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# Back to School Night

## Class of 2019

— Senior Edition —

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# Who We Are

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# Agenda

**From 5:00 - 5:30, you'll get to meet and hear from the college counselors about**

- What are seniors working on?
- Financial Aid
  - Upcoming FAFSA Night
- Eligibility
- Deadlines

**Then, from 5:30 - 5:40, Learn about other senior year activities, such as**

- Graduation prep
- Senior portraits
- Prom
- PE Hours & CS Hours - how to log
- Communication: Senior Parent Remind code, mailings home, google classroom for senior events

# What are seniors working on this semester?

- ❑ **Finalized College Lists**
  - ❑ Likely, Target & Reach Colleges
- ❑ **Retake SAT or ACT to increase scores**
  - ❑ After-school study sessions in late September and October
- ❑ **College Visits**
- ❑ **UC Personal Insight Questions, Private & Out-of-State Public College Essays, EOP Essays, Scholarship Essays**
  - ❑ Lots and lots of revisions!
- ❑ **Applications!**
  - ❑ Completed applications are reviewed by college counselors to make sure everything is correctly done.
- ❑ **Financial Aid and Scholarships**
  - ❑ Researching options and starting applications

# College Visits

## ❑ College Fairs

- ❑ Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair
- ❑ Performing & Visual Arts College Fair

## ❑ Visits from College Reps to Gateway

- ❑ Pitzer College
- ❑ Smith College
- ❑ Mills College
- ❑ UC Berkeley
- ❑ San Diego State
- ❑ Lewis and Clark College *and more to come!*

## ❑ College field trips

- ❑ Working on day trips to Bay Area/Northern California schools:
  - ❑ One CSU, one UC, one community college

Our GOAL is for students to:

- ❑ Explore options
- ❑ Consider “fit” when applying to schools
- ❑ Connect to Admissions Counselors

# Financial Aid

- ❑ **FAFSA 2018-2019 (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
  - ❑ Opens October 1 for 2018-2019 school year, **Due March 2**
  - ❑ Use your most recent tax return info (2016)
  - ❑ Students will start in college counseling class
- ❑ **California Dream Act Application 2018-2019**
  - ❑ Opens October 1 for 2018-2019 school year, **Due March 2**
  - ❑ For AB540 students
  - ❑ Eligible students will also begin in college counseling class
- ❑ **CSS Profile (collegeboard)**
  - ❑ Additional form used primarily by private colleges
  - ❑ Helps determine institutional financial aid awards
  - ❑ Deadlines vary by college

# California State Aid

## ❑ Cal Grant ABC

- ❑ **Cal Grant A**, 3.0 GPA: up to \$12,630 per year for UCs, up to \$5,742 per year for CSUs, up to \$9,084 per year for private colleges in CA
- ❑ Cal Grant B, 2.0 GPA: up to \$1,672 for first year, then same amount as Cal Grant A
  - ❑ 2nd – 4th year: \$1,672 access award + tuition and fees in the same amounts as Cal Grant A
- ❑ Cal Grant C, No GPA Req: for Community College or Technical College in CA.
  - ❑ \$547 for books & \$2,462 for tuition/fees

## ❑ Middle Class Scholarship

- ❑ Family income of up to 165k
- ❑ May be eligible for a scholarship of no less than 10% and no more than 40% of the mandatory system-wide tuition and fees at the University of California (\$13,900) and the California State University (\$5,742).

# FAFSA/Dream Act Night

- ❑ **FAFSA/Dream Act Night at Gateway on Thursday, October 25th**
  - ❑ Same evening as Family Conferences
    - ❑ Get “Drop-in” assistance and submit the FAFSA that night!
    - ❑ Visit with 12th grade teachers
  - ❑ FAFSA and the Cal Dream Act App are due by March 2nd for the CalGrant (can be completed and submitted on FAFSA Night!)
    - ❑ Students will get CalGrant notification earlier if they submit the FAFSA earlier



# College Eligibility: UC and CSU

- GPA Based on 10th and 11th grade Courses
- A-G Approved Courses (Academic Classes, not TA, PE, Learning Skill...)
- Test Score: SAT or ACT
- Eligibility ≠ Admission: Some campuses are more selective

## UC

- 3.0 GPA min
- Extracurriculars
  - Depth vs Breadth
- Personal Insight Questions
  - 4 responses

## CSU

- 2.0 GPA min
- Campus and Major impactation
- Education Opportunity Program
  - 1st Generation
  - Low income

# California State University System

- Checklist: a - g approved courses for 9th - 12th grades
- GPA is calculated using **10th & 11th grade *weighted* grades**
- Admission based on:
  - GPA
  - Test Scores (SAT or ACT)



# CSU Eligibility

- 3.0+ GPA = admission to non-impacted campuses & non-impacted majors (with any ACT/SAT score)
- 2.0 - 2.99 GPA = admission to non-impacted campus/major with corresponding SAT or ACT score

[CSU Eligibility Chart for 2.0 - 2.99](#)

- Impacted campuses and majors have higher admissions criteria

[CSU Impacted Majors & Campuses](#)

# CAASPP & EAP<sub>(CSU)</sub>

- Taken spring of 11th grade
- Determines college-level math and English readiness for CSUs
  - Scores Exempt or require placement exams
- Letter home
- College Counselors will meet individually with each student about their scores within next 2 weeks

# EAP Math & English Results

- **4 - Standard Exceeded:** Ready for Mathematics or English college-level coursework.
- **3 - Standard Met:** Conditionally Ready for Mathematics or English college-level coursework. Senior year coursework required.
  - Eng 12 or AP Eng / Pre-Calc (H), AP Calc, Applied Math/Stat
- **2 - Standard Nearly Met:** Not yet demonstrating readiness for Mathematics or English college-level coursework. Placement test required.
- **1 - Standard Not Met:** Not demonstrating readiness for Mathematics or English college-level coursework. Placement test required.

# University of California System



- Checklist: a - g approved courses for 9th - 12th grades
- GPA is calculated using **10th & 11th grade *weighted* grades**
- Admission based on:
  - GPA
  - Test Scores (SAT, ACT, Subject Tests)
  - Personal Statements
  - Extracurricular Activities List
- Comprehensive/Holistic Review

# UC Admissions

- 3.0+ GPA = *eligible* to apply
- Remember, being eligible does NOT equal admission!
- ELC: eligibility in the local context
  - UC request the top 18%, Selects the top 9%
  - Guaranteed admission to the UC System
- Augmented/supplemental review
- Waitlists

[Fall 2017 Freshman Admissions Data](#)

# UC & CSU Deadlines

- **University of California & California State University** systems have earliest regular decision deadline in the country: **due November 30**
  - Right after Thanksgiving
  - CSU apps (no essay) should be completed by end of October/early November
  - UC apps should be completed by November 10, so we have time to catch mistakes
  - Don't wait until last minute!
- **Scholarship deadlines vary:** now through May
  - Institutional scholarships/ School Financial Aid pages
  - External scholarships



# Private & Out-of-State Public Colleges

- Every out-of-state public college/university can have **different admissions criteria**
- **Applications due December - February** for regular decision (some through April or even later)
- Most use the Common Application (approx. 700)
- Others use their own application
  - **Grades (9 - 11 or 10 - 11; weighted or unweighted)**
  - **Test scores (SAT, ACT, Subject Tests)**
  - **Personal Statements and supplements**
  - **Extra curricular activities**
  - **Letters of recommendation**

# Application Fees

- **\$55** for each California State University application
- **\$70** for each University of California application
- **\$0 - \$100** for Private and Out-of-State Public Colleges
- **\$0** for Community Colleges
- Fee waivers:
  - CSUs & UCs: built-in fee waiver, based on household income/size
  - College Board Waiver for student who used an SAT fee waiver
  - Common App: Built in request
- Sending SAT & ACT scores:
  - 4 free colleges when registering for the tests
  - **SAT: \$11.25** per additional college
  - **ACT: \$12.00** per additional college

# After Applying

- School Portal Accounts
  - Primary form of communicating next steps, deadlines & “To Do” item with applicants
  - Check early and check often
- Conditional admission
  - Requirements in progress yet to be completed
    - Must maintain grades C or Higher (C- is considered a C)
    - Must complete required courses
    - Must submit requested documents (Transcripts and Test scores)
  - Offer of admission can be rescinded if conditions or verification is not satisfied
- SIR: Statement of Intent to Register
  - Official acceptance of admission offer
  - Universal deadline of May 1st
  - Enrollment deposit

# Community Colleges

- Apply in the Spring Semester (but can begin planning now)
- Create an Enrollment and Course plan
- Take placement tests at the Community College
- Sign up for enrollment counseling/orientation at the Community College
- We will meet with students in the spring to review steps and discuss transfer options

# What about senior year grades?

- Usually 4-year college admissions decisions are based on grades through 11th grade.
  - If a student is on the borderline of being accepted or denied, 1st semester of 12th grade is extremely important.
- Colleges will look for students to *maintain or improve* their grades during senior year.
  - Colleges may rescind the acceptance, if senior year grades drop significantly; below "C-".
  - Student must notify campuses
- We send:
  - Mid-Year Report (1st semester of 12th grade) (*if college requests it*)
  - Final Transcript (all 4 years of high school) (*required by all colleges*)

# Questions?

Come to the College Counseling classroom upstairs (113A) during your student's scheduled block tonight.

Joel Rangel, Director of College Counseling: [jrangel@gatewayhigh.org](mailto:jrangel@gatewayhigh.org)

Jenna Marx, College Counselor: [jmarx@gatewayhigh.org](mailto:jmarx@gatewayhigh.org)

# Class of 2019 Events Overview

**Here are some events and opportunities that will occur this year:**

- Senior Portraits on campus
- Prom
- Grad Nite
- Graduation Prep
- Community Service Opportunities and how to log hours
- PE Hours/credits

# Senior Portraits on Campus

Prestige Portraits will be here on campus in the Library taking portraits on Wednesday September 19th and Thursday September 20th from 9am to 5pm.

Appointments are alphabetical by last name. Schedule of appointments will be posted outside the Library doors this week.

There will be a make-up day in early January 2019.

Contact Ms. Clobucker for more information:

[catherine.clobucker@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.clobucker@gmail.com)



# Prom and Grad Night

**We are considering new prom site: ON THE WATER**

We are in the process of contacting a few companies and hoping that this will allow for both an upgrade experience for our students with a cheaper overall price for prom.

**Grad Night** No Disney trip but parents are invited to plan and chaperone. The cost is too great, \$290 per student

Class will participate in Grad Nite at another site: We are currently exploring packages at Great America in Santa Clara. The hope is that this would cut the cost in half or more...

# Senior Parent Communication

Senior Parent Remind Code (for text message reminders):

Enter #: 81010 and text this message:

@7f7d8e

Letters will be mailed home periodically as well from the Main Office about Senior Events.

# Graduation Prep

**Class of 2019 Seniors!! - Come to SSO:**

- **Wed Oct 10 - to verify cap & gown sizing and diploma name.**
- **\$30 cash or check payable to GHS for cap & gown**
- **Payment due Thursday, November 1.**
  
- **JOSTENS School Rings, Accessories & Announcements.**
- **Shop & order reonline [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)**
- **Graduation & Reception, SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019 10:30 - 1PM**

**Contact - Mrs. Smith - [dsmith@gatewayhigh.org](mailto:dsmith@gatewayhigh.org)**

# Community Service & PE Hours Overview

- **Community Service:** Seniors need 100 hours of Community Service by the time they graduate. (Handout provided on how to log hours).
- **PE Hours:** All students need at least 240 hours total by graduation time. PE hours can be logged on a handout.

outside of the Athletics & PE Office, and are posted for download on Gateway's website on the Physical Education page.

Completed forms should be turned in to Coach Flynn's mailbox, handed to him directly, or scanned/emailed to [sflynn@gatewayhigh.org](mailto:sflynn@gatewayhigh.org). Once approved, hours are entered to a Google spreadsheet and are entered to transcript at least once each quarter. All Gateway students will have access to the Google form through their student email account, so they can monitor their progress at any time. Parents may have access to this form upon request, as well. All completed forms will be kept on file for future reference.

## Physical Education Resources

- [View your student's progress towards Gateway's PE hours graduation requirement](#)
- [PE Hours Alternate Activity Log](#)
- [Alternative Activity Parent Sign Off](#)



**Schedule:**

**Where to go now!**

5:50-6:00pm A Block

6:05-6:15pm B Block

6:20-6:30pm C Block

6:35-6:45pm D Block

6:50-7:00pm E Block

7:05-7:15pm F Block

7:20-7:30pm G Block