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April

Tips for Starting your College Essays

<u>Hey Juniors!</u>

As we reach the last couple months of your Junior year, it's time to start brainstorming and starting your essays for college applications.

Here are some tips to get you started:

1) Where are you applying (College List)

• At least in general terms

2) Create Activities List

- Have a list of ALL activities you have participated in since before 9th grade (Formal and Informal)
- Which ones have cool stories or most meaningful?

3) Prompts

 Look at the Common App, Coalition, and UC prompts so you know what kind of questions are asked

4) Brainstorm possible topics for EACH prompt

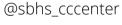
• A question you initially don't like could end up being a really good essay/response

And definitely check out the College Essays video on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.

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Upcoming College Fairs & Events

Keep checking our <u>**Calendar**</u> for upcoming college visits and fairs. Spring is a great time for 9th-11th graders to be exploring colleges.

Here are some upcoming fairs this Spring for you to check out. **Registration information on our** <u>website</u>. Make sure you use your **PERSONAL email and not your District email to register**.



Santa Barbara City College Process - For Seniors



Seniors! You should be close to finishing your Steps to Enrollment!

It is now April and that means if you are planning on attending Santa Barbara City College after graduation, you need to have completed multiple steps by now.

You should be completing Step 3 (Orientation) and have registered for Step 4 (Class Planning).

Reach out to Mr. Barr or Mrs. Castelo if you have questions.

Senior Important Dates Senior Senior Important Dates https://www.sbcc.edu/enrollmentservices/sbhs.php										
Event Date & Time Zoom Information										
Step 1	SBCC SENIOR KICK-OFF	Wednesday, January 27th Session 1: 12 - 1pm Session 2: 3:30 - 4:30pm	Webinar Format Registration Required to attend, limited capacity Session 1 * Session 2 Webinar Recording							
Step 2	FEBRUARY APPLICATION WORKSHOP	Tuesday, February 2nd Session 1: 12 - 1pm Wednesday, February 3rd Session 2: 12 - 1pm	Webinar Format Registration Required, limited capacity Registration Link							
	MARCH APPLICATION WORKSHOP	Tuesday, March 2nd Session 1: 12 - 1pm Wednesday, March 3rd Session 2: 12 - 1pm	Webinar Format Registration Required, limited capacity Registration Link							
	Apply HERE - https://www.sbcc.edu/apply/firsttimetocollege.php									
Step 3	ONLINE ORIENTATION	Must Complete BEFORE registering for Class Planning	Sign-up for self-paced <u>Online</u> <u>Orientation</u> . Take about 60 minutes.							
Step 4	CLASS PLANNING for FALL Students	March 31st, April 14th, April 21st, April 28th, May 5th, May 12th, May 19th, May 26th, June 2nd	Registration required, limited capacity each day. Login to Pipeline and register using Starfish							

Financial Aid Comparison

Seniors!

Now that most of you have received your final admission decisions to your 4-year colleges, you might be trying to compare Financial Aid packages. We have developed this **helpful spreadsheet** for you to enter the financial aid information and easily compare costs. You just need to make a copy to add in your specific Financial Aid information and compare.

Please reach out to your Counselor, Mr. Barr, or Mrs. Castelo if you would like to go over any of your Financial Aid Award letters.

A	В	С	D	E	F	G
	Higher Ed Inst. Example				Higher Ed Inst. #1	Higher Ed Inst. #2
	ex. UC Santa Cruz	ex. Cal Poly SLO	ex. Chapman University	ex. University of Oregon		
Costs/Expenses Per Year						
Tuition and fees	13,989	9,942	57,214	39,758		
Room and board	16641	14208	18530	12783		
Total of "direct" costs (paid directly to college	30,630	24,150	75,744	52,541	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books and Supplies	1161	1941	1600	1140		
Transportation	774	1317	1250	1290		
Personal Expenses	1497	1518	2000	2166		
Health Insurance*** (or proof of adequate ins	3198					
Total of "indirect" costs (not paid to college)	6630	4776	4850	4596	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total estimated cost of attendance per year	37,260	28998	78272	57137	\$0.00	\$0.00
Financial Aid Package Includes						
Grants	7500					
Scholarships	2000					
Work Study	2500					
Federal Stafford/Direct Loans	5000					
Parent Plus Loan	15000					
Other						
Total Financial Aid Package per year	32000				\$0.00	\$0.00

Financial Aid Appeals

Did you receive a Financial Aid Package that isn't quite enough?

If you are considering trying to negotiate for more aid, <u>here is a good resource</u> from <u>College Covered</u> to help you out.

And here is a great resource for how to write an Appeal Letter

Santa Barbara City College Dual Enrollment - Summer Classes

Freshmen, Sophomores, & Juniors!

Are you interested in taking a class or two at Santa Barbara City College this summer? If so, please pay attention to the following information and complete the Steps to Enroll **ASAP**.

Dates:

ONLINE- ONLY FORMAT.

- Summer I 2021 Session Dates: May 17 June 26
- Summer II 2021 Session Dates: June 28 August 7

Registration:

• Opens on April 19, 2021. Summer Schedule expected to be available NOW

Fees:

- Mandatory Fees depend on the location of your SBCC Class.
 - At Cliff Campus: required to pay a Health Fee (\$21) and a Transportation Fee
 - Online: required to pay a Health Fee
- Other costs, such as materials and books, are to be paid by the student.

<u>Steps to Enroll</u>

- 1) <u>Apply</u> for Summer 2021
- 2) Be able to login to your Pipeline

3) Submit your online <u>Parent Consent</u> form (if you have already done this for another class, you do not need to do again)

4) Complete the <u>Counselor Approval</u> Form



Apply for Admission to SBCC Submit an online application by using

the OpenCCC Website. Here | Apply as an SBCC: Dual Enrollment Student: Step by Step Guide



Create Your SBCC Pipeline Account How to find your Student ID number | How to check your Pipeline Student Email



Submit Parent/Guardian Consent Form

The parent/guardian consent form only needs to be completed ONCE. | Has it been received? CHECK HERE



Submit Course Approval Form

 Student completes all relevant fields on PDF
 2. Student emails completed PDF to high school counselor |
 3. Counselor approves/signs and emails completed form to dualenrollment@sbcc.edu
 4. Forms will be processed within 3-5 working days.

