

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

...or how I survived my
child's Senior year!

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SPARC

- Support Personnel Accountability Report Card
- Survey – please complete and turn in at end of presentation

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- SAFETY
- TARGET
- REACH

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

- Applications on-line
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- Filing Period:
November 1 – 30
- Requires ESSAY
- SAT Reasoning or
ACT with Writing
- Requires TWO
SAT Subject Tests
- No Letters of Rec.
- NO transcripts
(unless requested)
- \$60 fee per campus
- UC Merced and UC
Riverside-will accept ALL
UC eligible students
- All others based on
selectivity
- Eligibility Index
- ELC

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES (CSU)

- Applications on-line
www.csumentor.com
- Filing period:
October 1-November 30
- SAT Reasoning or
ACT WITHOUT writing
- Writing score not used in
eligibility determination
- NO Essay
NO Subject Tests
NO Letters of Rec.
NO transcripts
(unless requested)
- No extracurricular activities
(except SLO)
- \$55/campus
- Impacted Campuses:
San Diego State
CSU Long Beach
Cal Poly SLO
- Eligibility Index

PRIVATE and OUT OF STATE COLLEGES

- May apply on-line NOW through school's website
- Require:
 - Essay
 - Resume of Extracurricular Activities
 - Letters of Rec.
 - Counselor
 - Teacher
 - Secondary School Report (Counselor)
 - Mid Year Report (7th semester grades-Counselor)
 - Transcript (\$2/school)

COMMON APPLICATION

- Over 300 schools participate
(Harvard, Yale, Princeton-use ONLY common application!)
- Schools not biased if Common App used
- Complete ONE application
- Counselor/Teacher Rec. form-complete ONE
- Supplemental materials for specific schools

TYPES OF ADMISSION

- Rolling
- Early Action-non binding
- Early Decision-binding
- Regular Admit

MAILING

- Print and keep copy of EVERYTHING!
- Keep records - one file for each school
- Certificate of Mailing ONLY!
- Never use a mailing that requires a signature.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 18 years of age or High School Graduate
- No SAT/ACT required
- Placement Tests
- Priority transfer to UC's and CSU's
- Honors Transfer Program
- Transfer Admission Guarantee (UC's)
- MAKE A PLAN!!

TESTING- 3 more chances

- October – ED/EA
- November – SLO & San Diego State
(SAT Reasoning)
- December – last month to test
(SAT Subject Test)
(UC & CSU accept December test)

SAT Reasoning/ACT

- Required by all 4-year schools with only a few exceptions
- All schools will accept highest score of either SAT or ACT.
- UC's – use highest sitting
- CSU's and most privates – best combo score

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

- 1 hour multiple choice tests on specific subject areas
- Like final exams
- Required by UC's and more selective schools
- Must have TWO for UC's in two different subject areas.
- Math Level 2 ONLY accepted by UC's
- Can take 3 tests at one sitting.

REPORTING SCORES

- Schools require official report from ETS
- SAT
 - report to ALL schools LAST time test taken
 - College Board will send entire history of Reasoning & Subject Test scores.
 - Schools use only highest.
- ACT – can choose what score to send
- Can delay admit decision if scores not reported.
- NCAA – 9999
- CSU - 3594

FINANCIAL AID

- Total Cost of College
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- January 1-March 2 - application period
- Forms:
 - FAFSA (federal)
 - Cal Grant (State – District sends)
 - CSS Profile (individual private schools)
- Financial Aid Night – Dec. 2 – Torrance High
- SCAMS!!

FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- One parent + student needs PIN number for electronic signature (www.pin.ed.gov).
- Application on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Required by ALL schools to apply for aid and for low interest Stafford loans.
- Determines family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- Does not ask for equity in home
- Considers income of the CUSTODIAL parent only.

CAL GRANTS

- California grants based on need and GPA
- District submits electronically
- Must have Cal Grant GPA authorization form on file in order to submit
- Linked to Social Security Numbers submitted through FAFSA form.
- March 2 deadline

CSS PROFILE

- Required by specific PRIVATE schools
- Grants Institutional aid not available without PROFILE submission
- Access participating schools and form through www.collegeboard.com
- May submit form NOW!
- Schools have deadlines earlier than FAFSA or CAL GRANTS – call schools for deadline.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- Scholarship information
- 2nd tier schools – Merit \$\$
- Local Scholarship application
- Scholarship scams

AFTER ACCEPTANCE – THEN WHAT?

- May 1 – State of Intent to Register (SIR)
 - Provide deposit
 - No double deposits!! One school ONLY!
- Housing – may need to apply early
- Wait List-Let schools know you are interested
- Appeals – new compelling information

COMMUNICATION

- Counselor Phone #'s
- Counselor's Corner on website
- Web site (www.whs.tusd.org)
- College Rep visits – on and off campus
- College and Career Planning Booklet
- Individual meetings with Seniors starting September 22nd
- Countdown to College

DON'T BE A HELICOPTER PARENT!

- Student should be doing applications
- Empower your students!
- Student meltdown
- Parents make mistakes-jeopardize acceptance
- Be supportive
- School choice right FIT for STUDENT--- not PARENT!

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Senior year DOES COUNT!!
- All acceptances PROVISIONAL dependent upon final semester grades
- Weak Senior schedule – jeopardizes acceptance at competitive schools
- Change in schedule – MUST notify colleges
- Things too tough?? Call Counselors!

THANK YOU!

Any questions??