Maritime, and Stanislaus.

UC Application

<https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm>

- 4 year colleges, tend to be more research focused
- Funded by state and student tuition
- Application deadline November 30
- Requires writing to address personal insight questions
- Applicants self report academic history on application
- No letters of recommendation.
- Transcripts sent AFTER graduation.
- Application fee \$70 per campus.
- Request fee waiver on application. If approved, allows 4 free applications.
- Requires a SAT w/essay or ACT+writing score. Some campuses/majors require subject tests.

Private College Application

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

- Can be 2 or 4 year colleges, funded by student tuition and alumni donations.
- Colleges may be research focus, liberal arts, or career focused.
- Application deadlines vary by colleges, early action/decision may be November 1, regular may be December or January, or may be rolling admission.
- Usually requires official transcript with application. Some require a mid year report with 1st semester grades.
- Most require a counselor secondary report and letters of recommendation.
- Most require personal statement and some require supplemental essays.
- Students must work with Mrs. Cardoza to have transcripts and all other school documents submitted.
- Application fees vary.
- Fee waivers may be offered by colleges (no limit) or through College Board (limit of 4) if applicants used a fee waiver for the SAT.
- Watch out for the for profit schools (usually career oriented).
- Most require a SAT or ACT score. Some require SAT subject test and/or ACT+writing.

Community College Application

<http://www.mjc.edu/>

- 2 year colleges, funded by the state and student tuition.
- New! First year of tuition is free for all first year college students, regardless of income level. Must complete FAFSA/CADA to qualify.
- Colleges may be career education (certificate programs) or general education (associate degree and/or transfer to university).
- No application deadline, however, classes fill up quickly.
- No essays, no letters of recommendation.
- Transcripts sent AFTER graduation.
- No application fee.
- No SAT or ACT, ever, not even when you transfer!

College Application Notes:

- What is impaction? It's a campus or major that has more qualified applicants than they have space to admit.
- Select the application for Fall of 2019 and be sure to select Undergraduate application. High school graduates are always considered first time freshman, even if you plan to have some community college credits or pass an IB/AP exam.
- If you have taken or plan to take IB/AP exams select "high school graduate with college credit".
- If you have completed college coursework at MJC or another college, select "high school graduate with college credit".
- Interested in a credential? If you plan to become a teacher, say yes. Otherwise, say no. You can always change your mind later in your college career.
- AB540 Students: On CSU application, for the citizenship question, select "none". All Dreamers will have additional paperwork to complete after submitting their application to verify your AB540 status. See Mrs. Cardoza to help with this.
- Remember to have your SAT scores sent to Cal State Apply # 3594 and ALL CSUs will receive your scores. ACT scores just need to be sent to one CSU and they will share with ALL CSUs. Send your SAT and ACT scores to just one UC and they will share with ALL UCs.
- All of Modesto High's courses are listed on the coursework pages, DO NOT type in courses. Remember that colleges only want to know about your grades in college prep A-G courses. If it's not on the list, it's not an A-G course. See Mrs. Cardoza if you have questions about a course.
- Senior year courses: fall semester is "in progress" and spring semester is "planned".
- How do you know if a class is Honors/AP/IB for universities? Very few meet this requirement. Check our course list at: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist#/list/details/2409/>
- Courses may only be listed in one area. Do not list a course in more than one area. If you repeated a course, and it was the EXACT same course title, course #, and school, then you only need to list the higher grade. (UC apps require you to list both grades, but CSU only wants the higher grade.)
- If you did not take a course during a particular semester, leave the selection to "select grade". On the application you should see a "-", meaning that you were not enrolled during that term.
- All of our A-G courses are semester courses—EXCEPT Dance, which is 4 quarters. If you have issues recording this course on application, see Mrs. Cardoza.
- Double check your application with your transcript. If there are any discrepancies, your admission offer may be revoked after the college receives your final transcript in June. *(Keep in mind, they expect you to complete all of the courses you listed for 12th grade with a C or higher. Your admission offer may be revoked if you drop/grade D or F.)*
- If you are applying for a fee waiver, you must complete the parent financial information on the application. You will be notified if you qualify for a fee waiver in your application, and if so, will have 4 application fees waived.
- Applying for EOP? This program provides support and resources for students who overcome challenges in their lives, may be first generation to attend college, or may be low income. If you select yes, you will be also have to complete the EOP application and list recommender contact email. You will need to contact teachers/counselors who are familiar with your situation to complete the online recommendation form. Apply before the November 30 deadline! Make it your goal to submit your CSU application by November 20.
- Modesto High is in a partnership program with Cal Poly, SLO this year. This may allow more of our students to be accepted into the university. If you are interested in Cal Poly, SLO, my recommendation is to apply, even if this would normally be a reach school for you.

Questions? Come see Mrs. Cardoza! Get your questions answered before you submit your application! You can't change your application once you submit it!

FAFSA and CADA Season is here!

FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid

CADA = California Dream Act

It is best to submit your application as early as possible. When you submit, you are reserving your place in line for financial aid. Would you rather be at the front of the line or the back of the line?

Here's what you need to know to get started:

- ◆ FAFSA application requires each student to electronically sign with an FSA ID and if parents have a SSN, they will need to electronically sign with FSA ID. Parents who do not have a SSN can print their signature page and mail it in.
- ◆ Male students must register with the US Selective Service in order to receive any financial aid. There is an option to do this on the financial aid application.
- ◆ Choose the application that is appropriate for you, only fill out one application to be considered for all of the types of aid listed.
- ◆ Make sure you use the correct website to apply. There are a lot of scam websites out there with similar web addresses. **DO NOT EVER PAY TO SUBMIT FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS!!!**
- ◆ Your parent/guardian needs to help you with the application. They will need to provide information from their 2017 IRS tax return, marriage/divorce dates, and California residency dates.
- ◆ You may log on to change information as needed, even after you have submitted.
- ◆ The application asks you to list 10 colleges that you would like your application shared with. Colleges are not able to see the other colleges you have listed, and they cannot see which number they were listed as. If you are applying to more than 10 colleges, submit the form with the first ten listed. After a few days, then log back on to your application to make changes. Remove the first 10 colleges and add the rest, submit your application again.
- ◆ You must re-apply for financial aid **EVERY YEAR** that you are in college.
- ◆ At the end of the application, there is a form for the GPA verification. You **DO NOT** need to print this form or bring it to school. **Our district automatically submits all GPAs electronically.** Please review your personal information (name, birthday, address) at the top of your high school transcript for accuracy. It must match what you list on your college and financial aid applications.

FAFSA (US citizens and permanent residents) <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

- PELL grant (federally funded, can be used nationwide)
- Cal Grant (Calif. Colleges only)
- Student Loans
- Work Study
- Some university scholarships

CADA (AB540/Dreamers) http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp

- Cal Grant
- BOG fee waiver
- New Dreamer Student Loans
- Some university scholarships
- Only available at Calif. colleges

Deadline to submit your financial aid application is March 2, 2019

Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
10/6/2018	AES Engineer Award	Applicants must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words on a given topic	http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm
10/6/2018	AES Scholarship	The scholarship is open to all majors not just engineering. Requires a 500-1000 word essay, When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?	http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm
10/15/2018	Colgate HazLau	Encourages Hispanic seniors on the path of higher education.	https://www.colgatepalmolive.com/en-us/core-values/community-responsibility/make-the-u
10/15/2018	Hispanic Heritage Foundation	Multiple scholarships available to seniors of Latino heritage with excellence in the classroom, community, or the workforce.	http://hhfyouthawards.com/2018/forms/welcome.php
10/17/2018	Wendy's Heisman Award	This award honors male and female high school seniors who excel in academics, athletics and student leadership. Must have a 3.0 GPA and participate in at least one school sport.	https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com
10/25/2018	Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Program	This scholarship provides financial assistance to low income seniors throughout the nation who have financial need, involvement in school/community activities, and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Applicants must be going on to secondary education to complete a bachelor's degree and be a US Citizen.	https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-program
10/31/2018	Coca-Cola	Achievement-based scholarship awarded to seniors for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.	http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/
10/31/2018	Stokes Educational Scholarship Program	Sponsored by the National Security Agency. Selected students participate in summer employment, receive scholarship for financial aid, and are guaranteed employment upon completing college and fulfillment of all requirements. Must be a computer science or computer/electrical engineering major.	https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/nsa/nsastudents.html
11/7/2018	Prudential Spirit Community Award	For seniors who have taken part in community service, volunteerism, or school activities.	https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2018
11/8/2018	Good Tidings Community Service Scholarship	Good Tidings Foundation is offering 10 scholarships at \$10,000 each. This scholarship is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors who have financial need and have committed themselves to community service.	https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/49964-Good-Tidings-Foundation

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11/15/2018	Elks Most Valuable Student	Scholarships based on leadership and financial need. Must be US citizen.	http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm
11/20/2018	Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	For high achieving seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best 4-year colleges and universities.	http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/