

Placer High School SENIOR SCOOP

Class of 2026

Check below for important senior updates and upcoming events at Placer, UC/CSUs, Community Colleges and more!

➤ Check out our **Senior Spotlight** topics at the end of this newsletter.

★ Topic of the Month - [Preparing for Scholarships & College Applications](#)

★ School of the Month - [Explore all Community College Has to Offer](#)



Welcome to Senior Year!

As you are heading into your final year of high school, there will be some things you want to start thinking about. Our Senior Scoop newsletter comes out once a month and includes information on important opportunities after high school. Every Senior Scoop will include important upcoming events and workshops, information about senior year and college deadlines, financial aid opportunities, along with a college & career showcase. This month, we will be focusing on the opportunities and offerings in our community colleges.

You can also check out our [Senior Central](#) website for more information on:

★ Graduation (*cap, gown, etc.*)

★ Senior Event Tickets

★ Senior Portraits

★ Scholarship Opportunities

★ FAFSA/CADAA Financial Aid

★ All THINGS Senior Packet

★ Information on 2-year & 4-year College option

COUNSELING UPDATES

Senior Presentation by Counselors:

During the last week of August, our counselors will hold a Senior Class Advisory during Senior English or Government/Economics class. The presentation will also be available in the next Scoop and emailed to students.

OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

4-Year College or University, Community College or Trade School

➔ If you are planning to apply straight to a **4-year college**, applications are primarily due in the fall and there will be various other deadlines throughout the year.

◆ UCs and Common App Schools require personal statements. Check out the prompts here: [UC Personal Insight Questions/Common App Prompts](#)

➔ **Community College** - there are so many different avenues to pursue in our Community Colleges. See our College of the Month below for more information.

➔ **Trade Schools** - deadlines vary throughout the year and many are built into Community Colleges like Sierra College and American River College.



Here are some important admission/application dates and deadlines for you to keep in mind this year:

- ★ It's OPEN: [UC Application](#) and [Common App](#) for Fall of 2025 are now open
- ★ **October 1st:** CSU Application Opens & Submission Open for UC App
- ★ **October 1st:** FAFSA/CADA Expected to Open (*Tentative*)
- ★ **December 1st:** UC Application Final Deadline Dec. 1st
- ★ **December 2nd:** CSU Application—some CSU's have additional extensions
- ★ **March 2nd:** FAFSA/CADA Priority Deadline
- ★ **May 15th:** Final Date to Commit to a UC College, *Out-of-State, Private, and Trade Schools have varying deadlines!*

Military

- If you are interested in joining the **Military**, be sure to connect with a recruiter to discuss your options. If you want to take the ASVAB here at Placer please fill out this [google form](#).

Joining the Workforce

- For those of you undecided, planning to **work**, or pursuing a different option, this is a good time to explore careers and create a resume.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS ON THE HILL



Hill Time Workshops for Seniors

Hill Time is a great way to take advantage of all that the counseling department has to offer this year. We will be holding workshops on a variety of topics from **scholarship applications, college essays, trade & technical programs to choosing your college and major.**

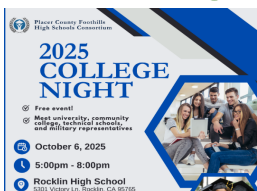
We also have many different college representatives come out and talk about their programs. It is an excellent way to learn about your options next year. Check back for future Hill Time events.

Upcoming Hill Time Workshops - Sign Up in Flexi!

Wed.	9/3	UC College App Workshop
Wed.	9/10	UC & Common App College Workshop
Wed.	9/17	UC & Common App College Workshop
Tues.	9/23	Scholarship Workshop
Fri.	9/26	CSU College App Workshop
Thurs.	9/25	University of Redlands
Fri.	9/26	Willamette University

To sign up in Flexi, use the category filter and select Counseling. You'll see all the college, career, & counseling sessions offered that day regardless of counselor.

2025 College Night



Don't miss the free 2025 College Night at Rocklin High School on Monday, October 6th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Meet college & university representatives, community college, technical schools and military representatives. Learn more about various programs, scholarship opportunities, financial aid and more. [Click here](#) for more information.

Sierra College Preview Day

Join Sierra for their 2025 Preview Day coming up **Saturday, October 4** from 10am - 2pm! Preview Day is open to prospective students, families and community members and provides an opportunity to explore the campus and see what Sierra College has to offer.

Register and find out more details [here!](#)



TOPIC OF THE MONTH: Preparing for Scholarships & Letters of Recommendation

Now is an excellent time to begin preparing for your scholarship and college applications. Two great ways to get ahead is to start working on your scholarship applications and your letter of recommendation requests. Getting them done will help make your scholarship and scholarship applications a breeze. All these resources and more can be found on [Placer's Financial Aid & Scholarships webpage](#) as well as the links to the individual documents below.

[Placer High School's Senior Scholarship Application](#) is an application template that many of our scholarship opportunities use as their application and includes the following items.

- Checklist for each application packet
- Template for help you build your resume
- Student writing responses you will use in your scholarship applications

[Placer High School Letter of Recommendation Request Instructions](#) will be needed if you are requesting a letter of recommendation from any Placer High School staff and includes instructions for your request. It can also be used when requesting letters of recommendations from outside sources. Keep in mind that you need to **allow at least two weeks** for your request to be completed.

Scholarship Highlights!

Every issue will also highlight scholarship opportunities that are available for your senior. Make sure to check out our [PUHSD Scholarship List](#) for all of our upcoming scholarship opportunities. Last year, our seniors were awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships from the scholarship opportunities from our [PUHSD Scholarship List](#). Make sure to check back often, as more opportunities are added weekly.



- **2025 Coca Cola** Minimum 3.0 GPA. Open to all students. [Click here](#) for more info. & to apply. **DUE 9/30/25**
- **Epic Flight Academy Aviation Scholarship** Must be 16 years or older to apply. A number of different award levels and flight programs from flying to mechanics. [Click here](#) for more info. or to apply. **DUE 10/1/25**

COLLEGE OF THE MONTH - Explore all Community College Has to Offer

There are so many possibilities and options available to you after high school. One option is our local Community Colleges. You can complete your first two years of college and transfer to a 4-year college to continue with your education. You can also earn your [AA/AS degree](#) or earn your [AA/AS degree and transfer](#) to a 4-year college.

Career Technical Education (CTI) Certificate Programs & AA/AS Degrees

Interested in learning more about a specific field? Our local community colleges have a wide variety of programs that offer either skills certificates, certificates of achievement or AA/AS degrees spanning a wide variety of interests.

Sierra College offers 21 Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. Check them out [here](#).

- [Administration of Justice](#)
- [Advanced Manufacturing](#)
- [Allied Health](#)
- [Applied Art & Design](#)
- [Automotive Technology](#)
- [Building Industries](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Early Childhood Education/Human Development](#)
- [Emergency Medical Technician \(EMT\)](#)
- [Fashion Industries](#)
- [Fire Technology](#)
- [Fitness/Trainer/Kinesiology](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Mechatronics](#)
- [Music](#) (Media & Public Events Production)
- [Nursing](#)
- [Photography](#)
- [Recreation Management](#)
- [Sustainable Agriculture](#)
- [Theater Arts](#)
- [Welding Technology](#)

American River College also offers 24 different CTE programs. Check them out [here](#).

- [Auto Technology](#)
- [Biotechnology](#)
- [Culinary](#)
- [Commercial Music](#)
- [Computer Information Service](#)
- [Design & Engineering Technology](#)
- [Dietary Manager Program](#)
- [Early Childhood Education](#)
- [Fire Academy](#)
- [Fitness Specialist](#)
- [Funeral Service Education](#)
- [Geographic Information System \(GIS\)](#)
- [Gerontology](#)
- [Healthcare Interpreter](#)
- [Horticulture](#)
- [Legal Assisting](#)
- [Natural Resources](#)
- [Nursing Program](#)
- [Paramedic](#)
- [Police Academy](#)
- [Respiratory Care](#)
- [Sign Language Interpreter \(ASL\)](#)
- [Speech-Language Pathology Assistant](#)
- [Welding](#)

Financial Assistance, California Promise

The CA Promise program offers different levels of financial assistance for community college. For example, at Sierra College, students who complete their FAFSA applications may qualify to [receive 2 years free](#). If you are interested in another community college, check out their CA Promise program for more information on financial assistance.

Senior Resources

College

- [UC](#)
- [CSU](#)
- [CommonApp](#)
- [CA Community Colleges](#)
- [College Search](#)
- [California Colleges](#)

Scholarships

- [District Scholarship](#)
- [Bulletin](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Scholarships360](#)
- [FinAid.org](#)
- [FastWeb](#)
- [SallieMae](#)

Career

- [OneStop](#)
- [Career Search](#)

Placer Resources

- [Letter of Rec Request](#)
- [College Planning for Seniors](#)

[Title IX/Title II Reminders](#)