

SENIOR SCOOP

NOVEMBER, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1, 14	CSU Application Workshop 1:30 in the Library
November 3, 16	UC Application Workshop 1:30 in the Library
November 1-30	Apply for admission to UC colleges
November 4	Deadline for December 10 ACT
November 8	Late Deadline for December 3 SAT
January 10	Financial Aid Information at Atascadero High School, 7:00 p.m., Library
February 1	Cash for College Workshop, Paso Robles HS, 3-8:00 pm, Computer Lab/Library
February 7	Cash for College Workshop, Cuesta College, 5-8:00 pm, Building 3400

FIRST SEMESTER ENDS - The first semester ends **December 22, 2011**. Don't think your grades will miraculously improve--you must take action. Going to Study Hall classes to get help can also be an option.

OUTSTANDING BILLS - Please see Mrs. Douglass in the Athletic Office if you know that you owe library or textbook fines, athletic fees, or other classroom fees. All fees must be paid prior to June. Students may not participate in graduation ceremonies with outstanding fees. Winter Formal, Mock Rock, and Prom tickets will not be sold to those with fines.

SPRING SCHEDULE CHANGES - Last spring students signed up for a full year's worth of classes. That information will be used to program next semester's courses. If you have any changes that must be made in order to meet graduation requirements or because you currently have a single semester class that will end in December, please see your counselor before December 22, 2011.

OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGES - If you are interested in attending a community college or junior college other than Cuesta, you will need to check with that college directly to find out when its application is due, assessment dates, orientation, etc. Access information on California community colleges at www.cccco.edu or www.californiacolleges.edu and sign in under "Prospective Students."

CSU/UC APPLICATIONS DUE - The only method of applying to all CSU campuses is on-line @ www.csumentor.edu. There are embedded directions within the application. UC applications can be accessed @ www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

- **You need to electronically send your application.**

Counselors will be happy to meet with each one of you to review supplemental forms, essays, and your completed applications **DURING LUNCH** in the Counseling Office or drop them off in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon. DO NOT wait to submit your application until the last minute as credit card approval can take too long and the application might not get through during the filing deadline.

CSU SCHOLARSHIPS AND HOUSING - Get online now to see when applications are available and when they are due!

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - If you are going to require any letters of recommendation from your counselor or teachers for college or scholarship applications, you must give the information to the counselor/teacher a minimum of **two weeks before the deadline**. The counselor/teacher will need **the application forms, a copy of your student profile, and the deadline date of the recommendation** when you make the request. You may not be able to have the recommendation completed if you request it less than two weeks before the due date. Student profiles are available online or in the counseling office.

****LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE NOT NEEDED FOR CSU OR UC CAMPUSES****

(Some private schools require letters of recommendation)

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION –

There will be a financial aid presentation held at Atascadero High School on Tuesday, January 10th. A representative from Cuesta College will be here to give parents an introduction to financial aid. It begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOPS – (Available in both English and Spanish)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, February 1	3-8 p.m.	Paso Robles High School, Computer Lab/Library
Tuesday, February 7	5-8 p.m.	Cuesta College, High Tech Center, Open Lab, Building 3400
Wednesday, February 8	3-8 p.m.	Pioneer Valley High School, Library
Wednesday, February 15	4-8 p.m.	Santa Maria High School, Computer Lab, Rooms 235
Thursday, February 16	4-8 p.m.	Nipomo High School, Library
Wednesday, February 22	4-8 p.m.	Arroyo Grande High School, Computer Lab 301
Thursday, February 23	4-8 p.m.	Righetti High School, Plato Labs (Rooms 621 & 622)
Tuesday, February 28	4-8 p.m.	McKenzie Junior High School, Cafeteria

You and your parents will have the opportunity to fill out the FAFSA (Free application for Federal Student Aid) and submit it at the workshop.

Private School Financial Aid – Please be sure and check each private schools financial aid deadlines. They are listed on each school’s website. The CSS profile is needed for many private schools.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Check the scholarship bulletin on the AHS website or the bulletin board in counseling. There is a lot of free money available to students who apply for scholarships. You do not need to be a 4.0 student because scholarships are based on multiple criteria.

HEALTHY FAMILIES – If you are not covered by medical insurance, the counseling office has information on Healthy Families / Medi-Cal for children.

Cuesta College On-Line Application Directions

High School Seniors

On-line application process has two parts to the process

First you create an account for a “new user”

Second you apply to Cuesta

- Click www.cccapply.org
- Click *Apply for Admissions*
- Click *Regular Application for Admission*

FIRST STEP

- Click *New User*
- Create a “*student account*” using your personal information (don’t forget to *write down* your *user name* and *password*)
- Click *Create My Account* at the bottom of the page
- Click *Continue* on next page

SECOND STEP

- Click *Go To Online Application*
- Select **Cuesta College** and click *Start New Application*
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click *Begin Application for Cuesta College*

Complete the **9 screen** application process and **remember to SAVE** each time you move to another screen

- ✓ Screen 1: Term and Major
 - Term Applying for: Click *Fall 2012 Semester*
 - Intended major or program of study: Click **whatever major fits your goal**
 - Education goal: Click on your plan
 - Click **NEXT**
- ✓ Screen 2: Personal Information
 - Fill out: *Student Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Marital Status, and Biographical Information* sections
 - Click **SAVE** and then **NEXT**
- ✓ Screen 3: Contact Information
 - Fill out: *Current Mailing Address, Permanent Address, and Additional Contact Information* sections
 - Click **SAVE** and then **NEXT**
- ✓ Screen 4: Education
 - Entry Level: Enrollment Status: Click *First Time Student in college (after leaving high school)*
 - Entry Level: Highest education level: Click *Received High School Diploma* and fill in graduation date **06/13/12**
 - California HS Attendance: click **YES**
 - Attended high school 3 more years: Click **YES**
 - Last High School Attended: Click *Find School*, scroll to *Atascadero High School*, Click *Select School*
 - Click **SAVE** and then **NEXT**
- ✓ Screen 5: Residency 1
 - Fill out: *Citizenship, Military Status* (put “**none apply to me**” if not in military), and *Self or Guardian* sections
 - Click **SAVE** and then **NEXT**
- ✓ Screen 6: Residency 2
 - Fill out: *California Residing During Last 2 Years* section
 - Click **SAVE** and then **NEXT**
- ✓ Screen 7: Needs & Interest
 - Fill out: *Main Language, Financial Assistance, Needs & Interest* sections
 - Check **ALL** areas you are interested in “*Needs & Interest*” section
 - Click **SAVE** and then **NEXT**
- ✓ Screen 8: Request for Consent
 - Fill out: *Request for Consent to Release Information*
- ✓ Screen 9: Supplemental Questions
 - Click on box **NO**
 - Click **SUBMIT YOUR CURRENT APPLICATION**
 - *Another screen will appear to finalize the submitting of your application – scroll down and click **SUBMIT** on this page*