



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Our counseling staff would like to commend all of you as you approach the end of the first quarter of your senior year. Many of you have struggled with the start of "senioritis" and are feeling a little overwhelmed with academics, extracurricular activities, athletics, and college applications. The deadline for your college applications is quickly approaching. All students applying to a Cal State and/or UC must have their applications completed and submitted by November 30, 2009. We hope those of you who attended the Application Workshop found it helpful in getting those applications turned in. Please stop by to see your counselor if you have any questions or need help completing your application. We wish you the best of luck!

Still need to take your SAT/ACT???

Don't forget to sign up for your SAT and/or ACT!! Remember December is the last month to take either one of these exams. Two colleges have an earlier deadline, with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's being October, and San Diego State's being November. To sign up for the December SATs (with a late fee) Go to www.collegeboard.com up to Friday, November 13th. Those of you applying to take the ACT must register for the exam no later than Friday, November 6th to avoid a late fee. To sign up for the ACT go to www.act.org. Stop by the guidance office to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver.

Applying to a UC?

When writing the Personal Statement make sure you answer the questions - Use details and examples. Write to add context and depth, not to fill space. Be you - Remember to talk about yourself so that they can get to know you and your potential to succeed at their school. Use plenty of "I" statements. If you missed our UC Application/personal Statement workshop on Oct 28, not to worry. UC has a video on writing the personal statement. Go to <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/videos> or for even more help, check out www.uga.berkeley.edu/apa/personalstatement



Don't Forget ... all applications, Cal State and UC, must be submitted by November 30th!!!

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La Quinta High School Fall 2009

COLLEGE PREVIEW INFORMATION DAYS

- Oct - April UC Riverside Host Program ~ once a month, overnight housing, meals & parking. Reserve a spot, call (951) 827-5471 or email HOSTPROGRAM@UCR.EDU
- Nov 1 & Nov 15 Mount St. Mary's College - Open House - Chalon Campus: Sunday, Nov 1 at 10 a.m.
Doheny Campus: Sunday, November 15 at 10 a.m.
- November 14 Occidental College - Open House - go to www.oxy.edu/admission for details
- Jan 23 & 30, Feb. 6 & 13 University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music - Schedule an audition: call 209-946-2418 or go to: <http://go.pacific.edu/conservatory>
- November 6 & 14 University of San Francisco ~ Open House 2130 Fulton St., San Francisco, 94117
- November 14 Musicians Institute - Open House 1655 N. McCadden Place, Hollywood, CA 90028 10:00
For guitarists, bassists, drummers, singers, keyboard players, recording engineers, artist/producers, guitar builders, music business professionals, music video and commercial production. Fully Accredited. Certificate, AA or BA Call 1-800-255-7529 for reservation.

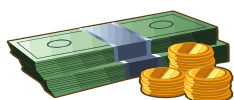
DO YOU NEED HELP FINDING \$\$\$ FOR COLLEGE ????

Many students have been asking about financial aid opportunities so we wanted to advise you on the following dates that will provide you and your parents with financial aid information, regardless of where or when you will be attending college...

January 7th - Student Financial Aid Workshop during the school day

January 27th - Parents Financial Aid Workshop in the evening from 6:30-8:00pm.

Presented in English, Vietnamese, Spanish



Learn how to access grants, scholarships, loans, and other financial aid for college by attending our Financial Aid Workshops at La Quinta High School.

More information to come in the December Senior Newsletter!

Helpful Scholarship Databases

The Internet is an invaluable resource for scholarship information. Scholarship searches can be done with immediate results coming directly to you through email. New websites become available on a weekly basis. Check these out:

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund - maldef.org, Merit-based scholarships - meritaid.com, The College Board - www.collegeboard.org, Sallie Mae College Answer Service Online - www.salliemae.com, California Student Aid - www.csac.ca.gov, EdFund - www.edfund.org, U.S. Department of Education - www.ed.gov/students, Mapping Your Future - www.mapping-your-future.org, Yahoo - http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial_Aid, United States Department of Education - www.ed.gov/index, U.S. News & World Report - www.usnews.com, Scholarships: www.scholarshipworkshop.com, www.scholarships.com, www.gocollege.com, www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php, www.scholarshipcoach.com, www.collegeanswer.com

Apply for Scholarships

WHAT ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS?

Few scholarships will find their way to you. In the majority of cases you must look for them yourself. While many scholarships are available, their requirements vary greatly. Applying for scholarships takes work. Time has to be devoted to researching different kinds of scholarships. Not all scholarships require strong GPA's. Many scholarships require membership in service organizations or involvement in community and extra-curricular activities. The trick is to find a scholarship that fits you.

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
Seattle University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full tuition, room, and meals for 4 years • School leadership, public service, community • Commitment to justice, good of others thru service. • Effective oral and written communication skills. • Demanding course selection • 3.5 or higher GPA 	November 15, 2009
Willamette University Music Scholarship Auditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships to music majors • Must Audition • Go to Willamette.edu/cla/music • To schedule an audition: 503-370-6687 	November 7, 2009 January 23, 2010 February 15 2010
Dr. Seuss Oh, the Places You'll Go!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full tuition, room & meals for 4 years • Understands, values possibilities education can offer • 500 word, personal essay/memoir • \$5,000 Scholarship to your choice of post-secondary educational institution 	February 15, 2010
National Commission for Cooperative Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you plan to attend: Drexel Univ., Johnson & Wales Univ., Kettering Univ., Pace Univ., Rochester Institute of Technology, Univ. of Cincinnati, Univ. of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology • \$6,000 • Apply online www.co-op.edu 	February 15, 2010
Boston University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-year, full-tuition to BU • Top 10% in Senior class • Active Leaders in school, community • Essay • Apply www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee 	December 1, 2009
CSULB President's Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valedictorians • National semifinalists and Finalists • Apply to CSULB via csumentor.edu by Nov. 30 	January 4, 2010
University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degrees in Music Therapy, Music History, Music Performance, Music Composition, Music Management, Music Education, Jazz Studies • Schedule an audition at http://go.pacific.edu/conservatory or call 209-946-2418 	Audition Dates: January 23 January 30 February 6 February 13

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Marist College & National Science Foundation (NSF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 full scholarships, tuition, room, board • Highly talented students • Majoring in computer Science or Information Technology Systems • SAT/ACT scores • Essay • Apply online at www.marist.edu/admission on the application, check box labeled "National science Foundation Scholarship Program" 	February 15, 2010
Gates Millennium Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American • Citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the U.S. • Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 • Enrolling at a U.S. accredited college or university • Demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extra-curricular or other activities • Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility • Completed and submitted the Nominee Personal Information Form, Nomination Form, and Recommender Form 	January 11, 2010
KFC Colonel's Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurial spirit • Demonstrate a financial need • Minimum GPA of 2.75 • Plan to pursue a Bachelor's Degree • Enroll in a public University in CA • US citizen or permanent resident • Apply on-line at www.kfcscholars.org or call 866-KFC-7240 	February 10, 2010
MetroPCS Community Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eighty-three \$2,500 scholarships & one 25,000 scholarship • Involvement in community and school organizations and activities • Academic record, Honors • Work experience • Statement of goals and aspirations • Unusual personal or family circumstance • A letter of recommendation 	November 25, 2009
California Association of Collectors, Inc. (CAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application & essay on "Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Credit during Your College Years." • Apply www.cacesf.org • \$2,500, \$2,000 or \$1,500 based on essay 	February 1, 2010

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American Fire sprinkler Association Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not based on financial need • Read Fire Sprinkler Essay • Take a ten-question multiple choice test. • Questions answered correctly gets entry into drawing • Drawing for \$2,000 scholarships for tuition • Apply http://afsascholarship.org 	May 3, 2010
AXA Achievement Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty-two winners - one from each state • \$10,000 • Ambition and drive • Determination to set and reach goals • Respect for self, family community • Ability to succeed in college • Community Service • Go to http://www.axa-achievement.com 	December 15, 2009
Baptist Life Association Scholarship Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an insured member of Baptist Life for a minimum of 2 years • Excellence in academics and personal lives • Several \$1000 grants • Apply www.baptistlife.org/benefits.html 	May 31, 2010
Junior League of Orange County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For young women who belong to or want to join JLOCC (free membership) • Scholarships Up to \$10,000 • GPA of 2.5 or above • Agree to attend JLOCC meeting in June • Apply www.jlocc.org/?nd=grants 	January 30, 2010
Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • Essay between 500-1000 words: <i>What do you see as the long term impact of our current recession on the average family? How might it affect their future decisions?</i> • Apply http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm 	June 19, 2010
KFC Colonel's Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,000 a year up to 4 years • Minimum 2.75 GPA • Plan to pursue a Bachelor's degree, may start at community college if necessary • Demonstrate financial need • Apply www.kfcscholars.org 	February 10, 2010
Southern California Mothers of Twins Club Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twins, triplets, or higher • \$250-\$1,500 annually for 4 years • High GPA, financial need, 300 word essay • 2 letters of recommendation, activities • Apply www.scmotc.org/Scholarship 	February 1, 2010