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THE DONS COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER
FOR STUDENTS/PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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Welcome from the C&C Center Staff



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Hello Students and Parents!

On behalf of the **College & Career Center staff**, we want to welcome you back to Santa Barbara High. And an extra special welcome to our incoming Class of 2024! Go Dons!

We are here to help you explore, plan, and pursue your goals related to post-high school. If you have any questions related to your plans after high school, please reach out to us! Check your District emails and follow our Instagram to stay connected!

**We can't wait
to see you
soon, in-
person!**



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Virtual Events for September

We have some great Counseling and C&C Center virtual events coming up this month for you to check out.

Wednesday, September 2 - Out-of-State College Fair - 6pm

Wednesday, September 16th - Freshmen Family Night - 6:30pm

- All Freshmen and new students/families encouraged to attend

Monday, September 21st - Back to School Night - 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 23rd - Senior Family Night - 6:30pm

- All Senior student/families encouraged to attend

Wednesday, September 30th - College Testing: Updates and Reducing Anxiety - 5pm

- Representatives from UCSB, U of Colorado Boulder, & U of Chicago will present and discuss changing testing requirements and how to reduce anxiety



College Visits

Our College Visit Season officially kicked off a few days ago and we are now in the thick of visits multiple times each week from now until mid-November.

Make sure you pay attention to which colleges are coming, and check back often as more colleges book throughout the season. For the most up-to-date list, visit your SCOIR account.

**** [College Visit Calendar link](#) ****



What exactly is a College Visit?

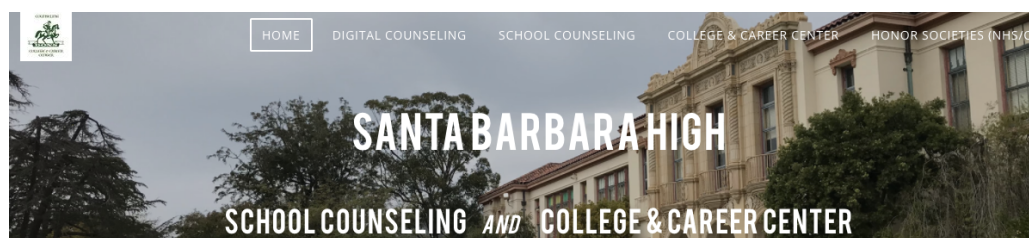
Every year, we try to bring in colleges you might be interested in and ones you might not have heard of! These college reps meet with interested students in small groups to discuss topics such as the academic programs, campus life, financial aid, and admissions procedures of their college. They also allow time for students to ask questions. Typically, each visit lasts between 30 and 45 minutes.

If you wish to attend a College Visit, please follow the below guidelines:

1) ALL College Visits this Fall will be virtual through Zoom and scheduled during a time you do NOT have class. (8:15-9am, 11:45-12:30pm, 3:30-4:15pm, or 4:15-5pm)

2) ALL students are eligible to attend a college visit. If you wish to attend a visit, please register for the visit through your SCOIR account

* ALL College/University reps leave contact information. If you cannot attend a particular College Visit, you can always talk with Mr. Barr about the visit and to get contact information for the Admissions Counselor



Scholarship Search Tips

The majority of scholarships for high school students are offered during a student's **senior year**. Use these tips and the resources below (**Digital College & Career Resources**) to successfully find scholarship that fit you.

Tips:

- 1) Look through the search engine options and pick a couple to create free accounts with
- 2) Use your personal email (not your district email)
- 3) Look for scholarships that REALLY fit who you are
- 4) Also look for scholarships that are NOT super easy. The easiest to apply to are the ones with the most applicants.
- 5) LOCAL scholarship opportunities provide the best chance.
- 6) Try to apply to 1 scholarship each week your senior year. Treat it as a part-time job if you can

All Things Financial Aid	
Scholarship Search Sites	Financial Aid Applications
Fastweb.com	FAFSA
Chegg.com	Dream Act
Scholarships.com	Webgrants for Students (CalGrant)
GoingMerry.com	CSS Profile
Unigo.com	
Scholly	
Cappex.com	Award Letter Comparisons & Appeals
Raise.com	Award Letter Comparison (FinAid.org)
Student Loan Information	Award Letter Comparison (CollegeBoard.org)
Student Loan Differences	College Return on Investment Report (Payscale)
Student Loan Facts and Tips (CollegeBoard)	Appealing Financial Aid (Princeton Review)

FAFSA & Dream Act

Many scholarships ask for your **EFC (Expected Family Contribution)**. The only way to get this number is by completing the FAFSA or Dream Act.

Micro-scholarships through Raise.me

Check out the college that offer micro-scholarships. If you are interested in any of these, I definitely suggest digging deeper and creating an account with Raise.me

Partners in Education

The application for the **Partners in Education new Virtual Job Readiness Training** is now open!

Job Readiness Training the first step in participating in Partners in Education's Paid Student Internship Program. Students who successfully complete the 7-week virtual training program earn a \$150 stipend and are entered into a pool of candidates who have the potential to be matched with paid internships at local organizations.

The opportunity is **now available virtually to high school juniors and seniors at public high schools across Santa Barbara County**. Applications for the fall session of the Virtual Job Readiness Training (VJRT) are **due September 21st**.



**PARTNERS
IN EDUCATION**
Preparing Students for What's Next

About the Program:

Priority is given to applicants to whom one or more of the following apply:

- Have not already benefitted from a similar experience
- Have socio-economic need
- Demonstrate motivation to learn
- Have the availability to commit
- Are high school seniors

Please also note that a **Work Permit is REQUIRED** in order to receive payment from the program (however, it is possible to participate without payment if students would like to receive experience hours instead).

Students can apply here:

<http://partners.sbceo.org/application/>

Alumni Spotlight

Ben Zevallos

Class of 2017



Q: What activities were you involved in at SBHS?

A: I found that the extracurriculars offered at SBHS were what made my high school experience so enriching. Over my four years at the school I was involved in Mock Trial, Cross Country and Track, Theatre, and ASB among other activities.

Q: What is your current school situation? Graduated from college, current student, Transfer, etc. Current Major if still in school?

A: I currently am a rising Senior at Bowdoin College in Brunswick Maine. Going into my last year, I'm amazed how quickly the time at the school has flown by, but I am grateful for the experience of studying on the East Coast. I am double majoring in Political Science and English Literature.

Q: What surprised you about the first semester/quarter of college?

A: Regardless of where you go to school or how many previously acquainted peers you have going with you, college is a new and intimidating environment. There are some aspects that will definitely push you out of your comfort zone, and though daunting at times, it's also an incredibly exciting experience. Coming from SBHS, a large public high school in California, made going to Bowdoin College – a school in rural Maine with a smaller and more homogenous student body – a challenging transition. What I found most surprising was how many interesting and engaging people I met.

Q: What advice would you give current high school students regarding the college exploration or application process?

A: Higher education will take you far in this world, but you have to be ready to commit to the rigor of the lifestyle it requires. In terms of the application process, my advice is to be honest and real. These admissions committees know what they are doing and can tell what is really genuine. I have confidence in the training that SBHS afforded me, and the skills that the school has embedded in all of you currently enrolled today.

I wish you the best of luck in your future prospects and would be happy to connect to any students who have any subsequent questions or concerns.