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Career Explorations 2026



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April 3, 2026

We ended Career Exploration month with **“Future-Ready” Planning for your Career Right After High School** evening panel on Tuesday, 3/31. With the unexpected rain and another event scheduled at the same time, we had a great turnout! Thank you for showing up and listening to our Sara Ironside for moderating, Kim Hunter for Q&A, PPN for hosting the reception, and our panelists, Ben Allen, Marco Casalaina, Doug Ireland and Abby Scott, providing their professional and personal perspectives on how students can prepare for careers in the future.

Here are few of my takeaways from the evening (paraphrased):



- *All but one panelist majored in one thing and through different experiences found their current career-pivoting, trying jobs and learning from them prepare you for the next job/experience.*
- *Building skills is needed no matter the profession or industry. Be curious, learn how to ask the questions, listen to others, be the team player that works towards making the team better, learn how to be a good communicator-key to all aspects of life-get comfortable with being flexible and changing in order to grow.*
- *Have fun, play, experiment with something, create and go for it. When you spend time on something you truly enjoy, it builds curiosity and confidence. The skills you build when something doesn't work, problem solving and trying again and again are all transferable skills.*
- *Jobs are not going away (even CS). Things are changing quickly and we have to be adaptable. When you're on a team, what is your role? What are you adding to the group?*
- *Be a good friend, connect with others, make good choices, own your voice, and try something new, different, work towards developing what is important to you and do it because it is important to you.*

When we return from spring break, we have 6 weeks left of the school year. After almost a year in the CCC role, I have a better understanding of the “busy” months. March flew by for me. Next on the docket is preparing Juniors for what comes next. I am still meeting with Juniors, 1:1, and hope to continue throughout the year. When we get back from break I will send out a “registration” for the College Essay workshop in May.

🌸 Happy Spring Break! Ms M-L

Important Dates

- **May 18**, College Essay Workshop for rising seniors (class of 2027)-more info to come. We will get students started on their Common App essay before summer break.

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Spring College Rep Visits

Our last **College Admission Rep visits** are **April 15th at 12:45 with [SCAD](#)** and **1:30pm on April 21st with [Rice University](#)**; newly added is a virtual visit from [University of Montana](#). Please [login to Naviance](#), then 24 hours prior to the visit ask your teacher to please sign the registration form. This will be your ticket to the visit. All visits will be in room 20.

Seniors - Class of 2026

I have started to have conversations with you about what to do now that you have from your colleges. Choices are great and also can make it very difficult to decide. Here are a few of my suggestions to help (especially if you are a visual processor like me):

- Do a pros/cons list for each college for attending and not attending.
- What are the top 5 MUST HAVES and compare the list of colleges.
- If possible, check out the campus or two over spring break, to see how you feel now that these are real options for you. Can you imagine yourself here?
- Compare your financial aid packets and truthfully answer the question, Is it worth the \$ to attend this campus over another campus?
- Are you on a waitlist? Here is a link to an article with suggestions on [how to navigate waitlists](#).

And as you start to hear back from colleges, **please update Naviance**. The more accurate data we receive from you, the better this tool can be for everyone who uses Naviance. It will also save you time later when you request where to send your final transcript. **This is also a great time to hand write a note of thanks to the teachers, counselors, coaches and others who wrote you a letter of recommendation. Updating them on admission decisions keeps them in the loop and gives them an opportunity to connect with you.**

Students with Disabilities

A parent shared this resource with me for students with disabilities. Like in high school, colleges are able to provide academic support for students with disabilities. Students, please feel encouraged to own this process. When we know what type of learner we are, what tools we need to be successful, the better the educational experience. Everyone learns differently and if you have accommodations in high school, you want to make sure your future college knows how to support you. Being a part of this process is key to your success.

In addition, here are some great resources shared by a colleague:

- CIP in Berkeley: [College Internship Program](#)
- [College Link Program at Cal State East Bay](#): They support students in domains like social skills, independent living, etc.
- [College Living Experience \(CLE\)](#): CLE Monterey linked with community college in Monterey and then students transfer to Monterey State.
- Gap Year Program : [SOAR](#)
- [Landmark College](#) in Vermont
- [Mansfield Hall- Eugene, Oregon](#): They help with the transition to college or community college away from home.

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Standardized Testing (SAT/ACT) - time to sign up!

[The College Board](#) has opened their dates to register for the SAT. Please create an account and pick a date that works for you. The sooner you do this the better your chances of getting your preferred location.

These test dates and deadlines apply to all students—U.S. and international—taking the SAT:

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation & Late Registration**
Aug. 23, 2025	Aug. 8, 2025	Aug. 12, 2025
Sept. 13, 2025	Aug. 29, 2025	Sept. 2, 2025
Oct. 4, 2025	Sept. 19, 2025	Sept. 23, 2025
Nov. 8, 2025	Oct. 24, 2025	Oct. 28, 2025
Dec. 6, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025	Nov. 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	Feb. 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	Apr. 17, 2026	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

*Students [who need to borrow a device from the College Board](#) will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.

**Late registration is available worldwide. [Additional fees apply.](#)

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ACT 2026 National Test Dates Schedule

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 4	August 19	August 29
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30	October 10
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24	December 5
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23	February 6
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24	April 3
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29	June 5
July 11, 2026*	June 5	June 24	July 3

Juniors

[Students Rising Above](#) has a program, SOAR, where it provides support, mentorship, and resources to succeed in college and beyond for first generation students. If you are interested in learning more about their program, check out linktr.ee/soarapplications. The 1st year program deadline is April 24th, 2026.

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U.S. Military Academy at West Point

The United States Military Academy at West Point is excited to offer your rising seniors (**current juniors**) the Summer Leaders Experience (SLE)—a rigorous five-day, overnight immersion led entirely by current West Point cadets.

SLE offers an authentic look at cadet life and challenges students academically, militarily, physically, and socially. Participants will experience:

Hands-on academic workshops: Choose from 17 sessions taught by West Point faculty.

Physical and military training: Army PT workouts, obstacle courses (indoor and outdoor), the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA), and more.

Leadership and character development: Team-building exercises, the Leader Reaction Course, ethics discussions, and cadet-led activities.

Check out the [SLE 2025 VIDEO](#) to learn more about the experience.

Students can choose between three SLE sessions:

Session 1: May 30 – June 3

Session 2: June 5 – June 9

Session 3: June 11 – June 15

Applications for SLE open on February 15, and selections will be made on **a rolling basis starting March 15**. When high school students submit this application, it also completes the first part of the West Point application process. Ideal candidates will demonstrate academic excellence, leadership within their community, and a readiness to take on physical challenges. West Point provides scholarships to cover the \$495 SLE fee and travel expenses for students with documented financial need.

Learn more here: [West Point Summer Leaders Experience](#) Apply to SLE: [SLE Application](#)

Interested in learning more about the military academies? We are hoping to have US Air Force Academy present before the end of the school year. Did you know that to apply to an Academy, the application opens in March for Juniors? There are so many steps to apply and it takes much longer than a typical college application.

All Grade Levels

UCs/CSUs Data:

As you consider the majors for UCs and CSUs next year, consider reviewing the data collected by [SF Chronicle for each CSU and UC by major](#); you no longer need a SF Gate account to view this information. This information may help guide your decision on majors and campuses for next year. Remember, it is always important to double check this information with the admissions office of each campus. Additionally, please check out the [data provided by SF Gate on UCs and CSUs by major and campus](#).



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[UC Application Our Admission Experts Weigh In](#): Great article from UC on what they want to see in the UC Application. Check it out!

Additionally here is [a link to colleges with generous merit aid](#). And this link will take you to [Colleges that Meet Full \(financial\) Need](#).

Buyer/Seller Info: During the Financial Aid Night in November, a parent brought up this term, from Jeff Selingo, about how to approach the college list. Here is a [link to a video](#) to learn more..

FLY-IN Programs are typically all-expenses-paid campus visits offered by colleges and universities to prospective students, typically those from underrepresented backgrounds or first-generation college students. These programs cover travel, lodging, meals, and sometimes provide a stipend for extra costs, allowing students to experience campus life before making a college decision.

Work/Employment/Internship Opportunities

*Recently I have had students come to me re: internships. And unfortunately the notices for internships have slowed down (most recent one below is Norman Mineta-thank you Linda). And this article from [US News and World Report](#) emphasizes what I've told students: start with who you know and see what you can find. The article gives other suggestions to pursue. One of the presenters at the PPN Panel said **informational interviews are a great way to learn about careers**. It is important to think about the skills you want to develop and*

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters (ROV) is preparing to appoint Student Election Workers for the Tuesday, June 2, 2026, Statewide Primary Election. Students who participate can earn up to \$535 while contributing to their community through this hands-on "Civics in Action" program. Students are also encouraged to share this opportunity with friends and family who may be interested in earning extra income and gaining community service experience.

[Alameda County Election Student Election Worker Application Form](#)

Eligibility Requirements:

Be at least 16 years old on or before Election Day

Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher

Obtain permission from a parent/guardian and a school administrator

(Note: School approval is not required for weekend hours)

Work Schedule Options:

Students who are available for more days have a greater chance of being appointed.

Saturday, May 30: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 1: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2 (Election Day): 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Contact Information:

Registrar of Voters Office
1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1
Oakland, CA 94612

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Rov.Pollworker@acgov.org

(510) 272-6971

[Norman Mineta Bay Area High School Summer Academy Internship](#)

Applications are now open for the 2026 Norman Mineta Bay Area High School Academy, a paid summer program that introduces students to careers in transportation, housing, environmental justice, air quality, and regional leadership. Students learn directly from agencies like MTC, ABAG, BCDC, and the Bay Area Air District, build real skills, and connect their everyday experiences to how public decisions get made.

The four week program runs in July, is mostly virtual, includes a stipend and certificate, and is open to Bay Area high school students ages 15+ who have completed 9th grade. GPA is not a factor. Space is limited.

Applications close April 27, 2026 at 10:00 p.m. 🕒

Aquatics Program Coordinator for the City of Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development. For any questions, students can contact me directly at LSykes@oaklandca.gov.

Quick Details

- Certification participants must be 15 or older by the first day of class
- City hiring starts at 16 and older
- Seats are limited, so early registration is encouraged

These programs provide students with the opportunity to earn money, learn lifelong skills, and build confidence while giving back to their community.

Already Certified? We're Hiring!

[Lifeguard Application](#)

[Water Safety](#)

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WE ARE HIRING!

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Orinda Summer Camp Positions:

- Camp Director
- Camp Coordinator
- Camp Counselor

Join Our Team!

- Night-free work schedules and competitive salaries!
- Positions offer leadership, and skill-building opportunities.
- Summer staff must have graduated Freshman year (HS).

Apply Now At:
<https://www.calopps.org>



For More Information:
Contact Recreation Coordinator,
Spencer Beattie at
sbeattie@cityoforinda.gov



summer camp positions have just been posted on CalOpps at

[calopps.org/city-of-orinda](https://www.calopps.org/city-of-orinda).

Scholarships, Community College and more...

Education Team of the [Diablo Black Men's Group](#). We are a nonprofit social organization that also sponsors scholarships for African American young men who are seniors in high school that intend to enter a community college or 4 year university.

Requirements:

- African American young men who are seniors in high school with intentions to enter college as our scholarship checks are written to the college they will be attending.
- They must be attending and graduating high school in Alameda or Contra Costa Counties in 2026.
- They must complete our online scholarship application on our website (dbmg.org) by the deadline.
- Awardees of scholarship are required to be available to be videotaped for a promotional video and attend Awards Night (usually the same day).
- The current deadline is April 30, 2026.

Specifics about Scholarship:

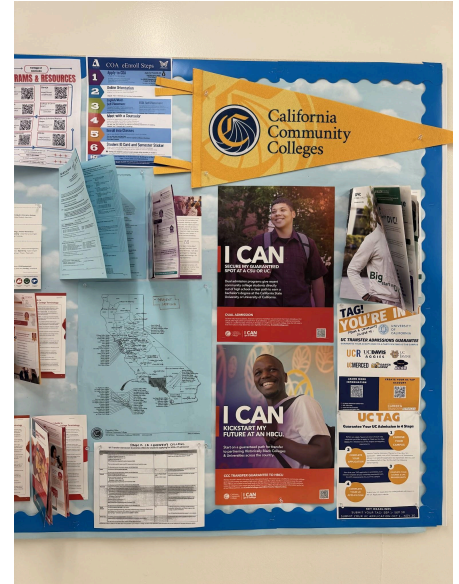
- One time payment to the college (4 year or Community).
- Scholarships range from \$1000 to \$5000.
- Other information can be found on the scholarship application form.

[National Parent Volunteer Association Scholarships](#)

Each year NPVA offers **merit-based** scholarships for students who are committed to volunteering and making a difference in their communities. Our scholarships are open to students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Applicants must:

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- Be currently enrolled or plan to be enrolled part-time or full-time in an accredited U.S. college or university. Vocational/technical, two-year, four-year, or graduate institutions are eligible.
- Be a high school junior or senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 system
- Recipients must provide an official transcript confirming their reported GPA and proof of enrollment. No transcript or proof of enrollment is required until after students are selected as winners



I try to update the bulletin board outside the CCC office (back door), across from room 24B, with scholarships and other opportunities for students. Please check it out. I have recently added information about CA Community Colleges for students to check out: Laney, DVC, College of Alameda. Remember, CCC is a great pathway to earning a 4 year degree.

[California Alarm Association](#) Are you a child of active duty peace officers or firefighters in the State of California, graduating from high school? The members of the CAA offer 10 regional chapter scholarships (a minimum of \$1000 each) and one \$6000 state scholarship. **Application due April 7, 2026.**

[Wa Sung Community Service Club Merit Award Scholarships](#)

Wa Sung Community Service Club began awarding scholarships in 1957 to outstanding students of Asian descent graduating from high schools in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Since then over 800 scholarships have been awarded. The scholarships are funded from the Perpetual Scholarship Fund, fundraising events, and generous donations from individuals. Each year, 10 to 15 scholarships of \$1,500 each are awarded. We usually accept applications between March and April, and hold the award ceremony in May. Interested applicants should check the Wa Sung website in March for scholarship information and for downloading the application form. Applications are evaluated based on a number of criteria including scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service activities, leadership, and financial need. Membership in Wa Sung Community Service Club is not required. **The deadline date and time to receive the complete application packet is April 5, 2026 at 11:59 PM PST.** Applicants will be notified by the last week of April. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

[Click here to Apply to 2026 Merit Scholarship](#)

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Golden Gate Section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE-GGS)-**Deadline extended to April 10, 2026**

- Graduating female students from Bay Area high schools who plan to pursue degrees in engineering or computer science. Incoming or current community college students who plan to transfer to a 4-year accredited university are also considered for our [scholarships awards](#). **Due April 3, 2026.**

[Link to many current scholarships.](#) This list is updated weekly! Please check out the link for others not listed above.

- And here is a link to Scholarships.com [Scholarships for the 2025-26](#) school year. This list has many small and large \$ scholarships, some essays, some not.
- Here's a [great link to books for both admissions and how to pay for college.](#)

Here is a [link on ways to craft the essays for scholarships.](#)

Scholarships are available for all students to research and apply at every grade level. This means **you can apply for scholarships in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade.** The earlier you start applying, the more financially aware and prepared you will be when you're ready to pay for college. It takes time to find the scholarships, so set aside 30 minutes a week (at least) to get started.

[And here is a great link from UC Davis with great advice when researching scholarships!](#)

And here are a few good websites to use for your search are:

- [Scholarships.com](#): daily/monthly scholarships are sent to your email address. Some have essays, some not.
- [College Board Big Futures](#): matches scholarships based on student interests
- [FastWeb Scholarships](#): similar to above
- [Cappex](#): need to create an account to have access to scholarships
- [CollegeXpress](#): can search by major
- [StudentScholarships](#): I just discovered this website. New to me.
- Individual college campuses: check the websites for each college you're applying to and search scholarships. For example: [University of Puget Sound](#)
- Local organizations (i.e. Kiwanis, Elks)
- Parent/Guardian places of employment (i.e. Chevron)
- [Eastbayconsortium.org](#)
- [APIA Scholarships](#)
- [CareerOneStop](#)
- [Minority Scholarship Opportunities](#)
- [Scholarships for Women](#)
- [Colleges that Meet 100% Demonstrated Need for US Students Regardless of Citizenship Status](#)
- [Women's Golf Scholarships](#) (the link is general, so you need to search for eligibility)
- [Top 175 Scholarships](#) (another site, shared by a parent, a little easier to read/navigate)

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All Grade Levels

Upcoming **April 14th**: How to be “Uniquely You”: Authenticity in College Admissions. **May 6**: Navigating College Admissions, **July 15**: Show Me the Money, **August 19**: College Admissions Q&A for Seniors The link below will lead you to this event.

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FEB. 10 - 2026 TUESDAY, 6:30 PM CT	What Colleges Really See: Turning High School Choices into Admissions Wins
MARCH 3 - 2026 TUESDAY, 6:30 PM CT	AI in College Admissions: What's Risky, What's Not & What Colleges Think
APR. 14 - 2026 TUESDAY, 6:30 PM CT	How to be “Uniquely You”: Authenticity in College Admissions
MAY 6 - 2026 WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM CT	Navigating College Admissions: A Q&A for First-Gen & Immigrant Families
JULY 15 - 2026 WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM CT	Show Me the Money: Finding Scholarships for College
AUG. 19 - 2026 WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM CT	College Admissions Q&A for Seniors: Your Ultimate Application Roadmap

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SUMMER Opportunities

[The Jimmy Awards seeks two Student Reporters](#) from around the country to travel to New York and cover the Jimmy Awards on Monday, June 22, 2026, on the official Jimmy Awards social media channels. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a high school producing a Qualifying Show adjudicated by an official Regional Awards Program (RAP) of the Jimmy Awards during the 2025-26 school year. Applicants must be submitted by a participating RAP with a maximum of two (2) submissions per RAP. Applicants must not be students who are competing to participate as a nominee in the Jimmy Awards. **Applicant submissions are due to The Jimmy Awards by 5pm ET on Monday, April 13.**



The Jimmy Awards will provide the following for the two selected students plus one chaperone each:

- Round-trip airfare
- Overnight lodging for Saturday, June 20; Sunday, June 21; and Monday, June 22
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Sunday, June 21, and Monday, June 22
- Tickets to the ceremony at Broadway's Minskoff Theatre
- After-Party passes

Other Opportunities

Community College

CA Community College Summer Courses are rolling out. Check out a class to learn something new and not available in PUSD. This is a great opportunity for all high school students to explore a subject that you're thinking of majoring in, take a deeper dive into a hobby like photography or culinary arts, get some exercise with the physical education classes, or get curious about a trade. All high school students take these courses for free, or a nominal fee for supplies. And by taking a class you are building your college transcript. Taking a UC or CSU approved course will work towards earning credit in college too. Here is a link to a document I created on [how to search for courses in the Peralta system](#).

[Summer Python Coding](#), This hands-on college level class designed to introduce students to the world of python through fun, engaging, and skill-building activities. Best of all, it's completely free for students. Students can work through to receive college credit and work towards DVC certificate for data analytics.

Interested in the [Trades](#), check out this article for more information.

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Pre-College Summer Programs

REGISTER NOW Summer sessions open now to apply! I've updated the Pre-College list for summer opportunities. Many are in person and have applications to complete **with deadlines**. Please check those out if you're interested.

Most of these programs charge a fee. And some have scholarships. If you're looking for a scholarship to participate, it is recommended that you apply early and inquire directly about these scholarships. Here is a link to [Free/Lower Fee Pre-College Summer Programs](#). Check each out to learn more about their programs and deadlines.

PUSD does not promote any of these programs, I'm sharing them from emails received at the College/Career Center. Students should do what they feel will best reflect their interests and not for college application purposes.

The following programs are available **throughout the year**:

- [Dartmouth PreCollege Online](#)
- [Rice University Pre-College](#)
- [Notre Dame Pre-College Online](#)
- [Northwestern Pre-College Online](#)
- [Georgetown University Pre-College Online](#)
- [Wake Forest Pre-College](#)
- [New York Tech Business Bootcamp](#)-Free workshops for high school students
- [Harvard Medical Pre-College Online Certification](#)

The following programs are for the **summer only**:

- [UCSC Silicon Valley Extension Pre-College](#)
- [Seattle University Pre-College](#)
- [Northeastern Pre-College-Residential and Online Programs](#)
- [Indiana University Bloomington Pre-College Programs](#)
- ~~[Brown Pre-College](#): application is open now, rolling admission until full.~~
- ~~[RISD Pre-College](#) *Use coupon code PGOSUMMER26 to save \$250 on tuition for RISD Pre-College Online. Offer expires 11:59 pm ET on 11/26/25. Offer does not apply to previous class purchases and cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Offer subject to change or cancellation without notice.~~
- [Smith Pre-College \(in person summer\)](#): Deadline March 1st
- ~~[Lehigh Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive \(in person\)](#): Priority Admission Deadline 2/15/26~~
- ~~[Carnegie Mellon Pre-College \(in person\)](#): Early Deadline 2/1, Regular Deadline 3/1~~
- ~~[UW-Badger Pre-College \(in person\)](#) Application opens 1/12/26. 1st come 1st serve.~~
- [University of Montana Summer Exploration Program \(in person\)](#): rolling until April 15th
- [Fordham Pre-College Program](#): Deadline: April 30, 2026
- [UNC Asheville Pre-College Program](#)-rolling admissions
- [Colorado College Summer Pre-College Program](#): priority deadline February 1st.
- ~~[Emory Pre-College Program](#): January 26th Regular Submission; final deadline March 1st~~
- [Emmanuel College](#): July 18–August 1, 2026, has a Summer Nursing program
- ~~[Stanford Summer Humanities Institute \(due date February 2nd\)](#)~~
- ~~[Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Program \(due date March 13\)](#)~~

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- [Great Books Summer Programs \(various locations\)](#)
- [Harvey Mudd College is launching ASPIRE](#) **March 15 priority application deadline** and will continue to review applications on a rolling basis after that date as long as space remains available.
- [Sports Industry Academy | Hosted at UC Santa Barbara](#) July 12-17, 2026 (fee increases after March 1)
- UCLA Summer Arts: **Application opens February 18th**
 - [Summer Art Institute](#): Learn drawing, painting, photography, and sculpture, from the nation's #1 ranked graduate fine arts program
 - [AI & Art Summer Institute](#): Only program of its kind exploring the intersection of artificial intelligence and art
 - [Design Media Arts Summer Institute](#): Explore design across 2D and 3D worldbuilding, motion design, and interactive media
 - [Game Lab Summer Institute](#): Learn game design as an artistic practice
 - [TeenArch Summer Institute](#): Experience a college level architectural studio

Volunteer Opportunities:

KQED recently posted what non profits are saying “actually helps” when it comes to volunteering. And they provided a link to [HandsOn Bay Area’s calendar of volunteer projects](#) throughout the Bay Area.

Quick pointers included:

- It’s ok to start small, try out different roles,
- Want to work with animals, consider volunteering outside the shelters,
- Be open to “under the radar” volunteering opportunities,
- What specialized skills do you offer (i.e speak/write in another language)?
- Find less popular times to volunteer (November and December are usually full while January and February get a drop in volunteers)

**Love helping others?
Have a talent you
want to share?**

Join us in creating meaningful moments for our residents in Memory Care.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
@
LAKESIDE PARK

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Play musical instruments
- Host or assist with art activities
- Enjoy board games, lawn games, or simple conversation
- Lead sing-alongs
- Help with Happy Hour service
- Share something you love — cooking, poetry, music, history, sports, and more

**INTERESTED?
LET'S TALK.**
Call 510-588-5721.
Grant Haywood

LAKESIDE PARK

They are looking for volunteers for the residents. Interested in reading, playing board games, lead sing-a-longs, play musical instruments, assist with art activities, or simple conversation is appreciated. Contact Grant Haywood if interested: 510-588-5721

[Dress Best For Less](#) is looking for volunteers. If you're interested please contact Nagisa Yamamoto (former PHS parent) at nagisa2000@gmail.com or 510-206-0035

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College and Career Center Director

Ms. Manalo-LeClair “Ms M-L” — College & Career Center Director

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[Schedule a 30-minute appointment with me.](#)

Post-High School Planning Checklists:

- [Freshman Year](#)
- [Sophomore Year](#)
- [Junior Year](#)
- [Senior: Fall Semester](#)
- [Senior: Spring Semester](#)

Naviance Guide

- ✧ Here is a [Written guide](#) and a [Video guide](#) to aid in your navigation of Naviance as a post-high school planning tool.
- ✧ As a reminder, here are the steps on: **How to Log Into Naviance**
 - Go to <https://student.naviance.com/auth/fclookup>
 - Type in 'Piedmont,' hit 'Go,' and click on 'Piedmont High School' (same for MHS/PHS students)
 - Select your user type as 'Student'
 - Click 'Continue with Clever' and use your school email to login through Google.
 - **College Visits:** This is where you can see all the upcoming college visits and register to attend. Steps to attend a college visit:
 - Get approval from your teacher if you have to miss class
 - Register to attend the visit through Naviance
 - Print your registration page
 - Have your teacher sign this page when you leave class
 - Colleges I'm Thinking About: By 'hearting' a school, it adds it to your 'Colleges I'm Thinking About' page. Here, you can see the type of application you'll have to fill out as well as the deadlines and you can indicate your level of interest in the schools.
- ✧ **TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS:** You do NOT request transcripts through Naviance! If you need official transcripts sent to an institution, reach out to our Registrar, [Darlene Low](#). And if you are an MHS student, please reach out to [Ms Bernadette](#). Thank you.
- ✧ **LETTER OF REC REQUESTS:** Requests for letters of rec are NOT done through Naviance. Make sure you request in person and then through your application portal!

Extracurriculars

Check out [this Extracurricular list](#) that includes links to opportunities for:

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- ✧ Work-Based Learning
- ✧ Volunteering
- ✧ Internships
- ✧ Pre-College Programs
- ✧ ... and more!

SAT and ACT Testing

If you plan on taking the **SAT**:

- ✧ [dates and registration information](#)
- ✧ [information about fee waiver eligibility](#)

If you plan on taking the **ACT**:

- ✧ [dates and registration information](#)
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