

2023-2024 Buchanan High School Senior Newsletter

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Senior year is filled with many emotions! It can be filled with excitement as you 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. We will hold college applications and financial aid workshops; it is imperative for seniors to know their **Social Security Numbers** and correct spelling of their legal names for colleges to match students' information. Do not procrastinate and stay in touch with your counselor if you have any questions regarding this information.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES (SCCCD- Clovis Community (CCC), Fresno City (FCC), Reedley College, & Madera/Oakhurst Center)

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 SCCC Community College Application** between **September 1 - November 30, 2023**
*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. **California College Promise (AB-19)** funding is to cover tuition at SCCC colleges. A FAFSA application must be filed. All seniors are highly encouraged take advantage of this opportunity!
3. **Senior Conference Week** will begin on **9/25/2023**. The **CCC/FCC Application Workshop** will take place during the presentations in students' Government & Economics classes. All students will apply for Community College during these conferences (as a back-up plan for students intending to apply to 4-year colleges).
4. Interested in the Honors Program at college? Please visit your college-choice website for more information, you may have to turn in a separate application, meet requirements and deadlines.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Apply online for all California State Universities at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>. Application fee is \$70.00 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. There will be **CSU Application Workshops** at Buchanan and Fresno State before the November 30th deadline. Go to <https://bhs.cusd.com/CollegePlanning> to find workshop days/times and locations.
4. **Fresno State's Smittcamp Family Honors Scholarship**: There are three separate applications: 1) You must apply to Fresno State, 2) submit a Fresno State Scholarship Application, and 3) submit the Smittcamp Application- <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/honors/index.html>
5. Interested in the Honors Program at college? Please visit your college-choice website for more information, you may have to turn in a separate application, meet requirements and deadlines.
6. The **Fresno State representative** will be in Buchanan's Career Center **every Friday** to answer any questions you have about ALL of the CSU schools (including Fresno State, of course)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM

Apply online for all UC applications at: <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/>. Application fee is \$80.

1. There are **10 UC** campuses throughout California. File ONE application to the UC system, indicating which campus(es) you prefer.
2. The **UC Application is available online now**, and the submission period is **October 1st – November 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 Application Workshops** are TBA

PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

1. For information on Private College(s) go to the following website (www.aiccu.edu) Here, you can search for the college(s) you are interested in. Check the college(s) website to verify admission requirements and the application process.
2. Application dates, deadlines, and fees vary for each campus. Most campuses accept either the SAT or ACT; while some schools have suspended these tests, please be sure to check with each individual college/university on their requirements. Subject tests may be required.
3. **Fresno Pacific University Presentation and Application Workshop** will be scheduled during the fall semester - day/time TBA.

FINANCIAL AID

1. **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid**, (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>) This online application has been redesigned this and will not be available until **December 2023**. Buchanan will host **FAFSA Workshops on December 18, January 31 and March 20** in the Library from **5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**.
2. It is **mandatory for every high school senior to complete the FAFSA**. This is the only way students will qualify for **any type** of financial aid through their school and attend community college for free. Seniors will have the opportunity to complete their portion while at school. Students can list up to 10 colleges on their FAFSA application, it is recommended to list at least one local community college as a school.
3. **FSA ID**- In order to file your FAFSA application, both students and parents must first set up their FSA I.D. This unique I.D. will constitute your electronic signature required to submit your FAFSA. To do so, please visit this link. <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
4. **FAFSA GPA Verification Form** will be submitted by Clovis Unified for all seniors.
5. **BHS Scholarship Bulletin**: Check on the BHS Counseling Center website for scholarship opportunities: <https://bhs.cusd.com/ScholarshipsFinancialAid.aspx>

2023-2024 COLLEGE AMBASSADOR SCHEDULE

INSTUTION	REPRESENTATIVE	CONTACT INFO TO SCHEDULE APPT	DATE AND TIME(S)
Clovis Community / Fresno City College	McKay Duran	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• McKay.Duran@cloviscollege.edu• (559) 325-5401• Remind APP: Text 81010,<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Class code: @ccc-bhs24	Tuesdays from 8:30am–3:15pm
Fresno State	Belen Torres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fsambassador2@mail.fresnostate.edu	Fridays from 8:30am-2:30pm

SENIOR CONFERENCES WILL ALSO COVER THE FOLLOWING

1. Sign-up with the **Counseling Center** “Class of 2024” google classroom code is: **ohxihug**
2. Know your high school graduation requirements. Maintain grades. Nothing below a C in the A-G classes.
3. Stay involved in clubs, activities, sports, and academics.
4. **National Honor Society** activity forms are available on BHS website, deadline is **10/27/2023**.
<https://bhs.cusd.com/NationalHonorsSociety.aspx>
5. **CSF Application** window for the **Fall 2023 semester** will be **1/15/2024–1/26/2024**. Seniors that need **Spring 2024** grades to be eligible for CSF Lifetime status will be to apply from **3/1/2024-3/22/2024** . Applications are available on the BHS website- [BHS CSF Website](#).
6. When requesting a letter of recommendation, complete the Student Information Worksheet found on the Counseling website <https://bhs.cusd.com/SeniorInformation1.aspx> and include a resume. **Give at least two weeks for the letter to be completed.**
7. **Xello:** Investigate possible careers based on an interest inventory, research college majors, and colleges as well as learning and personality styles. Students can do one of the following for access:
 - Automatically log-on to Xello through their Clovis Unified Clever account.
 - **From a school computer:** Log in to the computer (*Username:* firstlast001, *Password:* CUSD password); click on Clever tab, click on the 4-colored box, click on Xello app.
 - **From a personal computer:** Go to www.clever.com; Choose *Log in as a Student*; In the High School box, type *Buchanan High School – Clovis Unified*; Log in to your CUSD Single Sign-in account; Click on Xello app.
8. **NCAA/ NAIA Information-** Contact your counselor if you are interested in college athletics. The NCAA Eligibility Center website is <http://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>. If you are attending a private university, please check the university website to see which collegiate association oversees the school.
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 dates are **November 9th and February 9th**. For more information on military please visit: <https://bhs.cusd.com/Military.aspx>