

College Planning Night for Junior Parents January 10, 2018



Class of 2019 Counselors

- **Class Counselor: Nancy Doyle**
- **SF College Advisors:**
 - **Debbie Austin (last names A-K)**
 - **Naomi Lee (last names L-Z)**

Senior Year Course Registration

- 1/9 – 2/23 - If students would like to discuss their course selections for next year they can meet with Mrs. Doyle.
- 1/23-24 – In class presentations
- 1/26/16 – Honors and AP Application Deadline
- 2/26 (Mon.) – 3/4 (Sun.) – Students input course requests into Naviance
- 3/6 – 3/8 - Rising Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Registration Process (Guidance)
 - Every student will have a form with her course requests and she must turn it in signed by both the student and a parent/guardian.
- All course requests will be reviewed by Mrs. Doyle and students will be notified if any corrections need to be made.

SFHS Class of 2017

College Attendance 252(99%)

- 101 Different schools
- Two Year/Community College
 - 25 (10%)
- University of CA
 - 19 (8%)
- California State Univ.
 - 57 (23%)
- CA Private Colleges
 - 47 (19%)
- Out-of-State Private
 - 54 (22%)
- Out-of-State Public
 - 38 (16%)
- U.S. Military Academy
 - 2 (<1%)
- International
 - 2 (<1%)



Choosing a College:

Starbucks

vs.

College Admissions

Best Fit . . . Where To Apply?

Apply broadly to a range of schools with different academic profiles and cost

- **LOTTERY** schools (any school that accepts less than 10% of applicants)
- **REACH** schools (any school that accepts less than 25% of applicants) (or financial reach for families)
- **REALISTIC** schools (you fit the profile of an admitted student)
- **SAFETY** schools (you can fall back on, or you know that you are admissible and it is affordable)
 - ALL should be “first choice” schools
 - Really get to know about your school of interest
 - does it really fit?

Factors for Deciding Where to Apply...

- Cost of Attendance
 - Size of College
- Geographic Location
- Academic Programs
- Social and Spiritual Atmosphere
 - Sports

The Recruited Athlete

- Register @NCAA Eligibility Center.
 - Send in test scores and transcripts
 - Complete Div 1 or Div 2 worksheet to verify eligibility
- Verbal offer, likely letter, and NLI do not guarantee admission.
 - Scholarships are not guaranteed for 4 years
 - Scholarships vary in value
- Always have a back up plan.

Cost of College

- Learn as much as you can about cost of college and financial aid
 - Go to **finaid.org** and use the EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) Calculator
 - Research financial aid/scholarships at the college(s) your daughter is considering **and use the net price calculator**
 - Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Scholarship **www.wiche.edu/wue**
 - Attend the Paying for College Workshop
- Have an honest conversation ASAP about what your family can afford

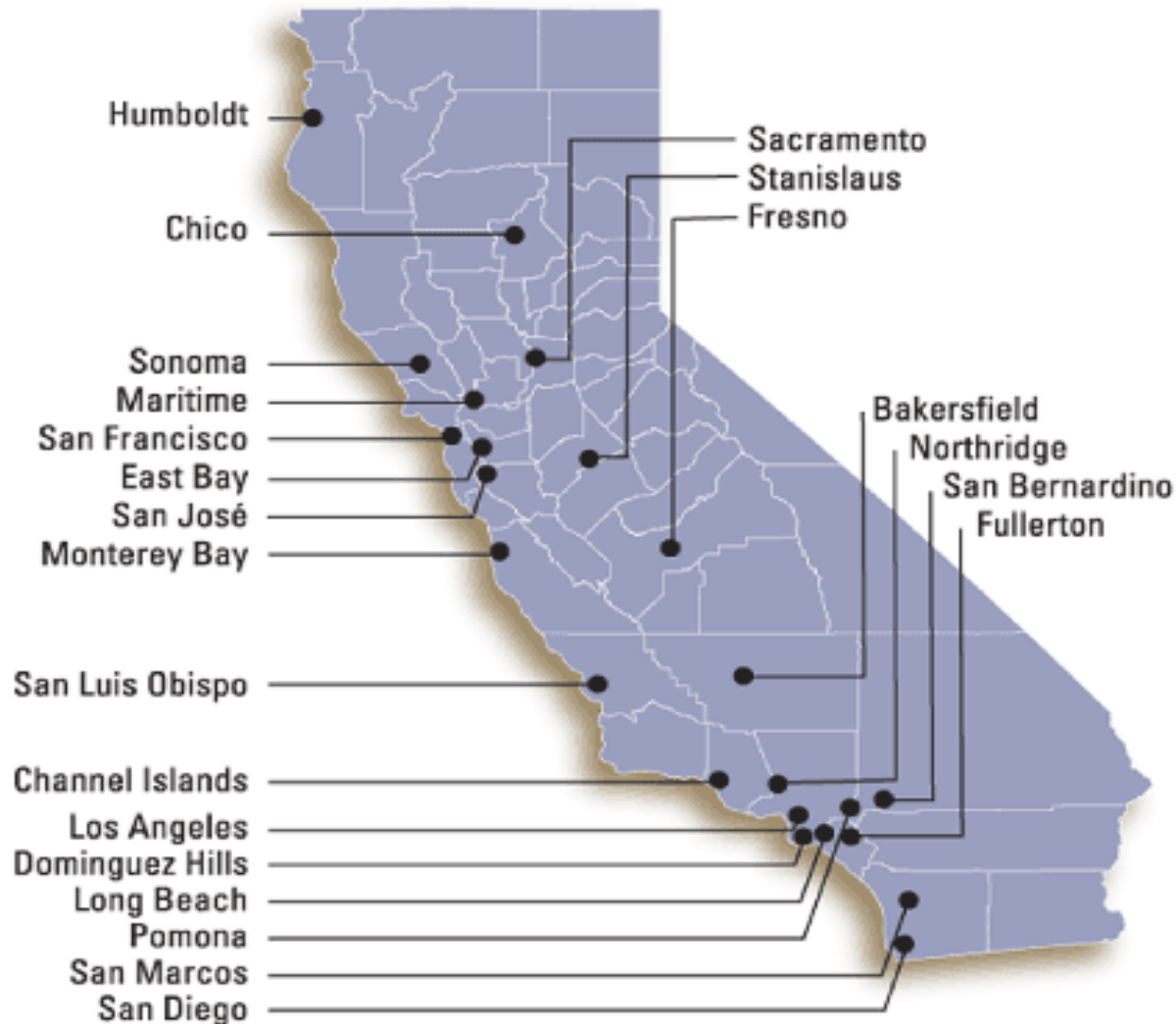
Keep These 4 Things in Mind

1. Apply to a VARIETY of schools
2. Understand Institutional Priorities
*Athletics, Legacy Status, Development Cases, Diversity (Ethnic, Gender, Geographic & Socioeconomic)
3. Accept that you cannot control and/or predict the outcome of the admissions process at a selective school by having the right combination of grades and test scores.
4. Remember that students must know and follow all SFHS Guidance requirements and deadlines, especially if student is working with outside counselor/consultant.

Community College

- Can complete General Education and transfer requirements for those going on to four year colleges and universities.
 - Ex. UC Davis TAG process
- A wide range of specialized programs
- Must be 18 years old or have high school diploma
- No ACT, SAT, or GPA requirements
- Low tuition cost can save money the first two years of college
 - First year is FREE for the Class of 2018!
- www.losrios.edu (ARC, CRC, FLC, SCC)

California State Universities (CSU)



CSU / UC Minimum Subject Requirements

A-G Courses

A - 2 years History/Social Science

B - 4 years English

C - 3 years Math (must complete Algebra 2)
(4 recommended)

D - 2 years Lab Science
(3 recommended)

E - 2 years of the same Language Other than English (LOTE)
(3 recommended)

F – 1 year Visual/Performing Arts
(year-long course)

G – 1 year Elective: Inter-Faith Dialogue & Economics

CSU Eligibility & Application

Eligibility is determined by:

- GPA in “A-G” college prep courses taken in the 10th & 11th grades
- ACT or SAT Reasoning Test score
- Students apply online

OCTOBER 1 – NOVEMBER 30

- No essay or letter of recommendation
- One application for all 23 campuses
- **Go to: www2.calstate.edu/apply**
- **Note:** Many CSUs are impacted

University of California (UC)



UC Minimum Eligibility

- 15-course pattern (A-G courses)
- Very minimum GPA to apply is 3.0 in A-G courses taken during the 10th & 11th grades; most UC's admit students with an average gpa over 4.0
- ACT *with* Writing or SAT *with* Essay
- UC's use 14 Selection Factors including the minimum requirements called *Comprehensive Review*
- Some UC majors may recommend SAT Subject Tests—check with the campus

UC Application

- Students apply online - app opens August 1st, submit NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 30
- Complete 4 Personal Insight Questions (350 words each)
- One application for all 9 campuses
- No letters of recommendation
- Go to: **www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply**

Private Colleges

- Most require the same courses as UC & CSU; check websites
- Typically require letters of recommendation
- Usually use Freshman year grades in calculating the GPA & many include Theology courses
- Often require a mid-year report that includes senior year grades

Out-of-State Public Universities

- Note that each state can have different requirements (e.g. Texas, UNR)
- Cost and WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange)
 - wiche.edu/wue
- 16% of the class of 2017 are attending out-of-state public colleges or universities.

GPA & Deciles

- How is the SFHS GPA calculated?
 - All classes except PE/Sports, Student Intern, Academic Teams
 - Honors/AP courses get an additional point towards the GPA if the grade is C or higher
- What do we report to colleges?
 - 6 semesters unweighted and weighted GPA
 - Student deciles

ACT & SAT Registration

- ACT: www.actstudent.org
- SAT : www.collegeboard.org
- Recommended to take both tests *this spring semester with writing options*

What are the SAT Subject Tests?

- One-hour tests of knowledge in a specific subject (Literature, US History, World History, Math Level II, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Languages Other Than English)
- Some very selective private schools require 2 or 3 tests
 - Some UC majors and campuses may recommend SAT Subject Tests
 - Check college websites for requirements

Preparing for the Tests

1. Use Method Test Prep in Naviance to prepare for the SAT and ACT (recommended to all students)
2. ACT Prep course with Mr. Chen for February ACT and April ACT
3. SAT Math Prep course with Ms. Andrews for March SAT & May SAT
4. Khan Academy for SAT prep
5. Kaplan – ACT prep (online – reasonable price)

Social Security Number & Name

When registering for tests and completing applications

It is crucial that your daughter spells her name exactly as it appears on her social security card

- It's not a simple thing to correct.
- Students have misspelled their names or they have forgotten a hyphen and ***scores did not reach colleges in time.***
- Students have used their nicknames (such as Katie instead of Katherine) and ***colleges think they are two different people.***

Upcoming Events for Junior Year

- Junior In-Class Presentations
- Just for Juniors Workshops
 - Nov. 8 ACT/SAT/Subj Test
 - Nov. 29 California Colleges
 - Feb. 7 Out of State Colleges and Universities Abroad
 - Feb. 28 College Majors
 - Mar. 14 Scholarships
 - Apr. 25 The College Essay
- Meet with SF college advisor for a college planning appointment
- EF Spring Break College Tour with Jesuit
 - Washington D.C. & the Research Triangle

Upcoming Events for Senior Year

- Appointments, as needed, with College Advisor or Counselor
- Meet with College Reps in Guidance
 - During their free block or with prior teacher permission
- Senior Parent College Night in the Fall
- Daily College Application Assistance (ELEDEF) in the Fall
- Senior In-Class Presentation in the Fall
- Troubie College Day in the Fall
- Paying for College Workshop in the Fall

NAVIANCE

- What can Naviance do for my daughter?
 - Search for colleges
 - Scattergrams – compare recent SF grad stats with recent college admissions
 - Best match or fit
 - Maintain list of potential colleges
 - Information sharing – counselor knows where student applies and application decision reporting
 - **Free ACT and SAT Test Prep! (Method Test Prep)**

Letter of Recommendation Packet REQUIRED (Due beginning of senior year)

Parent Brag Section – questions for you to answer:

- What information/anecdote would you like to share about your daughter?
- My daughter's strengths, weaknesses and challenges are:
- In what areas has your daughter shown the most development and growth during the past 3-4 years?
- What do you consider to be your daughter's outstanding accomplishments during the past 3-4 years? Why did you select these as the most important?
- What is the most important thing you think college admissions officers should know about your daughter?

We Will Help Her Through Her College Process!

- Senior Year Guidance Team (SF College Advisors and Mrs. Doyle) will help your daughter with:
 - Reviewing her college options and developing a college plan
 - Reviewing college applications
 - Reading college essays & Personal Insight Questions
 - Calculating her UC/CSU GPA
- We will write her Letter of Recommendation and submit all required school forms to colleges
 - Student Letter of Recommendation Packet (required!)

A successful college app process . . .

- Help your Troubie to choose senior year courses wisely
- Make sure she has a personal email devoted to college application use only
- Research and visit colleges with her
- Ensure she is meeting with her Counselor & College Advisor
- Ask questions--we are here to help!
- Continue to love and support her!

This Process is a Journey!