

<p>EPT 016:</p>	<p><b>Fafsa &amp; Cal Grant:</b> FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens on October 1st! The deadline to submit the FAFSA is March 2nd, but it is advised to submit sooner. Gateway will host a FAFSA Night to assist you in completing the application on Thursday, November 3, from 5:30-7:00.</p> <p>Cal Grant: The Cal Grant program provides state aid to students enrolled in a California public or private college/university, or California community college. In order access Cal Grant funds, seniors must complete and submit their FAFSA form and High school GPA. Every senior will have their GPA uploaded electronically to Cal Grant, unless parents opt out.</p> <p><b>College Applications</b> <b>University of California's</b> application is now open and the is deadline Nov. 30. Seniors can create their accounts and begin completing their UC applications. Seniors should have their college counselor review their application for correctness and accuracy before they submit. The application fee is \$70 per campus. The UC application is linked here: <a href="http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/apply-online/">http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/apply-online/</a></p> <p><b>The California State University</b> application will open on October 1st and the deadline is Nov. 30. Seniors should have their college counselor review their application for correctness and accuracy before they submit. The application fee is \$55 per campus. The CSU Application is link here: <a href="http://www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/">http://www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/</a></p> <p><b>Common Application</b> now open. Private schools and common applications schools have various deadlines, some extending into December, January or even February. Please be mindful of these deadlines. We recommend that seniors complete these applications before the end of the first semester so that we can review the application and personal statements before submission. If letters of recommendation are required, students should speak to possible recommenders as soon as possible. We recommend Letters of recommendation be requested at least four weeks ahead of the deadline to give recommenders ample time to write letters.The common application is linked here: <a href="https://www.commonapp.org/">https://www.commonapp.org/</a></p> <p><b>Testing</b> Seniors still have a few more opportunities to retake their <b>SAT</b> (<a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat?affiliateId=cbhomeexp&amp;bannerId=sat">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat?affiliateId=cbhomeexp&amp;bannerId=sat</a>) and <b>ACT</b> exams(<a href="https://services.actstudent.org/OA_HTML/actibeCAcdLogin.jsp">https://services.actstudent.org/OA_HTML/actibeCAcdLogin.jsp</a>)</p> <p><b>Test registration deadlines are:</b> 9/16 - ACT Oct. 22 Registration Deadline 10/7 - SAT Nov. 5 Registration Deadline 11/3 - SAT Dec. 3 Registration Deadline 11/4 - ACT Dec. 10 Registration Deadline</p>	<p><b>Heads up for Juniors and Sophomores:</b></p> <p>10th and 11th grades are very important for college admissions. Th University of California and the California State University calculate GPA based on grade earned during these 2 years. I very important for students to do well in their classes.</p> <p>Students should seek support from their teachers, advisors, and from Gateway's very own tutorin program.</p> <p>Taking challenging courses will show colleges that you are willing to take a chance at something that tougher. Taking an AP or Honor level class can also help boost your student's GPA.</p>
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**Google Classroom for College Counseling**

Please visit Google classroom for College Counseling. [You can sign-in to Google classroom here](#). In the "about" section google classroom, you will find a senior timeline, a letter of recommendation questionnaire, presentations outlining the UC and CSU applications, scholarship lists, as well as assignments designed to help seniors get started on their personal statements. Use your student's powerschool login and password to sign-in.

*Note: Only students who have been enrolled in college counseling will have access to google classroom.*

**Senior reminders**

Sign up to receive senior year reminders by joining the [Remind.com](#) group for parents of 12th graders. To join, text this code: @46dcbc to 81010

Participate in extracurricular activities. It could be a sport, community service, art, music, or nearly anything that develops an interest. It is generally better to participate in fewer activities with greater depth, rather than participate in a broad range of activities.

**PSAT this October:**

10th and 11th graders will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 19th, at 8:15. Please be on the lookout for a letter containing more information. The fee for the PSAT is \$15. Gateway has already ordered enough exams for every sophomore and junior. There is no further registration that you will need to do. The PSAT is a good way to gauge how well a student may do on the actual

		<p>SAT. It can also help identify areas for students focus their test preparation. Juniors and sophomores will receive a guidebook and sample test in their humanities class.</p>
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