



# October College & Scholarship Bulletin

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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!

*“Talk to your counselors, prepare, and apply.”*

*Genesis Carmona, Class of 2015*

- ◆ 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.

*“Stay on top of your college deadlines and requirements and don't fall behind on any of it. If you need help, ASK YOUR COUNSELOR!!!”*

*Areana Boyd, Class of 2015*

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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.

As you complete the CSU and UC applications, a couple of items to remember: only enter the A-G courses you have taken, they should all be on the drop down menu for you. If you type in a course, come check with Mrs. Cardoza before submitting. More information about college applications is on page 6.

Don't forget the **MCS College Expo on October 28 at Downey High School**. Students in grades 9-12 should plan to attend this free event, no registration required.

*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](http://www.sat.org) and ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://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 (Long Beach) # 3594 (ALL CSUs will get your scores) and 1 UC, they will share your scores with all UCs. For ACT scores, send to CSU Stanislaus #0425 (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. 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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	<u>Upcoming Test Date</u>	<u>Register by:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
SAT	Oct. 7	Sept. 8	Modesto High
	Nov. 4	Oct. 5	Modesto High
	Dec. 2	Nov. 2	Modesto High
ACT	Oct. 28	Sept. 22	Turlock High or Sierra High in Manteca
	Dec. 9	Nov. 3	Modesto High

**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/>



# Upcoming Events

*“...plan carefully and start early... research colleges before you apply and really be sure that you have multiple colleges that you would be happy to attend; even your safety schools should be colleges you would like to go to.”*

*Venice Nomoff  
Class of 2015*

*“Don’t give up and cave into senioritis!”*

*Mariah Carramay  
Class of 2014*

*“Be on top of everything you do for college. You don’t want to hesitate with anything you do because it will just cause unnecessary stress.”*

*London Ellis  
Class of 2015*

*“Don’t procrastinate with your applications and stay on top of all your school work.”*

*Emily Liddle  
Class of 2014*

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

- ◆ UC Santa Cruz on October 2
- ◆ UC Santa Barbara on October 13
- ◆ Swarthmore and Scripps on October 18
- ◆ CSU Application Workshop on October 23
- ◆ UC Berkeley and U of Tulsa on October 27
- ◆ Financial Aid Workshop October 30
- ◆ UC Application Workshop November 2
- ◆ MJC Application Workshop and Orientation November 3

◆ **The PSAT will be on our campus October 11 at 7 am in both gyms.** Students must have pre-registered in September.

◆ **CSU Stanislaus Preview Day October 22, 8:30 am—1 pm.** Is CSU Stanislaus your destination for Fall 2017? 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 14. 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 14 [www.csueastbay.edu/previewday](http://www.csueastbay.edu/previewday)

◆ **CSU Chico Preview Day** October 21—Meet with an academic advisor, tour the campus, and learn more about the campus. For more information and to register to attend [www.csuchico.edu/admissions](http://www.csuchico.edu/admissions)

◆ **University of the Pacific Preview Day** November 11. Register to attend at [go.Pacific.edu/PacificPreview](http://go.Pacific.edu/PacificPreview)



# Opportunities for Students

**2nd Annual MCS College Expo on Saturday, October 28 at Downey High School 9am—1pm.** Students of grades 9-12 and their families are invited to attend. Keynote speaker will be Charles Cole from CSU Sacramento 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 16—19, 2018. 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 November 1.

**The ASVAB exam will be given at Modesto High on October 27.** 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.

**The Cortopassi Foundation** awards multiple scholarships up to \$10,000 each for students enrolling in a Certificate Program at a qualifying community college. Applications open November 15. For more information <https://jobredifoundation.org/>

## **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](http://www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov)**

### **CSU Application**

[www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://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, 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 personal statements
- 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.
- 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 2017 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/DACA/Dreamer 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 new 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!**

Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
10/6/2017	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?	<a href="http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm">http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm</a>
10/15/2017	Colgate HazLau	Encourages Hispanic students on the path of higher education.	<a href="https://www.colgatepalmolive.com/en/us/corp/core-values/community-responsibility/make-the-u">https://www.colgatepalmolive.com/en/us/corp/core-values/community-responsibility/make-the-u</a>
10/18/2017	American Heritage	Students attend a presentation on Sept. 19 at 7:00 pm at Beyer High Theater, then write a 2000 word essay to the prompt. Go to Naviance for more info and download of application	Naviance Scholarship List
10/18/2017	Hispanic Heritage	Multiple scholarships available to students of Latino heritage with excellence in the classroom, community, or the workforce.	<a href="https://app.reviewr.com/hispanicheritage/site/hispanicheritage">https://app.reviewr.com/hispanicheritage/site/hispanicheritage</a>
10/25/2017	Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Program	This scholarship provides financial assistance to low income students 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.	<a href="https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-prog">https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-prog</a>
10/26/2017	Good Tidings Scholarship	available to seniors who have demonstrated financial need and community service.	<a href="https://goo.gl/IF7uzs">https://goo.gl/IF7uzs</a>
10/31/2017	Coca-Cola	Achievement-based scholarship awarded to students for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.	<a href="http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/">http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/</a>
10/31/2017	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.	<a href="https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/nsa/nsastudents.html">https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/nsa/nsastudents.html</a>
11/1/2017	Be the Whale Art Scholarship	Complete the application and submit original 2D artwork.	<a href="http://www.bethewhale.com/california/">http://www.bethewhale.com/california/</a>
11/7/2017	Prudential Spirit Community Award	For students who have taken part in community service, volunteerism, or school activities.	<a href="https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2018">https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2018</a>
11/14/2017	Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	For high achieving students with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best 4-year colleges and universities.	<a href="http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/">http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/</a>

# Modesto City Schools College Counselors Present

## College Expo



*Your College... Your Future*

**Grades 9-12**

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

**Thomas Downey High School**

**9am - 1pm**

*College and Career Fair*

*Military Representatives*

### Workshops for Parents and Students

- College 411
- MJC/CSU/UC Admissions
- California Dream Act
- Essay Writing for College Apps
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
- NCAA Athletic Eligibility
- Technology/Naviance
- CSU Honors Programs

### Student Panel

Modesto City School graduates return from a variety of colleges to share their experiences and answer your questions about transitioning to college.

### Keynote Speaker



**Charles Cole**

Senior Associate Director  
Admissions and Outreach  
CSU Sacramento

### Other Details

- *Spanish translation available.*
- *Bus transportation to/from Hanshaw Middle School to Downey High School available 8:20 am—1:30 pm.*
- *Students are encouraged to bring their computer devices.*

