

2018 Buchanan High School Senior Newsletter

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Senior Year is filled with many emotions! It can be filled with excitement as our seniors start to venture out into adulthood. It can also be filled with stress and uncertainty as college applications, scholarships, and deadlines approach. Please use this SENIOR NEWSLETTER as a reference to guide you throughout your senior year in applying for colleges, attending workshops, and staying on top of those hard deadlines. Do not procrastinate and stay in touch with your counselor if you have any questions regarding this information.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES (Clovis Community (CCC), Fresno City (FCC), Madera, and Reedley College)-

Please visit the statewide CA Community College website, <http://home.cccapply.org> to apply to any CA Community College. Select the Community College you'd like to attend and create an online account or go directly to your area community college website to apply.

1. **Complete the Area Community College Online Application** between **September 5-November 30, 2017**, there is no application fee.
 - CA Community College Website available online at: <http://home.cccapply.org>
 - Clovis Community College available online at: <http://www.cloviscollege.edu/>
 - Fresno City College available online at: <http://www.fresnocitycollege.edu/>
2. **Please refer to the attached CCC/FCC Matriculation Checklist for step-by-step instructions and important dates.**
3. **CCC/FCC Online Application Workshop** @ BHS during **Senior Conference Week** scheduled on **9/19-9/22 and 10/2 (make-up)**. Advertised through Gov/Econ classes. If you missed it, sign-up in the Career Center.
4. Clovis Community College counselors will supervise the registration process. All necessary dates will be posted on the BHS Counseling website at: <http://bhs.cusd.com/>. Students attending CART/ROP will have access to all opportunities.
5. Interested in the Honors Program at our local community colleges? Please visit your college-choice website for more information, you may have to turn in a separate application, meet requirements and deadlines.
6. CCC/FCC College Ambassador is scheduled to be at BHS every Thursday, from 9:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. in the Career Center.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM-

Apply online for all California State Universities at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>. Application fee is \$55.00 per campus.

1. There are **23** CSU campuses throughout California. The same application may be used for all campuses.
2. Application period is **October 1st** through **November 30th**.
3. **CSU Online Application Workshop @ BHS on 10/16/17 & 10/17/17 in Lab 309**. Advertised through Gov/Econ classes. If you missed it, sign-up in the Career Center. The CSUF Ambassador

will assist students with questions and review the applications before students submit it to one or several CSU's.

4. **CSUF Smittcamp Family Honors Scholarship:** There are three separate applications: 1) You must apply to CSU Fresno, 2) submit a CSUF Scholarship Application, and 3) submit the Smittcamp Application- <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/honors/index.html>
5. Review Early Assessment Program (EAP) results and follow flowchart for English/Math exemptions and Early Start Program.
6. **SAT/ACT Test Requirement for CSU's:** CSU campuses use either the ACT or the SAT, along with GPA in the calculation of your eligibility index. Impacted majors may require higher eligibility index. The CSU does not use the SAT Writing section or the ACT Writing score to calculate the CSU Eligibility Index. Please see website: https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/freshman/getting_into_the_csu/Pages/testing-requirements.aspx
**When registering for the SAT/ACT, Buchanan Counselors recommend that our seniors take the Writing/Essay Section in case the other colleges you're applying to need to use it for other measures. For more information including test dates, visit the ACT website at www.act.org or the SAT website at www.collegeboard.org.
7. CSU Ambassador is scheduled to be at BHS Monday-Friday, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Career Center.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM-

Apply online for all UC applications at: www.ucop.edu/pathways. Application fee is \$70.00.

1. There are **10 UC** campuses throughout California. File ONE application to the UC system, indicating which campus/campuses you prefer.
2. The **UC Application is available online August 1st** and the application submission period is **November 1st – 30th**.
3. Complete 15 UC-required college-preparatory ("a-g") courses, with 11 of those done prior to the start of 12th grade. Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better (weighted by honors/AP bonus points) in these courses.
4. The **UC Personal Insight and Application Workshop @ BHS is 10/12/17 in Lab 309.**
5. **SAT/ACT Test Requirement for UC's:** UC campuses use either the ACT w/ **writing** and/or the SAT w/ **Essay**. If you're applying for admission to the fall term, be sure to take your admissions tests no later than December of your senior year, or preferably earlier to ensure that your application receives prompt and full consideration. Report ACT and/or SAT scores on your admissions application, then request for an official copy of the scores be sent from the testing agency. You can have your official score report sent to one UC campus, and all campuses you apply to will receive it. In the College Board's Score Choice module, ensure that all scores are sent to UC. UC's require all scores and will use the highest scores from a single administration. (<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/>)
 - Two SAT Subject Tests are not required for admission. *However*, students can still choose to submit their scores for consideration as part of their application, just as they do now with AP scores. The Subject Tests may also be recommended for certain majors or impacted majors. Check with the individual campus for specifics. ****Math Level 1 Subject Test is NOT accepted for UC's** and possible engineering, science majors and/or impacted majors are recommended to take Math Level 2 as one of their subject exams. See website for more information: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html>

PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES-

1. To apply to Private College(s) go to the following website at: www.aiccu.edu, this will allow you to search for the college you are interested in. Many private colleges use the Common Application, <https://www.commonapp.org>.
2. Application dates, deadlines, and fees vary for each campus. Most campuses accept either the SAT or ACT. Please check with the campus for specifics. Subject tests may be required for competitive private colleges.
3. **Fresno Pacific University Online Application Workshop @ BHS on 11/6/17.** Advertised through Gov/Econ classes. If you missed it, sign-up in the Career Center.
4. Fresno Pacific Ambassador is scheduled to be at BHS the following days in the Career Center: **9/7 (9 a.m.-12 p.m.), 9/27 (1 p.m.-3 p.m.), 10/19 (9 a.m.-12 p.m.), 11/8 (1 p.m.-3 p.m.), 11/30 (9 a.m.-12 p.m.), 12/13 (1 p.m.-3 p.m.).**

FINANCIAL AID-

1. **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid**, (www.fafsa.ed.gov) Apply online as early as Oct 1, 2017 through March 2, 2018. The FAFSA Workshop is 10/4/17 at 6:00 p.m @ BHS, location is TBA.
2. The **BHS Scholarship Portfolio** should be turned into Mr. Daniel Felix in the Counseling Center by 1/19/18 and also available on Counseling Center website. Clovis Unified submits the FAFSA GPA Verification Form for all seniors.
3. Check on the BHS website, <http://www.bhs.cusd.com>, or Counseling Center for scholarship opportunities.

SENIOR CONFERENCES WILL ALSO COVER-

1. **REMIND 101: Class of 2018**
 - Text: 81010
 - Message should read: @bhsc2018
2. Know your high school graduation requirements. Maintain grades. Nothing below a C in the A-G classes.
3. Stay involved in clubs, church activities, sports and academics.
4. **National Honor Society** activity forms are available from 9/20/17 through 10/9/17. For more information, please visit: <http://bhs.cusd.com/academic/national-honors-society>.
5. **CSF Application window for Spring 2017 semester 9/25/17-9/29/17.** Forms are available on BHS website or students can pick up an application in Office 100.
6. When requesting a letter of recommendation, complete the Student Information Worksheet found on the Counseling website and a resume. Give at least two weeks for the letter to be completed.
7. **CAREER CRUISING:** Resume builder is available on website and continue to investigate possible careers based on an interest inventory. Follow the directions below:
 - i. Go to: <https://www2.careercruising.com/default/cplogin/cusd>
 - ii. Type in the following information-
 - Username: **cusd-(your ID number) ex: cusd-3100023**
 - Password: **your birthdate in the form of MMDDYY ex: 04082002**
8. **NCAA/ NAIA Information-** Contact your counselor or NCAA/NAIA representative Mr. Hodges, if you are interested in college athletics. The NCAA Eligibility Center website is www.eligibilitycenter.net. If you are pursuing private college athletics, please visit the NAIA website, <http://playnaia.org> to register.
9. **ASVAB-** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a military entrance exam for juniors and seniors. It helps students explore their interests, aptitude and career opportunities. The test date is 12/5/17. Sign up in the Career Center (Room 853).