



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

### Welcome back Class of 2012

We hope you had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer vacation and are ready to begin a dynamic 2011-2012 school year. The La Quinta High School counseling staff is dedicated to making your senior year the best one yet. Throughout this year there will be various college tasks that will need to be completed by all seniors, including college applications, entrance exams, personal essays, and financial aid. Our counseling team is determined to help each of you through this process.

Each month the Senior Newsletter will be published, then distributed in your English class under the direction of Ms. Grelle. The newsletter will be a great resource, keeping you up-to-date on college admissions, college exams, scholarship information and other school related activities. If you have any questions regarding the newsletter please feel free to stop by and see Ms. Grelle.

### \*Testing Information\*

*Those of you applying to a four-year college/university will need to take the SAT and/or ACT by the December test date. The December scores will be the last scores universities will consider for Fall admittance. When signing up to take the ACT or SAT make sure to have your scores sent to the colleges you will be applying to.*

**SAT - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) ACT - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).**

*Please see your counselor for information regarding fee waivers or registration.*

**LA QUINTA SCHOOL CODE 053737**

**2011—2012 SAT & ACT TESTING SCHEDULE**

**\*\*THE FEE WAIVER WILL WORK FOR THE LATE REGISTRATION DATE\*\***

**SAT Subject Tests are no longer required for UC admittance**

Test Date	Test Offered	Regular Registration	Late Registration
October 1, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2011	September 21
November 5, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 21
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20

Test Date	Test Offered	Regular Registration	Late Registration
October 22, 2011	ACT	September 16, 2011	September 17 - 30
December 11, 2011	ACT	November 4, 2011	November 5 - 18

**When signing up for your SAT's on Collegeboard.com, students who want to apply to more than 4 Cal State Universities may use the code 3594 (CSU Mentor, Long Beach). This will send the SAT scores to all the Cal States for FREE! Students who will apply to at least 1 UC, Collegeboard.com will send your Sat scores to all UC's for FREE.**

LA QUINTA HIGH SCHOOL

# La Quinta High School Fall 2011

## Keep Your Options Open

For many seniors, the final year of high school brings about a lot of questions. One of which is where they will be after they graduate. It is highly recommended that seniors keep their options open and take their time when deciding on a path for next year.

There are a variety of options open to seniors between community colleges and four-year universities. Financial Aid determinations will help guide future decisions. Students will find out which schools they have been accepted to and will have the opportunity to choose a path that is right for them.

## Senior Meetings

The counselors are beginning to meet with each individual senior during September. Students will be receiving call slips from their guidance counselor. This meeting is set up to review the completion of graduation requirements and discuss future plans, including A-G completion, testing, financial aid, scholarships, etc.

## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS



The California State University (CSU) system has a priority filing period of October 1 through November 30. The University of California system (UC) has a priority filing period of November 1 through November 30. It is very important that you apply online as soon as possible during the registration time period. To apply online for a UC campus, access their website at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply/](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply/). You may also print a paper application at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/download/](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/download/). To complete an online application for CSU go to [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu). Most private colleges and universities have priority-filing dates. The dates may be found by checking the college handbook and/or calling the college admissions office for that particular campus.

## CSU APPLICATION MONTH

La Quinta will be holding CSU application workshops for all seniors in English classes during the month of October. This is a good way for seniors to start or complete the application process. CSU month will start with Cal State University, Fullerton visiting La Quinta!

## LQ COLLEGE INFORMATION DAYS

Tuesday, October 7th

Chapman University Visit  
(Sign up in Guidance Office with Ms.Davila)

Period 5

Lyceum

### Campus Tours/College Information

A campus tour is a great way to get a first look at where you will be spending most of your time come fall of next year. We strongly encourage you to access the campus websites in order to find out when tours are available for future students. **Go to [www.CollegeWeekLive.com](http://www.CollegeWeekLive.com) to get connected to the UC's for virtual tours and on-line info sessions!** This is a great way for families to explore different aspects of student life at each school. Various campuses visit La Quinta to talk to our seniors. We will be sure to notify you of upcoming "Campus Preview Dates and College Information Sessions" that are either on campus or at a local location.



## COLLEGE PREVIEW/INFORMATION DAYS

**Important  
DATE!**

- Thurs., Sept. 15 **Penn, University of Pennsylvania Introduction to Pennsylvania 7:30 pm**  
Admissions/Undergraduate Life at Penn RSVP: [www.admissions.upenn.edu/events/irvine](http://www.admissions.upenn.edu/events/irvine)  
Irvine Marriott  
18000 Von Karman Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92612
- Sat., Oct. 15 **UC Santa Barbara Preview Day**  
C735 State Street  
Santa Barbara, CA
- Sat., Oct 15 **UC Davis Preview Day**  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616
- Sat., Oct 15 **UC Merced Preview Day**  
5200 N Lake Road  
Merced, CA 95343
- Tues., Oct. 25 **Tiger Woods Learning Center 7:30 pm**  
One Tiger Woods Way  
Anaheim, CA 92801

### COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

When: Monday, October 6, 2011

Where: LQ Gym

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- *Parents and students come meet with high school counselors and college reps.*
- *UC & CSU will present! Information will be available on college requirements and admission process, curriculum, college expenses, scholarships, financial aid, and student activities. Information available in Vietnamese, Spanish and English.*

### DISTRICT COLLEGE FAIR

When: Monday October 10, 2011

Where: Bolsa Grande H.S.

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- *Parents and students come take part in this unique opportunity to meet with college representatives, college alumni, and other representatives from a variety of postsecondary schools. Stop by and get information from your favorite colleges!*
- *Colleges and universities will be there from California and out-of-state, including CSUs, UCs, and several private universities. Don't miss it!!*

## How to Apply for Scholarships

Each month a section of the newsletter will be devoted to giving a brief description of scholarships that are being offered by colleges, private organizations, and corporations. Remember you and your parents can access the Senior Newsletter on La Quinta's web page at: [www.laquintahs.org](http://www.laquintahs.org) Please read about all our scholarships as well as research your own. For every one we list, there are **thousands more!** . Check these out! [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com), [meritaid.com](http://meritaid.com), [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com), [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov), [www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org), [www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org), [http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial\\_Aid](http://www.yahoo.com/Education/financial_Aid), [www.ed.gov/index](http://www.ed.gov/index), [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com), [www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php](http://www.educatorsconnection.com/register.php) [www.scholarshipcoach.com](http://www.scholarshipcoach.com).

Many scholarships require that the applicant obtain letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, employers, etc. When asking for a letter of recommendation be sure to let the person know the purpose of the recommendation, the date it is due and to whom to send it. It is very helpful to give the person a resume listing your activities, honors/awards, college plans, goals and anything you feel would be helpful in writing the recommendation. Give people at least two weeks notice in order to ensure a good letter and timely delivery. If you need a letter of recommendation from a counselor, please ask "your" counselor, not Ms. Grelle, unless of course she is "your" counselor. **Happy Searching!**

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
<b>U.S. Navy Scholarship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$180,000 - pays 100% of tuition, books, lab fees and uniform allowance to over 160 college and universities nationwide, also receive a generous monthly stipend.</li> <li>• SAT: Crit Read: 530, Math 520, or ACT: Eng 22, Math: 21. Release scores electronically: NROTC Code 0656</li> <li>• GPA 4.0</li> <li>• Application on-line: <a href="https://www.nrotc.navy.mil">https://www.nrotc.navy.mil</a></li> </ul>	<b>December 1, 2011</b>
<b>Washington University, St. Louis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan to attend Washington University, St Louis in the fall</li> <li>• 3.5 GPA</li> <li>• Exhibit a capacity for service and leadership</li> <li>• Strong moral character, selflessness, community interests</li> <li>• See Ms. Grelle for info</li> </ul>	<b>October 13, 2011</b>
<b>Seattle University Sullivan Leadership Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-year scholarship: full tuition, room and meals</li> <li>• Must attend Seattle University in the fall</li> <li>• Commitment to service and leadership, Academic Rigor, Community, Spirituality and Global Awareness</li> <li>• Apply: <a href="http://www.seattleu.edu/sullivan">www.seattleu.edu/sullivan</a></li> </ul>	<b>November 15, 2011</b>
<b>American Sewing Guild</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100—\$500</li> <li>• Write a paper answering a few questions. This will be your application</li> <li>• Submit application letters via email: <a href="mailto:Rasjida@verizon.net">Rasjida@verizon.net</a></li> <li>• See Ms. Grelle for details.</li> </ul>	<b>September 23, 2011</b>
<b>California Department of Veteran Affairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free college/university tuition</li> <li>• Must have a parent or spouse who is a disabled or deceased veteran rated 0% or more</li> <li>• Attend a college or university in California in the fall</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.cacvso.org/page/2011-1-22-13-52-31">Http://www.cacvso.org/page/2011-1-22-13-52-31</a></li> </ul>	<b>Go to website for deadlines</b>

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
<b>Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thru doctoral degree, need based, merit scholarship</li> <li>• African American, American Indian/Alaska native, Asian Pacific Islander, American or Hispanic American</li> <li>• US Citizen, or national or legal permanent resident of US</li> <li>• Cumulative GPA of 3.3</li> <li>• Demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities</li> <li>• Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria</li> <li>• Attend College or University in Fall for Bachelor Degree-</li> <li>• Must major in: computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science</li> <li>• Must complete and submit all 3 required forms</li> <li>• Apply: <a href="http://www.gmsp.org">www.gmsp.org</a></li> </ul>	<b>January 11, 2012</b>
<b>Wendy's High School Heisman</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 3.0 GPA</li> <li>• Participate in at least one school-sponsored sport.</li> <li>• Leadership and Community involvement</li> <li>• \$500.00</li> <li>• First 30,000 students win a \$10. Wendy's gift card</li> <li>• Apply: <a href="http://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com">http://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com</a>.</li> </ul>	<b>October 2, 2011</b>
<b>National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Herff Jones presents the Principal's Leadership Award for the Prudential spirit of Community Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,000- \$12,000</li> <li>• Leadership, participated in service organizations &amp; clubs</li> <li>• Achievements in the arts and sciences</li> <li>• Employment experience</li> <li>• 3.5 GPA or higher</li> <li>• Apply: <a href="http://spirit.prudential.com">http://spirit.prudential.com</a> or <a href="http://www.nassp.org/spirit">www.nassp.org/spirit</a>, click on "Apply Now" link and follow instructions</li> </ul>	<b>November 1, 2011</b>
<b>QuestBridge National College Match</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarships for high GPA, low-income students</li> <li>• College match program</li> <li>• Admission and four-year scholarships to leading colleges</li> <li>• From households earning less than \$60,000/yr</li> <li>• Go to: <a href="http://www.questbridge.org">www.questbridge.org</a></li> </ul>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
<b>WiseChoice "Find the Right College" Scholarship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$2,500</li> <li>• Get all the details and get started today at: <a href="http://www.wisechoice.com/?sid=gcfx">www.wisechoice.com/?sid=gcfx</a></li> </ul>	<b>May 31, 2012</b>
<b>Citrus Chapter of the California Environmental Health Association (CEHA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$300 scholarship will be awarded to the winning paper at a Citrus Chapter Dinner Meeting on March 1, 2012</li> <li>• Must attend a college or university in the fall</li> <li>• Write a paper, using subjective tone, essay question: "describe the role of Environmental Health in pool and spa safety and how can Environmental Health increase community awareness of aquatic safety issues?"</li> <li>• go to: <a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01">http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01</a></li> <li>• A bibliography is required.</li> <li>• See Ms. Grelle for application</li> </ul>	<b>February 1, 2012</b>


