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SAVE THE DATE!!!

*Modesto High Scholarship
Awards Night
May 9, 2017*

6:30 pm in the Auditorium

*Be sure to keep your "colleges I am
applying to" list on Naviance up to
date with acceptances and denials.*

connection.naviance.com/mhs

**Remind App: get college &
scholarship related texts from Mrs.
Cardoza**

Class of 2017 text @7ghdh to 81010

Class of 2018 text @bed79c to 81010

Class of 2019 text @b7dbgd to 81010

Class of 2020 text @b82ag8 to 81010

Decision Time!

How to decide which college to attend?

1. Compare financial aid award packages.
2. Visit the campus or if it's too far away, take the virtual tours. Do you feel like you fit in here?
3. **Really evaluate your wants/needs in a college.** Big or small campus? Extra curricular activities that you want to participate in? Your major or program of study? Close or far from home? Climate?
4. Spend some time talking about all of this with your family and/or other trusted adults in your life.

Once you decide which college to attend, there is a lot you need to do very quickly! Most of these things will need to be completed in April-May.

1. Accept the admission offer! Many colleges will want a deposit for your tuition and you'll sign the SIR or "intent to attend" form.
2. Accept your financial aid award offer. Call the college financial aid office or bring in the award offer to Mrs. Cardoza if you have any questions. Read the article on page 6 of this bulletin!
3. If you plan to live on campus, you'll need to find out your housing and meal plan options. Decide which is best for you and reserve your spot. You may need to pay another deposit for housing.
4. Sign up for freshman orientation and welcome activities.
5. Complete the senior survey in Naviance (I'll be coming into your Gov/Econ or TOK classes to do this with you) and be sure to set the college you will be attending. This is very important because this is your request to have your final transcripts sent (after graduation) to the college you attend.

It is crucial that you check your college email account and portals at least twice per week now. Take immediate action when there is a deadline or requirements. If you miss a deadline, you will miss out! Colleges don't take excuses, believe me, they've heard them all and they can't make an exception for you AND every other student who isn't on the ball.



COLLEGE NEWS

Final Transcripts and College Reports

Your final transcripts will be mailed to the college that you list on your Naviance Senior Survey. Seniors will complete the Naviance Senior Survey early in May during their Gov/Econ or TOK class.

Even though you have been offered admission at colleges, that offer is based on you holding up your end of the bargain. If you drop or fail classes this semester, have discipline issues, or any inaccuracies on your application, your admission offer may be revoked.

By the way, those of you applying to private colleges: a final report is submitted after graduation that asks the same questions as the mid year report—so stay strong through the end!

CSU ELM/EPT (Assessment tests) - Last Chance

These placement tests are required unless you have been exempted by EAP or SAT/ACT scores, refer to the November college bulletin for more information. Tests are \$20 each (no fee waivers available) and can be taken at CSU Stanislaus, your scores will be shared with all other CSU's. LAST TEST DATES 4/8/17 and 5/6/17. Sign up at <http://www.ets.org/csu/registration>.

Many of you are required to take the CSU Early Start Program based on your ELM/EPT scores. You should be able to take the Early Start Program at CSU Stanislaus and your record of completion will be sent to the CSU you attend. Check with the individual campus to be sure that this is ok. Register as soon as you can, there are limited spaces available. If you fail to complete the Early Start Program, you will not be allowed to register for fall classes. More information at

<https://www.csustan.edu/admissions/ive-been-admitted/early-start-program>



UC Writing Exam

UC will notify you if you are required to take the Analytical Writing Placement Examination by letter this month. If you are required to take the exam, the test date will be May 13 and the location will be in your letter. More information at <http://www.ucop.edu/elwr/>

Cal Day at UC Berkeley

Seniors who have been accepted and juniors who are interested in UC Berkeley should attend Cal Day on April 22, 2017. Free event from 9 am—4 pm, including campus tours, meet faculty, and Q&A with current students. More information <http://calday.berkeley.edu/>

Bobcat Day at UC Merced

For juniors interested in applying and for seniors who plan to attend or are deciding to attend. Find out more about programs offered, take a student guided tour, and hear first hand about being a student at UC Merced. April 22, 2017 from 9 am—4 pm. <http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/bobcatday>

MJC NEWS

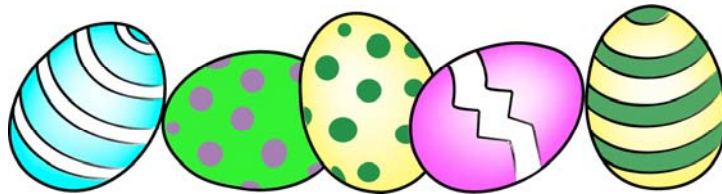
www.mjc.edu

Seniors

Before you can register for classes, you must complete all entrance requirements:

- Application—online at www.mjc.edu
- Orientation—complete online www.mjc.edu/student-services/enrollment/onlineorientation/
- Assessment Tests—call MJC Testing Center 575-6853 to schedule
- Meet with academic advisor—call MJC Counseling Center 575-6080 to make an appointment

Attend New Student Day to complete some or all of the entrance requirements!
April 8 or May 20 at 8:00 am at East Campus. *No pre-sign up required.*



AB540—Dream Act Students

Once you are a full time student at MJC, be sure to visit the International Student Office in the East Campus Student Center. You will find a lot of support, answers to your questions, and other students with similar backgrounds. They also have a student club that you can be involved in.

New Multiple Measures for Assessment at MJC

MJC is now accepting your EAP scores, or SAT, or ACT scores to determine if you are ready for college level coursework! See Mrs. Cardoza or website for more information.

<http://www.mjc.edu/student-services/enrollment/testing/multiplemeasures.php>

Summer Courses at MJC


MJC's summer term officially begins on May 1 and ends on August 19. All current high school students, including seniors, are still considered concurrent high school students for summer coursework. Seniors may find some late starting summer courses that begin in June to enroll in. However, it may be difficult for current juniors to find courses that do not conflict with our Modesto High spring semester in May and fall semester in August. See Mrs. Cardoza for more information or you can search the MJC class schedule at <http://media.mjc.edu/classsearch/>

SAT and ACT Testing Information

www.collegeboard.org

www.actstudent.org

Juniors should be registering for the SAT and/or ACT (both with writing) this spring. I recommend that you take it once in the spring of your junior year, and again in the fall of your senior year. Take them both, since the tests are different and you may find that you do better on one test. Colleges will only look at your highest score. Go to the websites listed above, create a username & password that you will remember, you will need to log on to these websites again! Be sure to sign up using your full legal name.



SAT Test Date:	May 6	June 3	
Register By:	April 7	May 9	All test dates offered at MoHi



ACT Test Date:	April 8	June 10	
Register By:	March 3	May 5	Test offered at Turlock High or Sierra High in Manteca

Students on free or reduced lunch are eligible for a total of 2 SAT fee waivers and 2 ACT fee waivers. It's a good idea to use one the spring of your junior year and one in the fall of your senior year. Fee waivers are available in Mrs. Cardoza's office in the counseling department. AVID students will receive their fee waivers in AVID class.

You'll have to upload a photo of yourself for the admission ticket. Don't forget to print your admission ticket and bring a photo I.D. to the test! *(Don't forget to use your legal first and last name, exactly as it is on your birth certificate.)*

Although you may not be sure where you apply to college yet, request that your scores be sent anyway! Use the codes below to have your scores sent to all CSUs and all UCs. It's free now, they will charge you later. If you end up taking the test again and getting a better score, this score will be ignored.

- For SAT, use code 3594 to send scores to CSU Mentor, and your scores are sent to ALL of the CSUs.
- For both SAT and ACT, send score to one UC and they will share your score with ALL of the UCs.
- For ACT, send scores to one CSU and on your CSU Mentor Account be sure to use the ACT Scores Manager to share your score with other CSUs.

SAT Subject Tests

Students applying to private or very competitive universities should consider taking 2 SAT subject tests. Although not a requirement for UCs, they can help your application. Subject tests must be taken on a separate day than the regular SAT, and students are allowed to take up to 3 subject tests in one sitting. Choose the subject tests that you feel you will be most successful on. ***If you choose to take the math subject test, be sure it is Level 2.***



To Do List



Scholarship Winner?

If you have been selected as a scholarship recipient, be sure to notify Mrs. Cardoza so that you can be recognized at our Scholarship Night. Even if you will not be attending a university that has awarded you a scholarship, please notify Mrs. Cardoza of your award.

Check your college portal/email

Colleges mostly communicate with you through your student portal/account or through your college email. Be sure to check at least weekly. Pay attention to deadlines! Your admission may be revoked if you miss a deadline or requirement!

Juniors & Sophomores—Summer Programs

There are a number of summer programs out there for you to participate in. Don't attend a summer program just to try to impress colleges, be truly interested in the subjects offered. The knowledge and experiences that you gain must be beneficial to you! The more you grow intellectually as a person, the more have to include in your personal statement on college applications. Some programs are selective and only accept attendees based on a set of criteria, while others accept anyone. Some are quite costly, especially if airfare is required.

University of Southern California is offering 2 and 4 week courses. Visit <http://summerprograms.usc.edu/> to see the courses and apply.

Other summer programs: www.summerfuel.com

Oregon Private Colleges Week July 24-28 <http://oregonprivatecolleges.com/>

SCOE Leadership Academy

Current 10th—11th graders may apply for the Stanislaus County Office of Education Leadership Academy for next school year. A flyer was emailed to students with 3.0 GPA or higher through Naviance. See Mrs. Cardoza for more information. Deadline to submit an interest card is April 14.

What's in a Name?

It is crucial that you use your legal name on all school, college, and financial aid documents. Your legal name is what is printed on your birth certificate and/or social security card. As you transition from high school to college and the real world, you must use your legal name consistently in everything you do. This is especially important for students who have 2 last names, or go by middle names. If you have not been using your legal name at school or on any applications, you need to get that fixed immediately! Juniors, remember to use your legal name when you sign up for SAT and ACT exams!

Types of Financial Aid

Here are some of the common types of aid that you may see on your financial aid award package. Students can only receive one type of Cal Grant.

Federal Pell Grant—Awarded to you based on your family income reported on your FAFSA application.

Cal Grant A—Awarded to low and middle income students (determined from FAFSA or Dream Act Application) with Cal Grant GPA 3.0 or higher. Students must attend a 4 year university to use this award. If you received Cal Grant A, but decide to attend a community college, you can put the award on hold for 2 years with a written request.



Cal Grant B—Awarded to low income students (determined from FAFSA or Dream Act Application) with Cal Grant GPA 2.0 or higher. The first year amount is \$1648, but will increase to pay full tuition plus \$1648 in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th years of college.

Cal Grant C—Awarded to low and middle income students who enroll in vocational courses of study, Associate Degree or Certification programs only.

Work Study—work on campus for financial aid, usually works around your class schedule and might even lead to a part time job on campus in the future.

University Scholarships/Grants—awarded by individual universities, may be based on need, merit, or combination.

Subsidized Loan—Offered to undergraduate students with financial need. Your school determines the amount you can borrow, and the amount may not exceed your financial need. The U.S. Department of Education pays the interest on a Direct Subsidized Loan while you're in school at least half-time, for the first six months after you leave school (referred to as a *grace period*), and during a period of *deferment* (a postponement of loan payments). This type of loan is most favorable for students.

Unsubsidized Loans—Offered to undergraduate and graduate students; there is no requirement to demonstrate financial need. Your school determines the amount you can borrow based on your cost of attendance and other financial aid you receive. You are responsible for paying the interest on a Direct Unsubsidized Loan during all periods. If you choose not to pay the interest while you are in school and during grace periods and deferment or *forbearance* periods, your interest will accrue (accumulate) and be capitalized (that is, your interest will be added to the principal amount of your loan). This type of loan is not as favorable for students.

You have a choice of accepting subsidized or unsubsidized loans. You may accept the full offer of the loan, or partial amount. Please talk with your family or other trusted adults before making the decision to accept a loan.

Do scholarships affect your financial aid? Sometimes, and it depends on your situation. It's about the bottom line, the goal of financial aid is to pay for your education, without debt if possible, and not give you a profit in addition to your education! If your financial aid package fully covers all costs, then yes, work study and loans may be reduced by the amount of the private scholarship. Removing loans is a good thing though, because while you don't have to pay back a scholarship, you do have to pay back loans with interest! Pell Grant is not affected. If private scholarships are more than the loan amount, then university scholarships/grants may be reduced.



Typical College Expenses

Tuition*—this is the cost of your classes.

Fees*—There are a lot of miscellaneous fees. Many colleges have a health fee that can be waived if you can prove that you have health insurance from another source (example: parent health insurance plan). Other fees may be negotiable too, ask for a detailed break down and don't be afraid to challenge a fee if it doesn't apply to you.

Room & Board*—This is an estimate only. If you live on campus, you may be able to select lower cost dorm options or meal plans. Living off campus is not necessarily less expensive, it depends on the cost of living in that area, utilities, and lifestyle of the student. If you live at home or with relatives, this may be substantially less.

Books—This is an estimate as well. You may be able to find used books online for less money. Although you don't pay this directly to the university, most classes will require you to have books in the very beginning of the semester. Students can often find textbooks for much lower prices from online used book stores. Find out the ISBN # and which edition of the text is required, then shop around for the best price.

Transportation—this is also an estimate. If the campus is far from home, you may spend more traveling during your breaks. If you live on campus, you won't spend as much for transportation on a day to day basis as those who live off campus. Many universities have agreements with city bussing to provide discounted or free transportation.

Personal Expenses—this is your spending money for clothing, social outings, etc. This is an estimate, you may spend more or less depending on how frugal you are.



** these fees must be paid to the university at the beginning of each semester/quarter. Make sure that your family is able to afford these expenses up front. All other expenses are paid out of pocket as they come up.*

Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
4/1/2017	Daniel Gonsalves Athletic	This scholarship is to support senior athletes who will or have competed in a varsity sport their senior year, have CUM GPA of 3.0, provide copy of transcript, one letter of recommendation, include an essay using one of the prompts on the application.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/1/2017	Dr. Parker	Applicants must have completed at least 100 hours of community service, minimum GPA 2.0, demonstrated leadership, good citizenship, submit 250 word essay.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/1/2017	Mid Valley Cowbelle	Must plan a career in the agricultural field and have a major that reflects agricultural.	http://www.midvalleycowbelle.com/
4/3/2017	MTA Cecil Curfman Memorial	Must be a child of a member of the California Teachers' Association.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/3/2017	MTA Frank Vandervort	Graduating seniors from MCS, must be a son/daughter of an individual who is an active member of the Modesto Teachers Association, and has served as a site rep or committee member for at least two years with regular attendance and participation.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/3/2017	MTA Jon Walther Memorial	Must be pursuing a career in teaching.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/3/2017	Stanislaus Health Foundation Teddie Hartman	For current seniors in Stanislaus County, GPA 3.0 or higher, actively in pursuit of a career in the medical profession. Application requires 3 LOR and official transcript.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/3/2017	Stanislaus Medical Society Alliance (SMSA)	Applicants must be residents of Stanislaus County, enrolling in medicine or nursing, financial need will be considered. Requires 2 letters of rec, personal statement, official transcripts.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/5/2017	Central Valley Kaiser Permanente Asian Assoc.	For students who demonstrate through their activities in school, in the community, or in the face of unusual circumstances that they have the potential to be Asian leaders of the future. Send an email with your name, the name of your high school, and your phone number to receive an application.	https://kaiserpermanente-asianassociation.org/scholarship/application/
4/5/2017	Modesto Garden Club	Awards 6 - \$1500 scholarships to students who will major in agronomy, agriculture education, floriculture, horticulture, landscape design, botany, forestry, wildlife science, plant pathology, city planning, habitat or forest systems ecology, environmental concerns, environmental conservation, land management, or allied subjects.	email scholarship chairperson to obtain application: gardenscholarship@gmail.com

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4/7/2017	Corey Sean Norby Memorial	Students from Modesto City High Schools are eligible to apply. Students will attend Modesto Junior College and follow a pathway with the goal of transferring to a 4 year college to earn a degree to work with children in teaching, counseling, or coaching in preschool through 12th grade. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher and at least 1 year of team sport participation (includes cheerleading).	Naviance Scholarship List
4/7/2017	Valley Builders Exchange	For children of Builders' Exchange Members. Must be a major in a field relating to the construction industry.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/11/2017	META (chapter of the California Association for Bilingual Education)	Applicants must reside in Stanislaus County, intend to continue their education at a 4 year university. Consideration given to academic achievement, financial need, attainment of the State Seal of Biliteracy, and community service.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/14/2017	Al Barr Memorial (North Modesto Kiwanis)	The Al Barr Memorial Scholarship Fund provides an annual grant for a student or students who are interested in a career in graphic design or art.	www.northmodestokiwanis.org
4/14/2017	Modesto High Paul Copeland (Knight Sounds)	Applicants must be serious music students planning to continue their music education at the college level or a performing arts institute with emphasis on the potential of becoming a music educator or performer. Modesto High applicants only. Submit completed application to Mrs. Cardoza.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/14/2017	PIQE	Parent Institute for Quality Education is offering 10 \$500 scholarships to students whose parents graduated from the PIQE program and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.	Naviance Scholarship List
4/15/2017	Cortopassi JobRedi Grant	\$10,000 grants for students pursuing a certificate program at a community college.	http://jobredifoundation.org/
4/15/2017	Splawn Scholarship	GPA 2.6 or higher; extra curriculars, community service, work experience. They want to recognize students who exemplify "hard work" through extraordinary circumstances.	https://online.foundationsource.com/public/home/splawnscholarship
4/17/2017	Rotary North/South Football All Stars	Provides 25 \$1000 scholarships to boys or girls based on academic achievement, essay content. Minimum 3.5 GPA, involvement in school and/or community activities, special awards/recommendations, transcripts, 2 letters of rec.	http://rotaryfootball.org/Page/s/scholarship.html

Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
4/21/2017	Stanislaus County School Nurse Association (SCSNA)	For youth pursuing careers in a healthcare profession; GPA 3.0 or higher, requires LOR.	Naviance Scholarship List