College Admissions Preparation

Many, Many, Choices:
Public Universities
Private Universities

In-state Colleges
Out of State Colleges
California State Universities,
University of California Campuses
HBCUs

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Enrollment Development

Preparation For the Most Selective Colleges

Examples: Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Columbia, NYU, Harvard, Vanderbilt, Yale, USC, Princeton, The Claremont Colleges, Williams College, Northwestern, Emory, Rice, Smith, Michigan, and Duke

What Does It Take?

- Challenging academic curriculum beyond the standard offerings
 - AP and Honors classes, community college courses while in high school
 - Higher level math-Calculus, Statistics,
 - Advanced foreign language-Level 3,4,5
 - 3-4 years of science
 - 3-4 years of social science
 - 2-3 years of electives
 - Very important to maximize the AP offerings: Ex. If a school offers 20 AP courses a student should take, complete, and pass with A's and B's (mostly A's) at least 10. Increases the weighted GPA

Preparation Continued

- Summer academic enrichment programs
- Additional preparation impresses admission staff
- Shows a high value on being prepared
 - Berkeley Summer Sessions
 - Stanford Summer Programs
 - Johns Hopkins University CTY
 - National Young Leaders Forums
 - Community College Classes

Outreach Programs

Provide pre-college advising, Financial Aid guidance, Application support, Additional Academic prep

- Early Academic Outreach Program-EAOP
- Upward Bound-Mills, Berkeley, Holy Names
- College Track-Oakland, East PaloAlto
- BUILD-Oakland
- MESA
- Avid in High School

Additional benefits:

- College Tours
- Writing the personal statement
- Scholarship search
- Meet Alumni

Community Service

Highly selective colleges value students who have consistent service to others

- Examples include tutoring, environmental clean-up, food drives, feeding the homeless, volunteering at a hospital, nursing home, etc.
- A few hours a month throughout the year is good
- Important to have service until graduation
- Many students can arrange service through school/church

Leadership

Highly selective colleges value leadership

- Student Clubs-President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Athletics-Captain, Co-Captain
- Student government Class Rep
- Yearbook Editor/Staff
- School Newspaper Editor/Staff
- Starting a club

Public, Private, HBCUs UCB, UCLA Cal State Campuses

- Rigorous preparation
- Average admitted GPA 4.0 for most selective campuses
- Eligible in Local Context (ELC)
- AP Classes, Community Service Leadership
- Top 9% of graduating class guaranteed admission to a UC
 - Riverside
 - Santa Cruz
 - Davis
 - Merced
 - Santa Barbara
 - Irvine
 - San Diego

- GPA/test scores
- 23 campuses
- Do not need community service or leadership
- Impacted campuses more competitive
- 3.8-4.0 average GPA for Cal Poly Pomona and San Luis Obispo
- 3.5+ at Long Beach, San Diego, Northridge, San Jose
- East Bay and San Francisco guarantee local admission

Public, Private, HBCUs Cont.

Stanford

- Excellent College
- Very Selective
- Very good Black student support programs
- Strong Alumni base
- High admission to graduate/professional schools
- Expensive, but good scholarship support

Howard University

- Most Comprehensive Black College
 - Two dozen Ph.D programs
 - Law, Med, Dent, Pharm, Divinity Schools
- Historic & Major impact on Black political and social life
- Moderately Selective
- Unique Location in Nation's Capital
- Good Scholarship support
- Excellent programs in business, sciences, and the arts
- Level 1 Research University

Public, Private, HBCUs Cont.

Xavier University

- Located in New Orleans
- Only HBCU that has Catholic Tradition
- Small/3,200 students
- Highly Regarded pre-health professional programs
- #1 in country for Black med school placement
- #1 for Black pharmacy school placement

Fisk University

- Located in Nashville
- Small/1,000 students
- Distinguished History/Alumni
- 1st Phi Beta Kappa Chapter
- Tier 1 Ranking among all private Liberal Arts Colleges 145/1400
- #34 among all Southern Universities
- #5 ranking out of 100 HBCUs
- High placement in grad.Schools

Public, Privates, HBCUs Cont.

Spelman College

- Located in Atlanta
- All Women's College, 2,200 students
- Ranked in the top ten among all women's college
- Part of the Atlanta University Center with Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University
- # 2 for Black med school placement
- High Placement in graduate/professional schools
- Student/faculty ratio 11 to 1

The California State University

THE 23 OUTSTANDING CAMPUSES OF THE CSU



- Each campus is unique (separately accredited)
- CSU campuses have distinct student populations and programs

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Signature Majors- Unique, Creative, High Demand

San Francisco State

Industrial Design
Interior Design
Cinema/Film
Apparel Design
Radio/TV Broadcasting
Biomedical Sciences

Sonoma State

Liberal Arts Music BA
Wine Business Education
Graduate Family Nurse
Practitioner
Performing Arts
Linguistics
Physics & Astronomy

Cal Maritime

Marine Transport.
Marine Engineering
Mech. Engineering
Facilities Engr.
Global Business

San Jose State

Aerospace Engineering
Aviation
Computer Engineering
Materials Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Occupational Therapy
Meteorology
Industrial Design
Interior Design

<u>Humboldt</u>

Environmental Science
Marine Biology
Fisheries Biology
Zoology
Oceanography
Wildlife Management
Forestry

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Business-Accounting,
Marketing, Entrep.
Criminal Justice
Liberal Studies
Kinesiology,
Nursing
Theatre
Hospitality/Tourism
Environmental Science

The basic admissions requirements include:

- 1. High school "a-g" college prep courses
- 2. Grades and test scores
- Graduation from high school
- Campus Impaction: A campus receives more eligible applications in the initial filing period than there are enrollment spaces available for the <u>class level</u> (freshman or upper division transfer).
- Program Impaction: A campus receives more eligible applications for a <u>specific undergraduate program</u> in the initial filing period than there are enrollment spaces available.
- Students must meet criteria such as GPA in specific core/major prep courses, cumulative GPA, or a combination of factors

www.calstate.edu/sas/impaction/

CSU Impacted Campuses for Freshman

- Fullerton
- Long Beach
- San Diego
- San Luis Obispo
- Pomona
- Sonoma
- Northridge
- Chico
- San Jose
- San Francisco
- Fresno
- San Marcos
- Los Angeles
- San Bernardino
- Sacramento
- Humboldt
- Monterey Bay

Not Impacted

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San Francisco*

Channel Islands

Dominguez Hills

Bakersfield

Cal Maritime

College Preparatory Pattern

| | <u>Area</u> | Number of years | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| | a. U.S. History or U.S. History and Government and Social Science | 2 years | | | |
| b. English (9-12) | | 4 years | | | |
| MERINE | C. Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II/or higher math-trig) | 3 years; 4 recommended | | | |
| | d. Laboratory Science (CSU requires one Biological Science and one Physical Science) | 2 years | | | |
| | e. Language Other than English (two years of same language) | 2 years | | | |
| | f. Visual and Performing Arts (single year long approved course) | 1 year | | | |
| | g. College Prep Electives (from "a-g list) | 1 year | | | |

CSU Eligibility Index-CA residents

| GPA | ACT | SAT | GPA | ACT | SAT |
|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| 2.95 | 11 | 540 | 2.45 | 21 | 940 |
| 2.90 | 12 | 580 | 2.40 | 22 | 980 |
| 2.85 | 13 | 620 | 2.35 | 23 | 1020 |
| 2.80 | 14 | 660 | 2.30 | 24 | 1060 |
| 2.75 | 15 | 700 | 2.25 | 25 | 1100 |
| 2.70 | 16 | 740 | 2.20 | 26 | 1140 |
| 2.65 | 17 | 780 | 2.15 | 27 | 1180 |
| 2.60 | 18 | 820 | 2.10 | 28 | 1220 |
| 2.55 | 19 | 860 | 2.05 | 29 | 1260 |
| 2.50 | 20 | 900 | 2.00 | 30 | 1300 |
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California Community Colleges

Transfer partners with four-year education systems in the state

- 112 community colleges
- Open admission
- Accessible
- Affordable
- Convenient
- Smaller classes
- More time to explore academic and career choices
- www.cccco.edu

Preparation in the 9th Grade

- 1. Students/families should investigate university requirements for colleges they are considering, especially for highly selective schools.
- 2. Enroll in courses such as:
 - Algebra I (or higher level math)
 - Foreign Language
 - Biology
- 3. Take challenging courses
- 4. Take the PSAT in October
- 5. Obtain your High School's A-G Certified Course list
- 6. Become involved with Outreach Programs: EAOP, Talent Search, AVID, Upward Bound, Cal-SOAP, Puente, Gear-Up, etc.

Preparatory tasks for 10th Grade

- 1. Take the PSAT Tests in October, and review results with your counselor and parent
- 2. Explore college options with your parents
- 3. Obtain information at college/university fairs, and participate in school sponsored campus visits
- 4. Take challenging college prep electives
- 5. CSUs and UCs begin counting GPA in 10TH grade
- Avoid make-up work-Will leave more time for other courses

Preparatory tasks for 11th Grade

- 1. Continue to take more challenging courses (AP & community college courses) Begin to narrow your college/university choices and examine entrance requirements
- 2. Begin looking at college costs and financial aid:
 - Tuition, Fees, Books
 - Estimated living expenses
 - State and Federal Aid
 - Private Aid
- 3. Take the PSAT in October
- 4. Make Sure You Register for College Admissions Tests
 - SAT I October, November or December
 - SAT II November or December
 - ACT October or December

CSU, East Bay 2016-17 Cost

| *2016-17 Estimated Budgets | At Home | On Campus | Off Campus | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|--|
| Undergrad Tuition & Fees | \$6,564 | \$6,564 | \$6,564 | |
| Books/Supplies | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | |
| Food/Housing | 4,968 | 14,184 | 13,884 | |
| Transportation | 1,314 | 1,182 | 1,314 | |
| Misc. Personal | 1,392 | 1,392 | 1,392 | |
| TOTAL | \$15,428 | \$24,822 | \$24,654 | |

2016-17 Estimated AY Average Expenses

CSU maintains one of the lowest fees among comparable institutions

System-wide Averages- Amounts may vary by CSU campus

Nearly 3.6 billion distributed in financial aid

More than 70% of student population receives FA

Submit a FAFSA during the priority filing period: October 1- March 2

^{*} Estimate is for 2016-17 academic year for a California Resident. Tuition is based on 12 units. Information subject to change.

Senior Year-Make it Count

- Complete research, finalize decisions,
- The campus "fit"
 - Small, medium, large campus
 - Urban, rural, coast, desert, mountains
 - Diversity, support programs
 - Major/career options
 - In State/Out of State
- Application Time-frame: October 1st-November 30th for CSUs & UCs
- Complete make-up work by end of fall senior year (junior year for some colleges)
- Go to a Financial Aid Workshop with your parents
- Take AP test & submit scores to all campuses applied to before document deadline
- Create a calendar of important due dates/deadlines for all college campuses applied to (very important)
- Remember that when you are admitted it is <u>conditional</u> "Avoid Senioritis"!

Questions & Answers:

Thank you

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