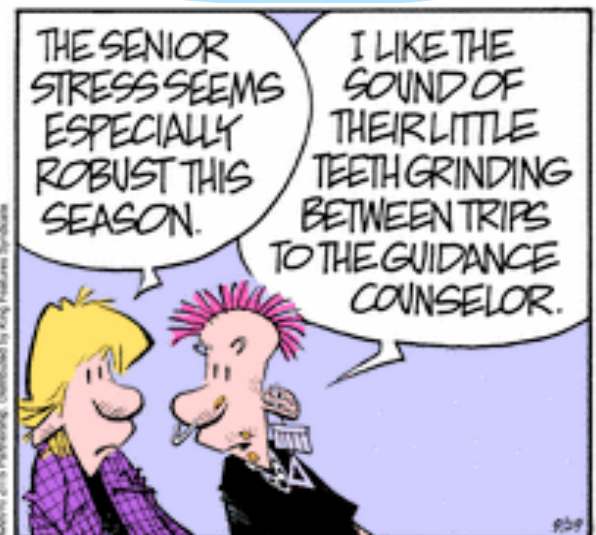
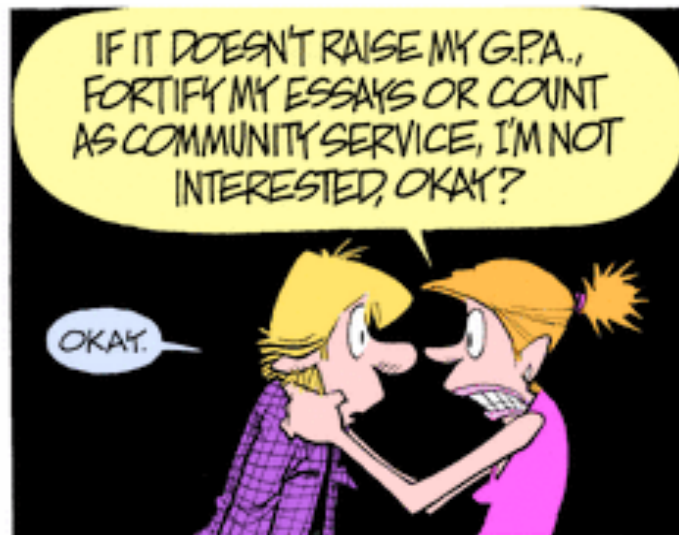


# College Information for Senior Parents



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# Kick Off to College Applications

Most students need a plan for education after they finish high school, whether that plan includes a university, community college, technical school, or the military.

# Today's Admission Landscape

- \* Increasingly competitive
- \* Increasingly expensive
- \* Increased need for planning and reflection
- \* Many options for students
- \* Increased need for calm and optimism

You can enjoy the journey

# How Your Student Can Get Prepared:

- \* Develop a college list – top priority safety school academically and financially
- \* There are over 4000 colleges in the US
- \* Visit colleges while school is in session
- \* **Goal:** Find your child's college "fit" academically, geographically, extracurricularly, socially, financially
- \* Research colleges using Collegeboard and/or Naviance
- \* Use "**Net Price Calculator**" on school financial aid sites to understand **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**

# Collegeboard

# Factors Influencing College Choice and Admission

- GPA weighted/unweighted different configuration for every school. UC/CSU based on Soph/Jr year
- Senior grades count!
- Rigor
- Test Scores
- Finances – Figure out EFC use FAFSA4Caster

# Community College

- Must be HS graduate or 18 years old
- No SAT or ACT required
- Apply early in the spring Senior year
- Associate Degrees and Vocational Certificates
- Transfer Acceptance Guarantee Program (TAG) for all UC's except Cal, UCLA and UCSD

# California State University Colleges (CSU)

- 23 campuses
- All impacted except for 7: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay, Stanislaus
- Non-impacted campus may have impacted majors
- Local service campuses: East Bay, SFSU
- College tour to San Jose State October 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Sign up CCC and pick up Medical Release forms



# CSU application

- Admission based on “A-G” courses, test scores – reading & math only. Un-weighted GPA
- No personal statement or letters of rec
- Apply Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 @ [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- Cal Poly SLO – Early Decision option deadline , October 31<sup>st</sup>, must declare major, uses 10-11 GPA

# UC System

- Nine campuses
- Admission based on comprehensive review of:
  - 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> GPA weighted (Campo does not rank)
  - A-G courses and rigor of curriculum
  - SAT or ACT score with writing
  - Personal statement
    - No letters of recommendation required except UC Berkeley if requested
  - Subject Tests no longer required for most majors but Engineering and recommended for science majors

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA APPLICATION

- Application available August 30; submit Nov. 1 – Nov. 30
- Transcripts not sent at time of application – unless requested
- Final transcript sent to campus where student will enroll

# The College List – Where to Apply

- An on-going sorting and selecting process
  - List constantly changes, so create a diverse list
- The best college list should include a combination of:  
Safety, Maybe, and Reach Colleges
- College fit – major, career resources, socially
- At least 1 college should be a “safety” **academically and financially**
- Community college is great option, save money (\$20,000 +)  
get general education requirements completed and then  
transfer to 4 year institution

# Terms for Prediction

**REACH** — You might get in but don't count on it

- \* “Dream” schools where admission chances are thought to be unlikely based on transcript and test scores

**MAYBE** — You have a reasonable chance

- \* Closely meet the academic expectations

**SAFETY-** You will most likely get in

- \* Chances for admissions are very strong
- \* “Safety” is harder to call today

**FINANCIALLY SAFE** - Family can afford college costs

Community	\$1,200 tuition	\$11,270	*DVC
CSU cost	\$6,872	\$11,970	*Sac State
UC cost	\$14,000	\$14,520	*UC Davis
Private cost	\$50,277	\$13,855	*USC

# A college that fits...

**The college search is not about getting into the *best* college but getting *through* college. There is no school that is best for all students.**

- \* If you want to make the most of college, don't just apply to the big-name schools or the ones your friends are excited about. Do your own research to find schools that are a great fit for *you*.
- \* A college that is a good match is one that provides enough challenge for growth and where a student can find a “college family” and support system
- \* Mental health trumps everything

# Students Should Ask Themselves:

1. Should I stay in CA or go out of state?
2. How do I feel about extreme weather?
3. Do I want
  - \* Big or small campus?
  - \* Competitive or nurturing environment?
  - \* Urban, suburban or rural living?
  - \* Major/Career placement
  - \* Sports – as a spectator or an athlete
  - \* Extracurriculars?
4. What will be the cost? Expected Family Contribution?
5. Do I fit in? Will I thrive and find friends?

# Plan a campus visit

1. Visit while the school is in session
2. Sign up online for campus tour, and do the tour!
3. Student should stay overnight if offered
4. Student should walk around the campus alone
5. Eat in the dining commons
6. Attend a class
7. Pick up a school paper
8. Keep notes about each school
9. Reflect on the experience and evaluate the campus



# UC Admit Rates – Fall 2015

	Admit Rate	CA Residents (% of admits)
Berkeley	17 %	66 % (71% in 2012)
Davis	38 %	64 % (83%)
Irvine	39 %	66 % (80.5%)
UCLA	16 %	58 %
Merced	65 %	95 %
Riverside	56 %	89 %
San Diego	34 %	61 %
Santa Barbara	33 %	76 %
Santa Cruz	51 %	76 %

Campus	SAT	ACT	GPA	Applicants
* Berkeley	2094	31	4.19	78,923
* UCLA	2067	31	4.18	92,722
* San Diego	2035	30	4.13	78,091
* Davis	1924	29	4.07	64,626
* Irvine	1867	28	4.04	71,788
* Santa Barbara	1925	30	4.05	70,565
* Santa Cruz	1828	27	3.88	45,550
* Riverside	1746	26	3.78	38,515
* Merced	1616	24	3.67	18,860

# Campo Facts

- WE ARE A BELL CURVE ACADEMICALLY
- 50% OF LAST YEARS SENIOR CLASS  
GPA 2.5 – 3.5
- 50% OF OUR STUDENTS WENT OUT OF STATE
- #1 ATTENDED COLLEGE EVERY YEAR FOR LAST 4 YEARS  
DVC

# Before beginning the Application

- ✓ Get copy of transcript and use to enter classes
- ✓ Activities resume – make a list of most significant awards, volunteer work, jobs and extra-curricular activities. Make note of time involved in activity. BE SPECIFIC and detailed.
- ✓ Set up email account that will be checked!
- ✓ Credit card for application fee
- ✓ Campo code for apps: 052-058

# What is needed for complete application

- \* Application – Online
- \* Essays (usually)
  - \* Activities and honors information (be involved, show leadership and be involved in community service)
  - \* Arts Supplement (if applicable)
- \* Application fee (credit card, check or fee waiver request)
- \* Official Transcript – order transcript through Naviance  
print out transcript request page. Pay through Webstore
- \* Official Test Score Report
- \* Teacher and Counselor Letter of Recommendations
- \* Interview (Optional)

# Naviance

- \* Web-based program for students to access comprehensive information about colleges, meaningful data, plan and manage the application process
- \* A communication tool
  - important information alerts
  - college visit list and sign-ups
  - scholarship lists
  - order transcripts
  - request letters of recommendation from counselors and teachers

# Naviance

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# Planning Senior Schedule is an Important Process

- \* Counselors have already met with seniors to make sure students have all graduation and college admission requirements in place
- \* Senior year does count! Colleges expect the same level of achievement as presented in applications
- \* Many private colleges require transcripts from first semester of senior year
- \* UC's and CSU's do not require transcripts only the college you are attending
- \* D or F in a-g courses means automatic denial from UC and CSU and most colleges



# Final Process

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Statement of Intent to Register

Housing Contracts- Send in as early as you can!

Student's will meet with me to do "Senior Follow Up Survey" to order final transcripts in June to be sent after final exams. Make arrangements for senior AP scores to be sent to admitted college.

# Resources

- **FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR OCT 14 6:30 – 7:30**

Mary Morrison – Stanford Financial Aid Advisor

- Campolindo College/Career Center Website
- “Where You Go Is Not Who You’ll Be” – Frank Bruni
- “Colleges That Changes Lives” – Loren Pope

[www.ctcl.org](http://www.ctcl.org)

- [www.Collegeboard.com](http://www.Collegeboard.com)
- [www.Mymajors.com](http://www.Mymajors.com)
- [www.Payscale.com](http://www.Payscale.com)
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# Campolindo Website



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