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Modesto High School

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Congratulations Seniors!!

Senior Scholarship Night is Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:30 pm in the Auditorium. Seniors receiving scholarships must check in at 5:30 pm and bring their thank you notes with them. See Mrs. Cardoza if you have any questions about your scholarships and to RSVP.

**CELEBRATE
CLASS of
2017**

Give Thanks! Be sure to write a thank you note to school staff, family, community members, and friends who have helped you along the way. Buy a box of simple thank you cards and keep them on hand. It only takes a minute to write a thank note, and it means a lot to the recipient (I often get teary eyed reading them). Most people don't receive the thanks that they deserve and your note will mean a lot to them! If you don't know how to start, here's a suggestion: start off by thanking them specifically for what they did to help you; then let them know how it changed things for you; let them know your next step in your journey; and close with an expression of gratitude. As they say on Mickey Mouse Clubhouse "Easy peezy lemon squeezey!" You can hand deliver a thank you or mail it. Be sure to thank people who wrote you letters of recommendation, gave you any type of award or gift, or went out of their way to help you.

Remember: If your college plans change, and you end up attending a different college than you reported on your senior survey, let Mrs. Cardoza know! Email is the best way to communicate during the summer.

Summer Homework from your College Counselor??? Um, yeah, and it's way more important to you than to me! There is an assignment list for graduating seniors and there is an assignment list for juniors at the end of this newsletter. For the graduating seniors, this "summer homework" is my parting advice to you. For the juniors, it's only the beginning.....



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*"Your journey never ends until you are graduating with a diploma in our hand, so be careful of your choices because one little mistake can affect your graduation."
Miriam Castaneda, Class of 2014*



Have a wonderful summer!

**Best wishes graduates, it's been a pleasure
working with you!**



Final Transcripts after Graduation and College Reports

The college you listed on your Naviance survey is the college we will send your transcripts to after graduation and grades are finalized. The transcripts will automatically be mailed to the college you listed on your Naviance Senior Survey during the 2nd week of June. It is your responsibility to follow up with the college you attend to be sure that they have been received. If your plans change from what you listed on your Senior Survey, you need to contact the Records Office at MoHi to request transcripts be sent to a different college. Remember that all school offices are closed from mid-June until August.

Remember that your admission offer is based on you holding up your end of the bargain, it's a conditional acceptance. If you fail any 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!

*"Don't slack off in the last few weeks of school, it may seem to be ending, but there is still a long road ahead."
Sopheap Chap, Class of 2014*

CSU ELM/EPT Update

Many of you are required to take the CSU Early Start Program based on your ELM/EPT scores. Students who will be attending another CSU are able to take Early Start classes at CSU Stanislaus. 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>

For those students who scored Conditionally Exempt on the EAP during your junior year and are enrolled in a class that will fulfill your Exempt status, you need to have your teacher sign a form indicating your 1st semester grade and current grade. See Mrs. Cardoza if you have questions.



IB and AP Exams

Seniors: you need to be sure to have your scores sent to the college you attend. In the fall, meet with your college academic advisor to review your scores and determine if your scores will give you college credit and for which classes.

CSU Dominguez Hills Classes for High School Students

Attention sophomores and juniors! You can enroll in Distance Learning Courses through CSU Dominguez Hills and earn up to 24 college credits while in high school. You may take 2 courses per semester and they are transferrable units! For more info www.youngscholars.tv



MJC NEWS

www.mjc.edu



Seniors

Registration for Summer and Fall semester has begun! If you haven't completed the following, get moving, classes are filling up and you are missing out!

- 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

Financial Aid

Be sure that you are checking your MJC email account for information regarding financial aid. Many students are required to provide additional documentation regarding their family finances to complete your FAFSA/Dream Act application. If you are not sure about your financial aid package, contact the [MJC Financial Aid Office](#).

Remedial Courses

Seniors: if your assessment test score indicates that you must take remedial courses, try to take those remedial courses in your first semester or year, even if it's on a day/time that isn't convenient. You can't move on to college level coursework until you successfully complete the remedial courses. Those units do not count toward your degree or transferring to a university. Even if you have financial aid now, you may not in the future, so don't waste time getting it done!

Summer Courses

MJC has 3 sessions of summer school beginning May 1. Graduating seniors may enroll in the 2nd session (June-July) and/or 3rd session (July-August). Juniors must pay attention to the class meeting dates and times to be sure that they will not conflict with Modesto High School fall semester. See Mrs. Cardoza for suggested courses that are general requirements for all majors and are transferrable.

Transfer Center

If you plan to transfer from MJC to a university, be sure to visit the transfer center on East Campus regularly starting in your first semester. They will help you make sure that you are taking the correct classes and help you with the application process to transfer to a university.

SAT and ACT Testing

www.collegeboard.org

www.actstudent.org

Juniors—take some time this summer to prepare for the ACT and new SAT. 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.** Be sure to write down your user name/passwords and sign up using your full legal name.

Save yourself time and money! When you do the following, your scores can be shared with **ALL CSU's and UC's**. Even though most juniors aren't completely sure where they will apply to college, it's ok, you can request that your:

- SAT scores be sent to CSU Mentor 3594 and UC Merced 4129.
- ACT scores be sent to CSU Stanislaus 0435 and UC Merced 0450.

The writing portion of the exam is optional on SAT and ACT. I recommend that you take the writing component at least once. All UCs and some private universities require writing.

SAT Test Date:	June 3	Aug 26	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2	All test dates offered at MoHi
Register By:	May 9	July 28	Sept 8	Oct 5	Nov 2	

ACT Test Date:	June 10	Sept 9	Oct 28	Dec 9	Only the Dec Test will be at MoHi
Register By:	May 5	Aug 4	Sept 22	Nov 3	All other dates offered at Turlock High or

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.

Students who register for the ACT with a fee waiver are eligible to receive one year of ACT online test prep for free—normally a \$40 cost! Be sure to register for the test prep when you register for the test.

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.***

Preparing for the tests

There is no set “good” score, it depends on how competitive the colleges/majors are that you apply to. Try your very best! Spend 15 minutes or more EVERY day between now and your exam studying. For a full list of free online resources, see the March bulletin.

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>
- www.collegeboard.org/practice
- www.actstudent.org
- <https://www.number2.com>



Opportunities and Things to do



Complete the Naviance 2017 Grad Survey

Log on to Naviance, click on the “About Me” tab. On the left, click on the “2017 grad survey”. You must have the survey completed before you turn in your Senior Check-out Form to your counselor. Your final transcripts will be automatically sent to the college you list in this survey (after your final grades post at the end of the semester).

Check your college portal/college email

This is a crucial time and you should be checking your college portal and email at least 2-3 times per week. Colleges are sending information to you and requesting information from you to complete your financial aid package, register for orientation, sign up for housing, and much more! Don't miss any deadlines, or you will miss out!

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 have been students who LOST ALL OF THEIR FINANCIAL AID in August 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 9-11: Ask your counselor for an unofficial copy of your transcripts. At the top, check that your full legal name is listed at the top, your birthday is correct, and that your 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 the counseling office staff.

College Athletes

Seniors: If you sign to play a sport at a college, please let Mrs. Cardoza know!



Juniors: You need to sign up with the NCAA Clearinghouse by the end of this school year so that college athletics can see your academic progress. See Mrs. Cardoza to be sure you are meeting the more rigorous academic standards of NCAA. No summer school, no ESS, no PACE is accepted.

Fee Waivers

Juniors: Your ability to qualify for fee waivers for college admissions purposes is dependent on you qualifying and being enrolled in the school free or reduced lunch program. Your family must complete the application each school year, be sure to pick one up at ROAR and get it turned in on time. Fee waivers for SAT, ACT, PSAT, private colleges, and out of state colleges depend on you being enrolled in the lunch program.

Summer Homework from your College Counselor?!?!

Seniors: *that's right, I'm assigning you summer homework, even though you're graduating!*

1. Send thank you notes for all scholarships received, and make sure that you know how to claim your award! In most cases, you will have to provide proof of enrollment (usually a class schedule). Some scholarships will send a check directly to you. All of the MoHi scholarships and many others will send the check to the college financial aid office, you will need to provide your college ID # and financial aid office address.
- 2. Sign up for freshman orientation, and be sure to attend!**
3. Be sure to sign up for housing if you will be living on campus and pay the deposit. Sometimes the deposit can be deferred until your financial aid comes in, but you have to ask for the deferral, it's not automatic.
4. Locate the financial aid office on the college campus. This is where you will find information about scholarships and get help with financial aid applications.
5. Officially accept your financial aid package! If you completed a FAFSA or Dream Act and are not sure if you have received financial aid, visit your college financial aid office ASAP.
- 6. Set a reminder in your phone for every October 1 to complete your FAFSA or Dream Act application.** You have to go through this process each year! Next year, our high school will automatically submit your GPA verification, you won't need to request it, we will just do it!
7. Each year, try to spend some time researching potential careers. Try find part time jobs or summer internships in your field of interest. Make sure that your major is preparing you for a career. If you are an undeclared major, try to determine a major by the end of your 1st year. Remember that changing your major while in college can make it take longer for you to graduate.
- 8. Each college has a catalog that lists all of the required classes for every major. Meet with an academic advisor in your first semester and ask where to find the catalog for your major. Refer to this every semester to help you determine which classes to register for. Meet with an academic advisor at least once per year to make sure you are on the right track.**
9. A student is considered full time when they take 12 units or more. Each class is typically 3-4 units, so full time is 3-4 classes. But if you want to graduate in 4 years (or transfer from community college in 2 years), you need to be taking **15-16 units every semester**. If you had to take remedial classes or change your major, you may need to take additional courses during the semester or during summer to get caught up.
10. Get involved on campus! Join a club, play intramural sports, attend sporting events, become part of the campus life!
- 11. Ask for help if you start to get behind or have problems before they become too big!**
12. Stop by MoHi on your college break sometime and let us know how you're doing!



Summer Homework from your College Counselor?!?

Juniors: College admissions is a competitive process. Meeting the minimum requirements may not be enough to be admitted to competitive colleges.

Complete the following “assignments”, and you will alleviate a lot of stress during your senior year!




**KEEP
CALM**
Class of
2018
is **HERE**

1. **Get signed up with Naviance if you haven't already!**
2. Explore potential careers to help you determine a college major. There are a few different career assessments in Naviance to guide you.
3. **Sign up for the SAT and ACT, study for the tests!** Don't over test! Be strategic in determining the tests you will take, make a study plan. Take each test once, evaluate which test you performed best on and pursue that test a second time.
4. **Research colleges that you will apply to.** Naviance has several college search and match features. Look at the graphs in Naviance to help you determine your chances of admission. Start to make a list of 3-4 safety colleges, 3-4 colleges that you are right on target for admission, and 3-4 that you really would like to attend, but are a reach or highly competitive.
5. ALWAYS consider our local area universities, CSU Stanislaus and UC Merced. Although you may prefer to move away from the area, students in the local area have preference at these universities. At least apply to them as a back up option.
6. Once you have your list, explore all areas of their website and learn as much as you can about each university. Sign up for email newsletters if available, and be sure to read them! You will have to write essays for private colleges and UC's and everything you learn about the university can help your essay! If possible, visit each campus in person. Take the official tour, meet with an admissions officer, or professor in the major you are interested in. Get to know everything you can about the campus, you are looking to apply to colleges that are best for YOU!
7. **Make a resume during the summer while you have time! Senior year is very busy and you will need a resume several times throughout the year. See the February bulletin for more information about making a resume.**

“Prepare for a long ride because senior year is full of stress and joy. Also, time to apply and graduation comes really fast so be ready.”
Yesenia Cordero, Class of 2015

“Filling out applications and paperwork for college is stressful. Try to narrow down your choices to schools you would reasonably be able to go to. At the same time, think of not only where you want to live, but also will be able to get the education you want at that school.”
Brittney Rouelnajad, Class of 2014

“Take the search seriously and go into it with an open mind. I'm going to attend a college neither I nor my friends had ever heard of, but that doesn't make it any less prestigious, impressive, or beneficial. Don't go into the college search with “{insert ivy league name here} or bust” tattooed across your chest. Just go with the flow and don't let your pride get in the way of making a mature decision that best fits who you are and what you want from your college experience.”
Mackenzie Anderson, Class of 2014

“Apply to colleges you'll be happy at. Don't just apply to colleges where your friends are. You don't want to go somewhere where you'll be unhappy for 4 years.”
Kelsi Brink, Class of 2014

Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
5/5/2017	Stanislaus County Bar Association and Modesto Lions 500 Club "John Grisez memorial"	3 Scholarships awarded. Preference given to applicants planning a career in law (attorney, law enforcement, administratin of justice, or paralegal to name a few). Min GPA 3.0, demonstrate leadership, participate in school activities.	Naviance Scholarship List
5/22/2017	B.Davis Scholarship	This Scholarship is available to all high school juniors and seniors. It requires a 1000 word essay on the topic given.	http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm
5/31/2017	Triple- Impact Competitor Scholarship	For high school JUNIOR STUDENT ATHLETES (Class of 2018) who either plays for a high school team or in club sports	www.positivecoach.org/scholarships
6/1/2017	"Aspiring Fashion Professional" Scholarship	Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who intend to pursue a fashion related field at an accredited school or college, demonstrated academic success and have a passion and drive for a fashion related career	http://www.fashion-schools.org/aspiring-fashion-professional-scholarship-program
6/1/2017	AnimationCareerReview.com "Aspiring Animation Professional" Scholarship	Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who intend to pursue an animation related field at an accredited school or college, demonstrated academic success and have a passion and drive for a animation related career	http://www.animationcareerreview.com/animationcareerreviewcom-aspiring-animation-professional-scholarship-program
6/1/2017	Lions Club Anthony P. Forakis Scholarship	Music major or minor, letters of rec., financial need, community service. Essay "why I should receive a scholarship and how this will affect my personal and musical development."	Naviance Scholarship List
6/1/2017	OMBAR "Aspiring Business Professional" Scholarship	Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who intend to pursue a business related field at an accredited school or college, demonstrated academic success and have a passion and drive for a business related career	http://www.onlinembareport.com/ombar-aspiring-business-professional-scholarship-program
6/12/2017	Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program	Essay Contest, see website for topic and more information.	http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm
6/14/2017	ATT Internet & Education Scholarship	Create an infographic that depicts how the growth around the Internet of Things (IoT) and smart devices are creating smart cities and what efficiencies have come from it. Your infographic should be original, factual, engaging, and fun.	https://www.attsavings.com/scholarship
6/15/2017	Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship Program	Receive up to \$2,500 to pursue a career or technical certificate/degree. Students must pursue and complete a career or technical program at an accredited non-profit community college in the United States and demonstrate financial need (Pell Grant Eligible). See website for more information	https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/

Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
6/20/2017	Godon Stafford Scholarship in Architecture	Open to minority students pursuing a career in architecture.	http://www.skwarchitects.com/about/scholarship
6/30/2017	Nursing Schools Almanac Aspiring Nurses	We will award a \$1,000 scholarship to an aspiring nurse who best demonstrates: a track record of academic excellence, particularly in science and mathematics, and a passion for the nursing profession and the overall field of healthcare.	www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com
7/31/2017	MS Foundation Karen Basi Wave of Hope	Appliants must be high school senior who has or immediate family member has MS or has an interest in a career interest in healthcare/research for MS. Applicants must be US citizen.	Naviance Scholarship List