

Senior Class Information

College and Career Center

Mr. Cruz, our College and Career Technician, is available to assist with any questions you may have pertaining to college, classes, careers, financial aid, work permits, SAT/ ACT information, etc. Email him directly at bcruz@pylusd.org.

College Visits

Throughout the year various college representatives will be available. Visits happen throughout the year, but the heaviest time of year is in the Fall. See the [College and Career Center Calendar](#) to see which colleges will be visiting and when.

Senior Appointments/ Meetings

Counselors will be meeting virtually with all seniors starting in October to review transcripts, college applications and discuss career endeavors.

Requirements for College

Community Colleges- diploma or 18 years of age/ www.cccapply.org

Application dates vary, check with your counselor or Mr. Cruz in the winter or early spring.

CSU- A-Gs, minimum 2.5 GPA to apply, SAT or ACT are optional/ www2.calstate.edu/apply

The CSU application filing period is from October 1, 2021- November 30, 2021

UC-A-Gs, minimum 3.0 GPA to apply, SAT or ACT are optional/ www.universityofcalifornia.edu

The UC application filing period is from November 1, 2021- November 30, 2021, but take note that you can start working on the application now.

Private/Independent Colleges/ Universities-varies/ www.aiccu.edu (private schools in CA)

Private school applications vary. Please check the specific college's website for more information.

Future Ready Day

On November 12th, VHS will be hosting Future Ready Day where all seniors will have the opportunity to work on and complete a college application of their choice. Seniors will want to be prepared ahead of time by collecting their Social Security Number/Documentation and having the UC and Common Application responses completed.

Community College Assistance

Community College Representatives from Fullerton College and Santiago Canyon College are available virtually to assist students throughout the application process.

Fullerton College: Schedule a one on one appointment at <https://calendly.com/acrisantosv/fcoutreach>

-Fall **COUN 140** starts in October, interested students complete the steps listed on the [flyer](#).

Santiago Canyon College: Send an email to schedule a one on one appointment at

DeCarpio_Melany@sccollege.edu

Letters of Recommendation

Your counselors are more than happy to write letters of recommendation for college applications, military applications, job applications, etc., but we do need at least **2-3 weeks notice**. Also, we need you to complete a [brag sheet](#) which will assist us in writing you a great letter. **Please note that letters of recommendation are not required for CSU/ UC applications. Some UCs may request a letter later on.**

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Financial Aid for College

We encourage all seniors to complete a financial aid application. Applications are available October 1st, 2021 through March 2nd, 2022. Students with a Social Security Number will fill out FAFSA (fafsa.gov) and DACA or students with no Social Security Number will fill out the California Dream Act (<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>).

We will be hosting a virtual financial aid night in December. This event is for all seniors and their parents. If you are planning to attend a community college, 4 year university or private college then we encourage you to attend.

When attending you will want to gather the following information (if applicable): your Social Security Number/ DACA, parents' and student's 2020 tax documents, parents' citizenship and marital status, etc.

Scholarships

Most scholarships are available between February and April, however there are opportunities released throughout the year. As local scholarship applications become available, they can be found on the [VHS Scholarship website](#).

Grades

If you are planning on attending a 4 year university, your senior year grades do matter. You may have to submit 1st semester grades to the universities and universities will most likely use these grades as an indicator of how the year will progress. You will definitely have to submit final grades to the university and if your grades are not up to their standards, your acceptance could be rescinded.

If you are going to a community college, your senior year grades do matter. You will be expected to do college level work at the community college so train yourself now with efficient study habits. Also, community colleges look at your transcripts in order to place you into college level courses, so you will want to continue to take core classes and maintain your grades throughout senior year.

Counselor Contact

When needed, students can schedule a meeting by filling out a form in the office, or emailing their counselors.

Helpful Links

[Paper](#)- Provides live tutoring 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week

[Khan Academy](#)- Gives access to SAT, ACT, and AP support materials

[Shmoop](#)- Offers study materials for all subject areas including the SAT and ACT

[California Colleges](#)- Provides tools for students to explore college and career opportunities

[Collegeboard](#)- Use the BigFuture site to search colleges and careers

College Link

In the spring Fullerton College will be providing a new set of college level classes for high school students to get **FREE** college credit, keep an eye on the [College Link](#) tab on the district for more information. This is a great opportunity to receive college credit before even graduating high school and will set you up with a small head start leading into your college careers.