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Remind App: get college &
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Seniors text @bed79c to 81010
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Naviance Website:

www.connection.naviance.com/mhs

College Apps Submitted, phew.....

The CSU and UC deadline was November 30, so you better have submitted your application already!

A number of students are still working on applications for private colleges that have deadlines in December or January. That's ok, but you need to make sure that all of your teachers and counselor complete and upload their letters before winter break. Be sure to communicate with Mrs. Cardoza to submit your school documents **BEFORE** winter break. **You may still submit your application at any time.**

Make sure that your college application list in Naviance is up to date. Transcripts and letters of recommendation cannot be sent for you unless the colleges are listed on your college application list in Naviance.

When you are offered admission to a college (accepted), there will be an online form for you to complete to officially accept the admission offer, called the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR). The deadline for this form is usually May 1. You may not want to officially accept admission until you find out your financial aid package. You can only accept admission at one college, that's the college you will attend.

Once we return in January, the focus will be financial aid and scholarships, so get ready!

PSAT Results Coming Soon!

PSAT results will be delivered to Modesto High School in December. If possible, we will pass them out to students before winter break.

Be sure to take advantage of the free Khan Academy partnership with College Board to use your PSAT results to create a custom SAT Practice for you! More info at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>



Upcoming Events and Opportunities



Financial Aid Presentation on January 30 in the evening, at Downey High School Auditorium. More info coming soon!

FAFSA and Dream Act Workshops for seniors on **January 31** here at Modesto High. Please sign up for your FAFSA ID before coming to the workshop at www.fafsa.ed.gov, it is helpful to have your family 2015 or 2016 tax return. Parents are welcome to attend. Students *sign up in Naviance, colleges tab, view all upcoming visits.*

US Marines Corp “Semper-Fidelis All-American program—must be 11th grade, 3.5 or higher GPA, active in community service, play a competitive team sport, hold a student or community leadership position. Deadline to apply January 31, 2018. For more information: <https://sfaap.marines.com/>

CSU East Bay Education Summit for First Generation, African American, Asian American, Latino, Native American, and Pacific Islander students and their families on **Saturday, February 3** from 9am—1pm. For more information <http://www.csueastbay.edu/events/education-summit/>

Stanislaus County Office of Education Pre-Med Conference on March 10. Limited space available, first come, first serve. Registration forms were emailed to all 11-12 grade students through Naviance, turn in your registration form NOW, please read the registration form carefully to ensure you submit your application to the correct person.

The scholarship awards night will be April 30 in the auditorium. This is a special evening to celebrate senior accomplishments. *Mrs. Cardoza is looking for some juniors to help make this event successful! If you are interested in being an emcee, greeter, or backstage guide, please see Mrs. Cardoza.*

Juniors—*there are many universities that offer summer programs. I’ve listed a few, but there are more out there. Simply attending a summer program doesn’t necessarily help you get into a competitive college, but the experiences you gain may improve your personal statement for the college application. If participating in a collegiate summer program doesn’t work out for you, be sure to expand your experiences locally during the summer. Basically: don’t sit around on social media and watching tv all summer!*

- UC Davis Summer Opportunities for High Achieving Students—<http://ysp.ucdavis.edu>
- Yale’s Young Scholar Summer program <http://globalscholars.yale.edu>
- USC Summer Program info: <http://summer.usc.edu/>
- Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies: <https://summerinstitutes.stanford.edu/> and <https://spcs.stanford.edu/find-yourself>
- Cornell <https://www.sce.cornell.edu/sc/>
- University of Chicago Summer Session for high school students: <http://summer.uchicago.edu/>
- Princeton University Preparatory Program (PUPP): <http://www.princeton.edu/pupp/>
- Carnegie Mellon Summer Pre-College Programs: <http://admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/pre-college>
- Bezos Scholars <http://www.bezosfamilyfoundation.org/scholars>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ooops...

"I made a mistake on my college application, what can I do?" You will need to contact each individual college that had the error on the application. Give them all of your contact information and university student ID # or SSN. Explain very clearly the incorrect information and give the correct information.

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 or nick names.

Seniors: if you haven't double checked this information yet this semester, do so IMMEDIATELY!! There were students in the past who LOST ALL OF THEIR FINANCIAL AID because the information on the final high school transcript did not match the FAFSA/Dream Act and they did not get it straightened out!

Students in grades 9-12: Ask your counselor for an unofficial copy of your transcripts. At the top, check that your full legal name, birthday, and address/phone is all correct. Your personal information on the transcript MUST match the information you list on your college and financial aid applications next year. If something needs to be changed, have your parents contact Raquel in the counseling office.

College Athletes

NCAA—If you are planning to play sports at a Division I or Division II college please register with the NCAA clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net . Seniors need to be registered by now! Juniors should register now! You must meet class and test requirements necessary by the NCAA to play. High school classes required are different than the A-G list. NCAA does not accept ESS or SS classes to meet required coursework. See Mrs. Cardoza with additional questions.

How to select a college major?

Juniors, this seems so far away, but it's coming very quickly! Selecting a major can help students find colleges that may be a good fit for them. Most colleges will ask you to declare a major on your application, and in many cases it can be quite difficult to change your major in college. Start doing some research now at www.collegemajors101.com

How much will college cost?

Check out the net price calculator on each college website to help you determine the cost of attendance.

Be aware of scams!

There are a number of organizations that will send you official looking letters asking for you to pay to apply for scholarships or to submit your financial aid application or to be listed in special publications. Before you give any of your personal information or pay for anything, talk to one of your teachers or a counselor to make sure it's a legitimate business and in your best interest.

SAT and ACT Testing

www.collegeboard.org

www.actstudent.org

Seniors, you're done with this! Juniors—it's your turn!

SAT Test Date:	March 10	May 5	June 2
Register By:	February 9	April 6	May 3

ACT Test Date:	February 10	April 14	June 9
Register By:	January 12	March 9	May 4

All of the SAT tests are offered at Modesto High.

All of the ACT tests are offered at Turlock High or Sierra High in Manteca.

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Don't forget to print your admission ticket and bring a photo I.D. to the test!

Be sure to log onto College Board or ACTstudent to have your scores sent to the colleges you apply to. You receive 4 free scores reports, if you follow the directions carefully to request them. After that, you will have to pay for each report to be sent. This can really add up!

Save money on score reports! Save yourself stress next year!

Put in your request for scores to be sent at the same time you register for the test!

Even if you plan on testing again, send the scores now. Colleges will only use the highest score when evaluating your application.

- To send scores to ALL of the CSUs: SAT use code 3594 Cal State Apply; ACT send to 1 CSU
- To send scores to ALL of the UCs: SAT send to 1 UC; ACT send to 1 UC

Fee Waivers: *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.*

Free online resources to help you prepare for the test!

www.collegeboard.org/practice—offers 1 Free full-length Test, Question of the Day, SAT Skills Insight and My College Quickstart
www.actstudent.org—ACT Question of the Day, Preparing for the ACT, Sample test Questions and test tips
<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>—downloadable free test, video tutorials for questions, Math, Reading and Writing Practice

Modesto Junior College News

www.mjc.edu

Seniors

Before you can register for classes after graduation, you must complete all entrance requirements: (even if you've already taken classes at MJC, now that you are considered a high school graduate, you must complete the following)

- Application—next workshop on campus February 2
- Orientation—also February 2 on campus
- Assessment Tests—on our campus February 9
- Meet with academic advisor—on our campus March 9.
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Sign up for on campus workshops in Naviance, “colleges” tab, “view all upcoming visits”.
Then program a reminder in your cell phone so you don't forget!

New Student Days on April 14 and June 14

Students will have the opportunity to complete all of the above steps to register completely for MJC. There will be counselors, financial aid advisors, and lots of help there to answer all of your questions. No cost to attend, no pre-registration required.

Enrolling at MJC while in high school

In order to take classes at MJC, you 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 is already going on!** Tuition is waived, fees are approximately \$30, plus books if required. See Mrs. Cardoza for more information.

Class registration is already underway, new students will most likely register on **December 15**. So be sure to get your online application submitted, and your form signed by Mrs. Cardoza as soon as possible so that you can enroll before the classes fill up!

MJC Transfer Center

The true “transfer plan” is to complete 60 transferrable credits at a community college, apply to a university, and transfer as a junior. In order to do this within 2 years, students need to complete at least 15 transferable credits every semester. This make take more than 2 years if students must take remedial classes or take less than 15 units.

Students who plan to transfer from MJC to a university need to visit the MJC transfer center each semester that you are at MJC. They will help you select courses that are transferrable and to complete your university application. They also have lots of workshops and university visits. This is the “Mrs. Cardoza” of MJC!

Helping you pay for college: Financial Aid

Apply for all financial aid that you can, but keep in mind that a “free ride” is pretty rare. Many students find that they need to work part time and their parents may need to contribute to their education.



Scholarships

These are awards given to students based on merit or need or a combination of both. Merit can be based off of academics, extra curricular activities, or community service. Some scholarships are one time awards, and others may be renewed each year that you are in college. Scholarships may be offered by colleges or by national/state/local community organizations with a wide variety of criteria. Each scholarship will have its own application, requirements, and deadline. It takes a lot of work on the part of the student to find and apply for scholarships. Remember that all of the scholarships that Mrs. Cardoza knows of will always be printed in this bulletin.

Loans

Just as the name implies, loans must be repaid. There are 2 types of government loans: subsidized and unsubsidized. Subsidized are most preferred because students do not have to make payments while in college, the government pays interest while you are in school, and during a 6 month grace period after you graduate. Unsubsidized loans require students to pay interest while attending college and there is no grace period. Please be VERY cautious in taking out loans, borrow only the minimum of what you need. You do not want to be in a position of owing more money on loans than what you are going to make in your career.

Grants

Grants are awarded to students primarily based on need, determined by the family income. Grants do not have to be repaid, and you must reapply each year that you are in college. Pell grants are awarded by the federal government and Cal Grants are awarded by the State of California. Work study may be offered to students as a form of financial aid, giving students a job on campus. To apply for both types of grants, students must submit the FAFSA application before March 2. The earlier the better, as there is a better chance of getting aid if submitted early.

What about Dream Act and AB540 and DACA? For those students who came to the United States without documentation, and will be graduating from a California high school, this is a big help for you! Although the DACA program is currently being phased out, the AB540 and California Dream Act are still available for students in our state.

DACA	AB540	Calif. Dream Act
Allowed undocumented students to obtain a social security number to be used for work.	Allows students who have attended for at least 3 years and will graduate from a California high school to pay in state tuition rates. Prior to AB540, undocumented students had to pay the international tuition rate, which is much higher.	Allows undocumented students to apply for Cal Grant. The Dream Act application is due March 2 and is very similar to the FAFSA.

Phew!! I've Submitted My Colleges Applications, Now What?

CSU and UC

- Be on the look out for special instructions. Do not listen to your friends! This is when things become very individualized!
- Keep your grades up! You don't want to be one of the stories of a student who had their admission revoked because they got a D or F in their senior year.
- Check you email for instructions to set up your portal for each campus. You may have to set up a university email account as well. Write down your user names, passwords, and the ID# for each university.
- Check your portals/email weekly or twice a week.
- If your to do list shows "transcripts" take note of the deadline.
 - * If the deadline is in January/February, see Mrs. Cardoza after winter break to submit transcripts with your 1st semester grades. Some colleges refer to this as the 7th semester transcript.
 - * If the deadline is June/July, we won't submit transcripts until after graduation, showing your final senior grades. Students will request final transcripts on their Senior Survey in May.
 - * If the deadline is sooner than January, come see Mrs. Cardoza now.
- AB540/Dream Act students: watch for the letter/email from CSU asking for residency verification. You will have to complete a form and submit your transcripts. This is to verify that you have been attending a California high school for the past 3 years. Come see Mrs. Cardoza.
- If you applied for EOP (program for 1st generation/low income/overcoming challenges), check with Mrs. Cardoza to have your transcripts sent; be sure to speak with your recommenders in person.
- UC will notify students that are required to take the UC Writing Exam. Students may be exempt by SAT/ACT scores.
- CSU will indicate in the Student Portal if students are required to enroll in the Early Start Summer Courses. Students may be exempt by EAP, SAT/ACT scores. See Mrs. Cardoza if you need help determining if you must enroll in Summer Early Start or not.
- Be sure you have sent your SAT scores to Cal State Apply and 1 UC. ACT scores need to be sent to 1 CSU and 1 UC. Each private university needs their own score report from SAT/ACT.
- If you change your schedule in the 2nd semester, check with Mrs. Cardoza. You may have to let the universities you applied to know of your schedule change. This includes ESS.
- If you receive a D or an F in the 1st semester, check with Mrs. Cardoza.
- Students begin to receive notification of acceptances in March. Some less competitive universities may be sooner.

Private Universities

- For students with deadlines in January, be sure to check with Mrs. Cardoza **before** winter break to submit all of your school documents.
- Check your email daily!
- Some universities require you to set up a portal or university email, others do not.
- Make sure that you have sent your SAT and ACT scores to each university you applied to. Scores must be sent from CollegeBoard and ACTstudent directly to the university.
- Check the university financial aid page for university scholarships. Find out if they require the CSS profile (completed at College Board website for a fee) or if they accept the FAFSA.
- Mid-year reports are sent at the end of January, after your 1st semester grades are final and on your transcript. See Mrs. Cardoza in January to send mid-year reports.
- EA and ED applicants should be notified soon if accepted, deferred, or denied. Regular decision applicants begin to receive notification of acceptances in March and April. Some less competitive universities may be sooner.



Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
12/1/2017	Central Valley Automotive Player with Drive	3 scholarships awarded to students who attended high school in Modesto and played varsity football in fall of 2017. Min. GPA 2.5.	http://www.modbee.com/sports/high-school/prep-football/article104713661.html
12/1/2017	University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts Scholarship	First-year/freshmen applicants applying to USC and interested in their School of Cinematic Arts program are encouraged to submit a completed scholarship application. SCA offers the following undergraduate programs: Animation & Digital Arts, Cinema & Media Studies, Film & Television Production, Interactive Media & Games, Media Arts + Practice, and Writing for Screen & Television.	http://cinema.usc.edu/admissions/apply.cfm
12/1/2017	UOP Powell Scholarship	High achieving students who plan to attend UOP. GPA 3.7 or higher, rigorous academic curriculum, superior leadership skills, combined SAT at least 1350 or ACT at least 30.	http://www.pacific.edu/About-Pacific/AdministrationOffices/Office-of-Financial-Aid/Scholarships/Powell/Powell-Scholarship-Program.html
12/7/2017	CSU Fresno Smittcamp Family Honors	CSU Fresno Honors Program. Only 50 students selected each year to enter the program. Minimum 3.8 GPA, must be top 10% rank in senior class, minimum SAT 1800 or ACT average 27.	http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/honors/application/index.html
12/10/2017	MJC Scholarships	Variety of scholarships available for students who will enroll next fall.	http://www.mjc.edu/studentservices/finaid/mjcscholarships.php
12/15/2017	AXA Achievement Community Award	Awarded to students with ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community and have the ability to succeed in college. Limited applications accepted, apply early.	https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html
12/15/2017	Burger King Scholars	Recipients are selected based on the GPA, work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service.	http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/whatwedo/scholarship-program
12/22/2017	CSF Michelson Memorial Award	Essay contest open to all senior CSF members. The CSF motto is 'Scholars for Service.' How does your participation in CSF exemplify this motto?	https://csf-cjsf.org/csf-awards/
12/31/2017	Unigo	Submit an online written response to the question: "Surprise! You just got elected president. What's your first tweet?" (140 characters or less, including spaces)	https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship

Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
1/4/2018	Profile in Courage Essay Contest	The contest is open to United States high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home schools.	https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx
1/4/2018	Reagan Foundation-GE	Awards students who embody the characteristics of President Reagan at school, in the community, workplace, and home. Looking for students with: leadership, drive, integrity, & citizenship. GPA min. 3.0, must be a US citizen.	https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/
1/11/2018	APIASF General Scholarship Program	The APIASF General Scholarship is open to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) high school students who are of low socioeconomic status, are the first in their families to attend college, and have placed strong emphasis on community service and leadership as well as solid academic achievement.	http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html
1/13/2018	San Joaquin Engineers Council	For students pursuing a career in engineering. 3.0 GPA and must submit SAT or ACT test scores. Several scholarships awarded each year.	http://www.sjec-ca.org/downloads.htm
1/24/2018	Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation	Full ride scholarship covering tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study and leadership training. Open to students in the 11th grade.	http://coolidgescholars.org/
1/24/2018	Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation	Full ride scholarship covering tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study and leadership training. <u>Only open to students in 11th grade.</u>	https://coolidgescholars.org/
1/29/2018	Healthcare Leaders Scholarship	For students pursuing an educational program related to nursing or medicine. Minimum GPA 3.0 and requires 600-1000 word essay explaining what they hope to accomplish during the career in the medical field and how the scholarship would fulfill those goals.	http://nurse.org/healthcare-leaders/
1/31/2018	Golden 1 College Scholarship	Offered to senior students who are Golden 1 Credit Union members or are dependents of current Credit Union members and exhibit excellence in academics, community involvement and extracurricular activities.	www.golden1.com/Scholarships