

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

This week counselors are in the process of meeting individually with each senior to go over graduation requirements and to discuss post-secondary plans. This is wonderful time of year for us as counselors, as we really enjoy hearing what our seniors are considering and are excited to help them achieve their goals.

We wanted to bring your attention to an evening workshop that we will be offering to seniors on September 25th. We will have three sessions, each 25 minutes long, focusing on the ins and outs of three different applications that many of our seniors work on: The Common Application, the University of California and the California State University System applications. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. Students wishing to learn more about the UC application will report to the Student Union. The Common Application information session will be held in the Performing Arts Center, and the California State University application will be discussed in the HUB (Library.)

Following this, the Counseling Department will work with students on 10/16/19, College Readiness Day. All other grade levels will be taking the PSAT, and seniors will have the opportunity to explore different offerings: a presentation on community colleges, a one block of time to get questions answered about college applications, and another session where students will be able to speak with community partners about other important opportunities.

We have a tentative date for Financial Aid Night, November 14th. We will be sending out additional information to confirm this date, as we are working with a college financial aid officer to present to students and parents. Please pencil in this important date. All seniors should apply for financial aid via the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), including those who do not think that they will qualify for aid. Colleges awarding scholarships require that families file the FAFSA, and filing this document protects students in case of a family catastrophe, such as a parent losing a job or death in the family/loss of income or significant financial change. The FAFSA opens up on 10/1/19, and may be accessed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

On January 22, 2020 we will have our Community College Night with representatives who will discuss certificate and transfer programs and important registration information for the California Community College system. This evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union. Community college attendance is a popular option for many Dublin High School students. Students and parent/guardians are encourage to attend this evening to hear about the benefits of community college options.

We will soon be sending you a list of important dates that the Counseling Department has in place for this year. We look forward to a great year working with our students!

Best regards,

The Dublin High School Counseling Staff

