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College Reps to Visit Rosary!

Bring your lunch, dessert will be served.

September

28 USC Room 109

October

1 St. Mary's Coll. Indiana (break)
1 University of La Verne
2 University of Redlands (break)
3 Notre Dame de Namur (break)
3 Chaminade University
4 Dominican University
8 Marymount College
9 UC Irvine
12 Boston College
15 FIDM
16 Washington State Univ. (break)
18 Drew University (break)
19 Vanderbilt University (2nd break)
23 Mount St. Mary's
19 University of Dallas
24 St. Mary's Moraga (break)
24 Loyola New Orleans (2nd break)
24 University of San Diego
30 Seattle University

November

8 Whittier College
16 Hillsdale College

Plan ahead: October 10th is the letter of recommendation request deadline for your November 1st application due dates.

From your counselors:

Congratulations---you have made it to your senior year of high school! This will be a very fast, busy, and exciting year for you! We are looking forward to meeting with you beginning this week. If you have not received your postcard notification please see your counselor to verify your scheduled time. Remember to bring your transcript check form, college planning homework and your completed senior data recommendation form to your college planning appointment.

Cap and Gown measurement will be held in the Assembly Hall at lunch on Tuesday, October 2. All seniors must stop by sometime during lunch. At this time, you will also be providing your full name as it will appear on your diploma.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." Php 4:6

Upcoming College Fairs:

Tri-School College Fair

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Servite High School Gym
6:45 p.m.

Over 110 colleges and universities will be represented.

Visual and Performing Arts College Fair

Sunday, October 28, 2007

UCLA Ackerman Union, Grand Ballroom

Los Angeles, CA – Free Admission - 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meet with representatives from universities, colleges, and conservatories. Discuss admission, financial aid, portfolio days and auditions. For more information visit www.nacacnet.org/fairs.html or call 1-800-822-6285.

West Coast Christian College Fairs

Wednesday, October 10, Whittier Christian HS
501 North Beach Blvd. Whittier – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 13, Calvary Chapel HS
3800 S. Fairview, Santa Ana – 10:30 am -1:00 pm

Thursday, October 11, Saddleback Church
Lake Forest – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Information regarding regional and national Christian Colleges and Universities. Free admission and financial aid workshop. For more information visit www.naccap.org/fairs or call 888-423-2477.

ACSA/AIAS Architecture College + Career Expo

Saturday, September 29, 2007

USC School of Architecture – Watt Courtyard 10:30 am -3:30 pm
Co-Sponsored by Woodbury University

Meet with school representatives to learn about beginning your architectural career and attend a special Portfolio Design Workshop by expert Harold Linton (portfoliodesign.com)
Free student registration online at www.asca-arch.org.



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UC Updates: Fall 2008 Applicants The online application for fall 2008 will open October 1st so that you can begin working on it. You must submit your application November 1–30 at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. UC does not require and will not accept letters of recommendation.

Before you begin your application:

- 1. GATHER YOUR INFORMATION FIRST.** Having everything you'll need in hand before you start your application means you won't be stuck trying to get everything on the last day. High school transcripts and community college transcripts if applicable. Misreporting your academic record can jeopardize your admission
 - 🔗 Test scores (and test dates for upcoming exams you plan to take)
 - 🔗 Activities and awards (prepare concise descriptions of your most significant awards and activities (extracurricular, volunteer and paid) and the length of time involved. You may list up to five entries in each category, so think carefully about what you want to highlight.
 - 🔗 Annual income (optional)
 - 🔗 Parent's residency (optional). Know the date they moved to the state where they legally reside.
 - 🔗 Social Security Number
 - 🔗 ELC ID number (if applicable) Students who are designated a Eligible in the Local Context will receive a notification letter by mid October with a 12-digit identification number
 - 🔗 Citizenship status
 - 🔗 Credit card. Know the account number, expiration date, cardholder's name and billing address.
 - 🔗 Statewide Student ID is **not** applicable to Rosary students
- 2. RESEARCH YOUR MAJOR OPTIONS.** There may be different degree programs at several UC campuses that can get you to your career goal; knowing what they are will give you more options when you apply.
- 3. APPLY BROADLY.** All UC-eligible California residents who apply on time will be offered admission at one of the University's nine undergraduate campuses, but not necessarily at their campus of choice. Students who research and apply to several campuses are more likely to be admitted to a campus they know they want to attend.
- 4. PICK AN E-MAIL ADDRESS AND STICK WITH IT.** Campuses e-mail applicants regularly to request or clarify information; they often need a quick response. Provide an e-mail address that you'll check regularly and keep until you enroll. Update your spam filters to ensure that you receive all UC communications. Check your "junk" folder occasionally to ensure that correspondence is not being filtered out.
- 5. TAKE THE ONLINE APPLICATION VIRTUAL TOUR.** Walk through each step to get answers to common questions. Once you start your application, you can jump to the tour by clicking the "show me how" link within each step. Go to www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/apptour.
- 6. WRITE YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT IN ADVANCE.** Your personal statement – consisting of responses to two prompts – is your chance to tell us who you are and what's important to you. Think of it as your opportunity to introduce yourself to the people reading your application. Be open, be honest, be real. What you tell them in your personal statement gives readers the context to better understand the rest of the information you've provided in your application.

Read each prompt carefully and be sure to respond to all parts. Avoid using the same topic (or examples) in both responses. Every piece of *new* information can add clarity to your application. When writing you want to explain, not philosophize; add depth, not theory to your application. Use specific, concrete examples to support the points you want to make. Take time to write, rewrite and edit. Show it to a teacher, counselor or friend for comments, but make sure the words you use are your own.

A Personal Statement Worksheet can be downloaded from the University of California Santa Barbara website at <http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu/Pdf/PersonalStatement2008.pdf>.

Finally, relax. This is one of many pieces of information UC considers in reviewing your application; an admission decision will not be based on your personal statement alone.

Instructions: Respond to both prompts, using a maximum of 1,000 words total. You may allocate the word count as you wish. If you choose to respond to one prompt at greater length, they suggest your shorter answer be no less than 250 words. Stay within the word limit as closely as you can. A little over – 1,012 words, for example – is fine.

Prompt #1 Describe the world you come from – for example, your family, community or school - and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations.

Prompt #2 Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

Following the personal statement, there's a section called Additional Comments. Use this space – up to 500 words – to tell UC anything you want them to know about you or your academic record that you have not had the opportunity to describe elsewhere in the application.

TIPS FOR WRITING THE PERSONAL STATEMENT: (courtesy of UC Berkeley)

UCB uses the Personal Statement to discover and evaluate distinctions among applicants whose academic records are often very similar; and gain insight into your level of academic, personal and extracurricular achievement. To write an effective personal statement you should:

Thoughtfully described not only what you've done, but also the choices you have made and what you have gained as a result.

Allow sufficient time for:

- reflection
- thoughtful preparation
- several revisions; and
- careful composition. Correct grammar, spelling, and sentence structure will enhance your personal statement's effectiveness.

- 7. PURSUE ALL POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.** UC Campuses and alumni associations award a variety of scholarships based on a student's merit, financial need, or both. Visit www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/scholarships.html. to research deadlines and additional requirements. There are also "restricted" scholarships available to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career goals. You can apply for these scholarships in Step 2 of the application by matching your own background characteristics and interests to the lists provided. The lists are long, but it's worth the time to go through them.

Additional information:

IMPORTANT: Create a user name and password that you'll remember easily. Record it and keep it in a safe place. If you lose your password, PATHWAYS allows you to create a new one, but if you forget your user name, you'll have to start a new application. **Disable pop-up blockers** in order to view the part of the application that display in pop-up windows.

Use the correct browser. The application functions only with newer browsers (for example Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher or Netscape 7.1 or higher (which you can download from the application site). The online application is highly secure; often older browsers are not equipped to handle the necessary level of encryption.

UC PREVIEW DAYS

University of California, Santa Cruz Preview Day Saturday, October 13, 2007, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. No reservations required. Arrive at the main campus entrance and follow the signs to Preview Day Parking. For further information, call (831) 459-4008, or e-mail admissions@ucsc.edu. Learn more about UCSC with tours of the academic facilities, residential colleges, and more. Visit the Bay Tree Bookstore, McHenry Library, and recreational facilities. Professors and advising staff from academic programs will be available for questions and discussion. There will be workshops on Admissions, Financial Aid and Educational Opportunity Program. For more information visit: admissions.ucsc.edu/pday07.

University of California, Davis Preview Day: Saturday, October 20, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. The day includes academic college presentations, financial aid and student housing presentations, academic programs and student activities fair, admission and application workshops for prospective students, and campus and housing tours. Parents are encouraged to come learn about resources for families and to speak with parents of current students. Parking \$6.00. Pre-registration requested online at admissions.ucdavis.edu/previewday. For more information contact Undergraduate Admissions (530) 752-2971.

University of California, Los Angeles Arts Information Day: Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Schoenberg Hall, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Learn about the variety of visual and performing arts majors at UCLA. Presentation includes department descriptions, application process, portfolio/audition requirements, housing, student life, and financial aid/scholarships. School of the Arts and Architecture and School of Theater, Film and Television.

University of California, Riverside Preview Day. Saturday, October 27, 10 am - 3 pm. Academic and student life presentations, freshman admissions presentations, tours of campus and housing facilities. Reservations recommended. Free parking in designated lots. Overnight HOST program is available (reservations required). For more information contact Undergraduate Recruitment (951) 827-4531, e-mail: discover@ucr.edu, web: preview.ucr.edu.

University of California, Santa Barbara Fall Preview Days: Mondays-Saturdays in October. Freshman admission presentations at 11:00 a.m. Campus tours at noon (Monday-Saturday) and 2:00 pm (Monday-Friday). No reservations required. Parking \$8 Monday-Friday; \$2 nights and weekends. For more information contact the Visitor Center (805) 893-2487, e-mail: campustours@sa.ucsb.edu, or web: www.admissions.ucsb.edu/visitUCSB.

University of California, San Diego Application Workshops Saturday, October 13, and Saturday, November 10, 9 am – 2 pm. Workshop on completing the application, campus tour and information session. Regular campus tours Monday thru Saturday at 11 am. Free Parking. For more information call Admissions and Relations with Schools (858) 534-4831.

CSU Updates:

The initial filing period for the CSU system is October 1 through November 30. CSU does not accept personal statements, essays, or letters of recommendation. Apply online at www.csumentor.edu. The most important message from the CSU Campuses is **APPLY EARLY! Keep all correspondence from each campus. Some campuses will issue school specific ID numbers and PINs. You may need this information to access your application file/status.** Be sure to respond in a timely manner to all requests for additional information. **Check your e-mail on a regular basis! E-mail is the preferred method of correspondence for many CSU campuses.**

For admission purposes, California State University accepts courses on the University of California list of "Courses to Meet Requirements for Admission to the University of California". Courses on the "A-G" List can be used to meet CSU requirements in the designated subject areas or may be used as electives. For a complete list of Rosary's approved courses, visit <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/>

If you do not have an e-mail address, you can get one for free at www.csumentor.edu. CSU Mentor allows you to explore possible majors and potential schools and take a virtual tour of all 23 CSU campuses.

Be sure to send test scores directly from the testing agency (ACT or SAT). The SAT code for CSUMentor is 3594. Sending your SAT scores to CSUMentor will allow all CSU campuses access to your scores. ACT does not have a single testing code. **NEW:** To have your scores be available to all CSU campuses, you must send your scores to **any** CSU school in the traditional manner. Approximately one week later you will be able to release these scores through CSUMentor to any CSU campus. You can either release your scores on the actual application, or you can release your scores to multiple campuses through the "ACT Score Manager" available on the CSUMentor "Apply Online" website. There is no additional charge for release of your scores to additional CSU campuses. You also have the option to release future scores. Follow the directions on the website carefully. The final testing date *most* CSU campuses will accept is the December SAT and ACT. The final testing date for Long Beach is October. CSU only looks at the critical reading and math scores from the SAT reasoning test, and does not require the optional writing portion of the ACT.

The **CSU English Placement Test (EPT)** must be completed by all entering undergraduates, with the exception of those who present proof of one of the following: a score of 550 or above on the critical reading section of the SAT Reasoning test, a score of 24 or above on the ACT English Test, a score of 680 or above on the SAT Subject Test, Writing, or a score of 3 or above on either the AP English Language or AP English Literature examination. Most campuses want the EPT completed by May, some campuses have an earlier deadline. For more information visit the web at www.ets.org/csu/index.html. The California State University has developed a web site to ensure English Success. Visit www.csuenglishsuccess.org and find out about the CSU EPT requirement, learn how to meet the requirement, track your progress with the site's personalized road map and interactive checklist, try the EPT assessments and practice problems to see what skills you need to improve, and listen to advice from other students.

The **CSU Entry Level Mathematics (ELM)** must be completed by all entering undergraduates, with the exception of those who present proof of one of the following: a score of 550 or above on the mathematics section of the SAT Reasoning Test, a score of 23 or above on the ACT Mathematics Test, a score of 550 or above on the SAT Subject IIC Mathematics Test, or a score of 3 or above on the AP Calculus examination. Most campuses want the ELM test completed by May, some campuses have an earlier deadline. The California State University has developed a web site to ensure Math Success. Visit www.csumathsuccess.org and find out about the CSU ELM requirement, learn how to meet the requirement, track your progress with the site's personalized road map and interactive checklist, try the ELM assessments and practice problems to see what skills you need to improve, and listen to advice from other students.

CSU CAMPUS PREVIEW DAYS AND CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION: It's crucial during your senior year to stay on top of deadlines for applications, testing, housing, scholarships, and financial aid. **This is a partial list designed to supplement your personal research.**

CSU Bakersfield **University Roadrunner Day** Saturday, October 27, 2007 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. CSUB Student Union. Campus tours, on the spot admissions, academic workshops, and housing tours. Lunch provided. RSVP by emailing rsvpoutreach@csub.edu.

CSU Channel Islands **University Open House** October 13. Open House is an opportunity for students and the community to visit the newest California State University. Visitors will have an opportunity to attend a variety of workshops about academic programs, admissions, financial aid, campus history and future, and housing, and take a campus tour. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Submit your official transcript to CSUCI at the time of your application. You can apply for housing at CSUCI only after you have been admitted.

Cal Maritime Academy **Preview Day** November 10. Preview Days is for prospective students and their families. RSVP 1-800-561-1945 or visit the web at www.csum.edu/previewday. All applicants must apply online, and must declare a major before they will be admitted to Cal Maritime. There are no impacted programs at Cal Maritime; all applicants who are academically qualified will be admitted.

CSU Chico **Preview Day** October 27, 9:00 am. Participate in campus tours, financial aid workshops, meet with academic department representatives, ride the student trolley to tour the city, meet with admissions representatives, tour the residence halls, and meet with student support representatives. For additional information call 800-542-4426 or visit the web at

www.csuchico.edu/admissions. Housing at CSU Chico is offered by "Priority Placement according to submittence of online application." Apply April 1, 2008.

Dominguez Hills **A Day at Dominguez** November 17. This is one of the biggest events on campus each year and is an excellent opportunity for prospective high school students and parents and counselors to explore every aspect of our university. You will meet representatives from academic departments, clubs and organizations, and student service areas. Informative parent and student workshops will be offered on a variety of important topics. Tours of the main campus and University Housing will be conducted on a continuous basis. Don't miss this special day at Cal State Dominguez Hills. Register online at www.csudh.edu/outreach/dayatdominguezregistration.html. CSUDH recommends that you submit your official transcript at the time of your application.

CSU East Bay **Discover and Explore Cal State East Bay Preview Day** Saturday, October 13, 2007, 8:30 am – 2 pm., University Union. Free parking in all lots; Lot B recommended. You will learn about academic programs and majors, attend presentations on admission and financial aid, meet students from different clubs and organizations, and go on tours of the campus and residence halls. Register for this free event at www.csueastbay.edu/openhouse or call (510) or call (510) 885-2556.

CSU Fresno Applicants are required to obtain a Fresno state e-mail upon receipt of their acknowledgement letter. Communications from Admissions: The University has a policy that all communication regarding the status of your application will be sent via email to your Fresno State email account. Therefore, your acknowledgement letter is the only U.S. mail that you will receive from the Admissions Office until an admissions decision is made. All communications regarding documents or transcripts needed to process your application will be sent via email or will be posted on your Student Portfolio. The university application and admission process is separate from University Courtyard's on-campus living application process. You must apply separately and housing is subject to availability at the time your completed on-campus living application packet is received. You are encouraged to submit the completed on-campus living application packet immediately upon receiving it or by April 1 for your best opportunity to receive on-campus living.

CSU Fullerton On campus housing is limited. Therefore, it is critical that individuals interested in living on campus submit Housing Applications EARLY. Students do not have to be admitted to the University to submit a Housing Application. HOWEVER, University admission is required before a housing space can be offered. The application is available online at <https://www.fullerton.edu/housing/applicationform.asp>. Students are encouraged to apply early.

CSU Humboldt **Fall Admissions Day** October 27. Instant Admission - no waiting! Apply online to Humboldt State University starting October 1st. Submission deadline for Fall Admissions Day participants is October 22. Register for Fall Admissions Day by October 25, 2007 at www.humboldt.edu or call toll free 866-850-9556. Receive your Certificate of Admission for Fall 2008 at Fall Admissions Day. You will have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff and students, and learn about the Academic Departments, Financial Aid, Housing, Student Life and other student support programs. The Spring Preview will be held on April 11-12, 2008.

CSU Los Angeles **Eagle Fest** Saturday, February 16, 2008. Tours, campus information, workshops, meet faculty, free food and prizes. For more information, contact (323) 343-3839 or visit www.calstatela.edu.

CSU Monterey Bay **Open House** October 13, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. at the World Theater. Optional Additional Events: Join us for Homecoming! 12 - 2 p.m. Kelp Kraze Festival - 2 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. CSU San Bernardino (FREE ADMISSION FOR OPEN HOUSE PARTICIPANTS). Register by emailing your name, cell phone number, home phone number, and address to openhouse@csumb.edu.

Cal Poly Pomona **Preview Day** October 27, 9am – 2 pm. Preview Day is an excellent way for prospective students to become familiar with Cal Poly Pomona and experience the uniqueness of our campus. You will become acquainted with programs and services, and have an opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, and current students. Register online at dsa.csupomona.edu/admissions/previewday.asp. Students interested in on-campus housing should submit their request for housing information in the fall. Applications will become available in early spring. For additional questions call (909) 869-3262.

CSU Sacramento **Preview Day** Saturday, October 13, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Tour the campus, attend an information session on admissions, housing and financial aid, and meet with faculty. Free parking! For more information visit www.csus.edu and look for "Preview Day" or call (916) 278-7875. Also: check out Homecoming. Loads of fun activities right after Preview Day at www.csus.edu/homecoming.

CSU San Bernardino **Open Invite** – Start your journey to success at CSUSB's Open House Saturday, October 27, 9 am to 2 pm, Santos Manuel Student Union. Complimentary parking in Lot "D." Please RSVP by October 24 at (909) 537-5188 or e-mail asrevents@csusb.edu. Meet with outstanding faculty and staff, take a campus tour, attend workshops and club fair and talk to an admission counselor.

CSU San Jose **San José State University Spartan Preview Day** Saturday, October 20, 9 am – 12 noon. Take a campus tour, attend an information fair, obtain admissions information and learn about academic colleges. For more information and to register go to www.sjsu.edu/visit.

CSU San Diego **SDSU At-a-Glance Tours** offered selected weekends during the fall semester, takes place from 10 a.m. - 1 pm. The SDSU tour includes the following: Information session for prospective students that includes the following topics: Why SDSU? - Admissions and housing information - Walking tour of the SDSU campus - and a special feature on an academic program, study abroad (October 6); business administration college and major (October 20); pre-professional studies - programs that feature pre-health, pre-dental, pre-law, etc. (November 3); and engineering college and major (November 17). If

you are interested in majoring in business administration or engineering, or going into a pre-professional program, you are especially encouraged to attend the special SDSU At a Glance tour featuring these programs. Reservations are required. These tours fill up quickly; no walk-in spaces are available. Register online at <https://monet.sdsu.edu/es/mySDSU/myTour/fres.cfm>. Applicants are encouraged to request an on-campus housing license agreement once they have applied for admission to SDSU and have received their SDSU Red ID number.

CSU San Marcos Preview Day October 7, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The day includes information sessions by academic departments, admission and application workshops, campus and residence hall tours, a campus resource and information fair, and entertainment. Reservations can be made online at: <http://www.csusm.edu/admissions/preview/>. Students can apply for housing beginning October 1st, but you will not be able to confirm housing until you have been accepted and submitted your intent to enroll at CSUSM.

CSU San Francisco SFSU has four majors that are closed to first-time freshman: Apparel Design & Merchandising, Interior Design, Nursing and Social Work. Freshmen can apply as Pre-Nursing, Pre-Apparel Design and Merchandising, and Pre-Interior Design and then apply and compete for selection into the major in their junior year. Housing is on a first come, first serve basis for newly admitted freshmen. Housing has a separate application fee and process from admissions. Students need to apply for admission, get their assigned ID, and use that ID to apply for housing. You don't have to be admitted in order to apply for housing. The application process begins October 1, 2007. SFSU recommends that you apply before January. Contact <http://www.sfsu.edu/~housing> for more information.

San Luis Obispo Cal Poly does not offer "undeclared" as a major. You must declare a major upon application. All majors are competitive, and changing majors is not guaranteed. Apply for the major in which you intend to earn a degree. No late applications are processed. Do not send any supporting documents. This includes items such as essays, resumes, portfolios, letters of recommendation and transcripts. Only send additional documents upon request. PLEASE NOTE: unsolicited transcripts and documents will not be processed.

CSU Stanislaus Preview Day October 20. Come and see why CSU Stanislaus earned a coveted spot among the Best 366 Colleges in the Nation as ranked by *The Princeton Review*. Check in begins at 7:00 am at the Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Gateway Building. Parking is free. Preview Day is your opportunity to tour this beautiful campus, talk to faculty, see a cross-country race, learn the latest in the area of financial aid, scholarships, and how to finance graduate school; plus get your admissions questions answered. Also, be admitted! Receive assistance in preparing and submitting an on-line CSU admission application and have your CSU application reviewed for on-site admission. Bring your SAT or ACT test scores, \$55 application fee, and an unofficial copy of your transcript. To register and for more information visit <http://www.csustan.edu/admissions/Events/PreviewDay.asp>.

TESTING UPDATE: SAT Reasoning Test vs. ACT What's the Difference?

ACT	SAT Reasoning
Administered Six times per year	Administered Seven times per year
Five-section exam: English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning, and Writing (optional)	Ten-section exam Three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental
Accepted nationally	Accepted nationally
Curriculum based Test	Reasoning Test
All multiple choice	Math grid-ins
No penalty for guessing	¼ of a point for each wrong answer on multiple-choice questions
Basic Fee: \$30	Basic Fee: \$43
Writing Essay: Optional (add \$14.50) given last (<i>Be sure to check with your prospective schools to determine whether to take the optional writing portion. If you have any questions, see your counselor</i>).	Writing Essay: Mandatory given first
Writing Essay: 30 minutes	Writing Essay: 25 minutes
Scored 1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score 2-12 for Writing Test	Scored 200-800 per section, added together for a score of 600-2400 2-12 for the essay
"Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools receive their scores and which scores the schools see	All scores reported to colleges when a students requests a score report be sent to specific colleges
Register online at www.actstudent.org <i>New for ACT this fall</i> – create an ACT student Web account to register online, view your scores, send scores and make changes to your registration.	Register online at www.collegeboard.com Create one collegeboard account to register for the SAT, view your scores, send scores and make changes to your registration.

SAT Subject Tests:

Subject Tests are designed to measure your knowledge and skills in particular subject areas, as well as your ability to apply that knowledge. Students who are applying to any University of California campus must take two subject tests in two different subject areas. You can take up to three subject tests on one testing day. UC will only use your two highest subject test totals. Other schools may use the Subject Tests for admission and/or placement. Some colleges specify the Subject Tests they require for general admission or for a specific major; others allow applicants to choose which tests to take. Check with your prospective schools to determine which test(s) you should be taking. If you have any questions, please see your counselor.

COLLEGE NEWS AND NOTES: (Check the Career Center for more information) Be sure to be on the mailing list for each of your prospective schools to receive information about special events and upcoming deadlines. Check your prospective schools' web sites for the latest information.

College	Date/Time	Information
National Portfolio Day Association	October 21, San Diego Host Laguna College of Art and Design January 20, LA Host Otis College of Art and Design	National Portfolio Days bring together students and experienced college representatives who review artwork, offer critique, discuss college plans, and share information about their schools. These events are not an examination or a competition. No admissions decisions or scholarship awards will be offered to you at a National Portfolio Day.
Duke University	Wednesday October 10 7:30 pm	Discover Duke Embassy Suites-Orange County Airport 1325 East Dyer Road Santa Ana, CA 92705 For details visit www.admissions.duke.edu
Washington University in St. Louis	Sunday, October 7 1:00 – 2:30 pm	Meet with Silke Sen (Admissions) and Professor Bill Darby, alumni and parents of current students. The Directors Guild of America Theatre 1 7920 Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles, CA No reservations needed. For more info call (800) 638-0700. (A session will be held in Ontario on Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm. For more information visit admissions.wustl.edu)
University of La Verne	Saturday November 10 9:00 am	Preview Day for students and their families RSVP online at ulv.edu/admission/previewday or contact (800) 876-4858
Pepperdine University	November 10, 2007	Preview Day 24255 Pacific Coast Highway Malibu, CA 90263 RSVP by November 5 at http://seaver.pepperdine.edu/admission/RSVP Please note: Priority Application Deadline for the Fall 2008 semester is November 15, 2007. The final application deadline is January 15, 2008
Seattle University	November 15	Seattle University is introducing an Early Action freshman admissions option which enables students the opportunity to apply for early admission and receive early notification. This is non-binding.
University of Dayton		University of Dayton is now a common application school. Apply at www.commonapp.org . You can still apply through the University at admission.udayton.edu/apply . U.S. News & World Report ranks the university as one of the top ten national Catholic universities. <i>Entrepreneur</i> magazine and <i>The Princeton Review</i> both rank the entrepreneurship program number 5 in the country. First-year applicants are automatically considered for an academic scholarship upon admission to UD. Awards range from \$20,00 to \$100,000 awardable over four years.
Pitzer College	November 2 and 9	"Preview Pitzer" Days for Prospective Applicants and their Families. Visit www.pitzer.edu for more information. Please note: November 15 is the Early Decision Application Deadline and December 1 is the last day for interviews for Early Decision applicants. January 1 is the regular decision application deadline.

Barnard College	October 1, 6, 7, 13, 15, and 21	Days at Barnard. Visit the campus and experience all that Barnard has to offer. Register early, as space is limited. Register online at www.barnard.edu/admiss or call (212) 854-2014.
Colgate University	October 14, 17, 20	Colgate Informational Interviews Southern California October 14 – Los Angeles Airport Marriott 10 – 5 pm October 17 – Hilton Pasadena 5 – 8 pm October 20 – San Diego Marriott La Jolla 10 – 5 pm To make an appointment for an informational interview visit www.colgate.edu or call (315) 228-7401.
Tulane University	October 25, 2007 7:00 pm	"Tulane Comes to You" Your opportunity to learn more about Tulane University. Call (800) 873-WAVE for info and to RSVP.
Concordia University	November 8 & 9 March 28, 2008	Preview Days. Students have the opportunity to spend the night at Concordia during "CU Nights" December 1, 2007 and February 2, 2008. To register or for information, visit www.cui.edu or call (800) 229-1200. Please note: If you apply by November 1, you will receive an admission decision by Thanksgiving.
Saint Mary's College of California	October 21 2 – 4 pm	Southern California Information Session. Admissions staff and alumni will answer all your questions about academics, student life, athletics, and "the basics" (admissions, cost, financial aid). To attend, please RSVP to Saint Mary's College: www.smcadmit.com or (800) 800-4SMC.
Santa Clara University	October 13 9 am – 3 pm	Open House. Exclusive campus access-see classrooms, student housing and more. Get the inside story from current students and faculty. Learn information about your options for financial aid and how to apply, and tips to make your application to SCU the best it can be. RSVP online at www.scu.edu/ugrad .
Loyola Marymount University	November 4	Open House. For further details, visit www.lmu.edu/admissions or call (310) 338-2750. The Jesuit Community Scholarship requires a separate application available on the LMU website at http://www.lmu.edu/AssetFactory.aspx?did=18615 .
Salve Regina University	Oct. 28 and Nov. 11 11 am – 3 pm	Open House Programs. For more information and to register online, visit explore.salve.edu/admission/visiting/openhouse.cfm .
Scripps College	November 9 9 am – 3 pm	Preview Scripps College. Explore first-hand what makes Scripps unique: tour the campus, sit in on intensive and intimate classroom discussions, explore academic and extracurricular programs, lunch with current students, and top off your campus experience with an overnight stay in a residence hall. Register by calling the Office of Admission at (800) 770-1333. If you would like to stay overnight in a residence hall on Thursday, November 8, RSVP at two weeks before the event.
Villanova University		Preferred filing dates for the Villanova Preliminary Application: Early Action, Presidential Scholarship Consideration and Accelerated Health Affiliation Programs – October 15, Regular Decision – December 15. Completed application deadline (including the Common Application): Early Action, Presidential Scholarship Consideration and Accelerated Health Affiliation Programs – November 1, Regular Decision – January 7. It is strongly advised that candidates apply to Villanova University by completing the on-line Preliminary Application (www.admission.villanova.edu/application) and the on-line Common Application (www.commonapp.org).
Marquette University		Marquette University encourages you to apply online at Marquette.edu/explore . The application deadline is December 1. Scholarship application begins in October 2007 and the scholarship application deadline is February 1, 2008. Scholarship applications are available online at Marquette.edu/scholarships .
Yale University	Thursday, October 4 7:00 pm	Yale Information Session at Santa Ana High School Auditorium. Assistant Director of Admissions will discuss academic programs, campus life, admissions, and financial aid. Please bring your parents. Registration is optional but STRONGLY encouraged. For registration/directions visit admissions.yale.edu/events .
Emory University	October 7	Admissions Program. Visit www.emory.edu/admissions/travel for location and times, and to register or call (800) 727-6036.

Private Colleges and Universities and some scholarship programs require Letters of

Recommendation. It is important to follow the proper procedure for obtaining letters of recommendation. Give your recommender **at least 15 school days** to complete your letter prior to your earliest deadline. For example, for November 1 application deadlines, request for letters of recommendation should be given to your recommender no later than October 10.



1. Complete your Senior Data Recommendation Form and bring to the Career Center for copying.
2. Obtain a yellow Recommendation Checklist from the Career Center.
3. List all colleges requiring recommendation letters and give application due dates.
4. Attach a copy or rough draft of the essay or personal statement you are sending to the college.
5. Attach the school required Teacher/Counselor recommendation form with the student portion completed and the waiver clause signed. Be sure to indicate Common Application schools!
6. Attach addressed Rosary envelopes for recommendors other than your Counselor (Obtain envelopes from the Career Center).
7. Request your transcript from the Career Center.
8. Ask your recommender if he/she is able to write you a letter of recommendation.
9. Provide your recommender the completed Recommendation Checklist with all appropriate materials attached.
10. Thank your recommender and keep him/her updated with your acceptance status.
11. Inform your recommendors immediately if you drop a college from your list.

Ask the same teachers for all of your recommendations. It is easier for a recommender to print another letter for you than it is for another teacher to write a new letter. If you have any questions or concerns, see your counselor.



SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships preceded by a number are available in the Career Center.

	<p>COCA-COLA Scholars Program: awards merit based scholarships totaling \$3 million. The program is very competitive throughout the U.S. Must be well rounded with a highly developed interest in your community. Applicants are evaluated on demonstrated leadership in school, commitment to community, academic achievement and part-time employment. Applicants <u>must</u> apply online at www.coca-colascholars.org. Deadline: October 31 online application deadline</p>
2	<p>SAE Engineering Scholarships: offers a number of scholarships to qualified students who are interested in the study of engineering and the related sciences. Applicants must meet minimum requirements with regard to grade point average, SAT or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. For more information visit scholarship file #3 or the web at www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm. Deadline: postmarked by December 1, 2007.</p>
6	<p>AXA Achievement Scholarship: awards \$670,000 to AXA Achievers. To qualify, you must demonstrate ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and the ability to succeed in college. Applications are available in scholarship file #6 or on the web at www.axa-achievement.com. Deadline: December 15, 2007</p>
7	<p>Beverage Industry College Scholarship Program: for students with a parent or grandparent employed full time with a company holding a valid California liquor/beer/wine license, who participates in athletics and/or performing arts during both 11th and 12th grades, and who demonstrated outstanding community citizenship as evidenced by student written essay. Information is available in scholarship file #7, but applications must be completed online at www.christermon.com. Deadline: postmarked no later than February 1, 2008.</p>
	<p>Gates Millennium Scholars: provides outstanding low-income African-American, American Indian/Alaska natives, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students financial support for undergraduate education. Students must have a minimum 3.3 GPA and demonstrated leadership abilities. Nomination forms are available at www.gmsp.org. Deadline: January 11, 2008 for online applications and December 31, 2007 for paper applications</p>
	<p>NFAA Awards for Young Artists: open to artists in the performing, literary and visual arts. Dance, Film & Video, Jazz, Music, Photography, Theatre, Visual Arts, Voice and Writing. \$500,000 in cash will be awarded. The registration deadline is October 1 and the Audition/Portfolio deadline is November 5. For more information visit the web at www.NFAA.ARTSawards.org or call 1-800-970-ARTS. Deadline: Registration Deadline is October 1, Audition/Portfolio Materials Deadline November 5</p>
3	<p>National Peace Essay Contest 2007-2008: All students: The United States Institute of Peace invites students to explore complex issues in international peace and conflict resolution by participating in the 2007-2008 National Peace Essay Contest. The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12. The 2007-2008 essay question asks you to analyze the role of natural resources in foreign conflicts. You will make recommendations for how countries coming out of conflict can resolve issues around natural resources in order to build a lasting peace, and how the international community can help in that effort. For more information visit scholarship file #3 or the web at www.usip.org/npec. Deadline: February 1, 2008</p>

Horatio Alger Association: offers scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to students who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Apply online at www.horatioalger.com/scholarships.

Deadline: October 30, 2007

SOF Foundation, Inc.: The SOF Foundation awards up to \$1,000 scholarships to students with financial need. Minimum GPA 2.7. Apply online at www.soffoundation.com

Deadline: December 1, 2007

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Scripps New Generation Scholarship is completely merit based and provides for four years of full tuition, room, board, three roundtrip airfares home each academic year, and funding for one summer research stipend to be used sometime during a student's time at Scripps. The college is seeking high powered academicians holding weighted grade point averages well of 4.0, and SAT scores (Critical Reading and Math) in excess of 1400. Students wishing to apply for the Scripps New Generation Scholarship must submit their application for admission by November 1, 2007. Scripps is an exclusive user of the Common Application; students should indicate they are applying for academic scholarships on the Scripps College Common Application Supplement. This is not an early decision nor early action plan; the admission staff simply needs to identify finalists by the end of the year so that they may attend an on campus event in January 2008. An application fee waiver is available for Rosary to give to an appropriate candidate. If you are interested in the fee waiver, please see your counselor.

Deadline: Notify your counselor ASAP, application must be completed by November 1, 2007

Washington University in St. Louis is seeking candidates for the Danforth Scholars Program who have exhibited a capacity for service and leadership, as well as academic excellence, and who will embrace the challenges of a rigorous academic curriculum. They are especially interested in students who stand out among their peers for their maturity, strong moral character, selflessness, and commitment to community - qualities which embody the essence of the Danforths. If you would like to be nominated for this scholarship, please see your counselor.

Deadline: no later than October 3, 2007

St. Edward's University (Austin, Texas): will offer a guaranteed \$36,000 award to Fall 2008 freshman applicants in the top 20 percent of their class who have at least a 1200 combined critical reading and math SAT of 27 ACT composite score. Students interested in the Trustees Scholar Award may apply for admission on the web at www.gotostedwards.com. No additional application is necessary for the Trustees Scholar Award.

Boston College: offers a comprehensive, full tuition scholarship program. The Presidential Scholars Program attracts students of outstanding talent and character who strive to become leaders with integrity and vision. The program includes 15 full tuition scholarships renewable for four years based upon demonstrated academic merit, an honors program and fully funded summer internships, travel and service programs. Call 800-360-2522 for more information.

Deadline: candidates must apply by the Early Action deadline of November 1

Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia): Emory Scholars Program is one of the most prestigious merit-based scholarship programs in American higher education. Emory Scholar awards span four years of undergraduate study and range from two-thirds tuition to full tuition, room, board, and fees. If you would like to be nominated for this program, please see your counselor ASAP. Your nomination and completed application must be received by Emory by November 1. Emory will gladly accept the Common Application.

Emory University: Goizueta Scholars Program. Emory University's Goizueta Business School offers the Goizueta Scholars award which will support four years of undergraduate study, including study-abroad options, and will range from two-thirds of tuition to full tuition and fees. Goizueta Scholars will have guaranteed admission to the business school and priority access to business classes. If you would like to be nominated for this program, please see your counselor ASAP. Your nomination and completed application must be received by Emory by November 1. Emory will gladly accept the Common Application.

Mount St. Mary's College: offers academic merit "no-need" awards for incoming first-year students with exceptional academic merit ranging between \$6,000 and full-tuition for students who complete and submit the Mount St. Mary's application for admission by December 1 for notification in January or by February 1 for late notification. No separate application is required.

For information about federal student aid visit www.studentaid.gov. The site contains information on everything from college preparation to student loan repayment. Apply today for your PIN at www.pin.ed.gov.

Financial Aid: To Do List

1. Obtain a student and parent PIN at www.pin.ed.gov.
2. CSS Profile application available October 1 at www.collegeboard.com.
3. Plan to file your taxes early! Some schools will require copies of your completed income tax returns.
4. Check prospective schools websites for school-specific scholarships.
5. Check scholarship search engines such as www.fastweb.com for scholarship opportunities.
6. Note scholarship and financial aid application deadlines.
7. Check for college specific financial aid applications.
8. File the FAFSA beginning January 1, 2008 (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and before your earliest financial aid deadline.
9. Rosary will submit all student GPA's for Cal Grant consideration. You must also file the FAFSA by March 2.
10. Meet all deadlines!

