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

October

2020



MONTHLY VISITS FALL 2020



VIRTUAL MEETINGS WITH SBCC REPRESENTATIVES!

ACADEMIC COUNSELING

DUAL ENROLLMENT

EOPS - RUNNING START

SBCC - PROMISE

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

FINANCIAL AID



SBCC Hours

Any grade level students are welcome to attend the SBCC Hours listed above or to the right

-FRIDAY'S-

OCTOBER 16 @ 9AM - 1PM
NOVEMBER 6 @ 9AM - 1PM
NOVEMBER 20 @ 9AM - 1PM
DECEMBER 4 @ 9AM - 1PM
DECEMBER 11 @ 9AM - 1PM

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Santa Barbara City College Promise

The SBCC Promise will provide any local student who completes their secondary education within the Santa Barbara Community College District with the opportunity to attend SBCC full-time for two years free of charge. The Promise, a project of the SBCC Foundation, will use privately raised funds to cover all enrollment and required fees, required books, and required supplies in an effort to remove economic barriers, making our community's college fully accessible to all local students.

To be eligible for the SBCC Promise, a student must:

- Complete secondary education or reside within the Santa Barbara Community College District.
- Submit the completed FAFSA or California Dream Act.
- Enroll at SBCC in either the fall or spring term directly out of high school.
- Commit to a full time student schedule throughout the duration of the SBCC Promise for each fall and spring semester.
- Complete a Student Educational Plan (SEP).
- Participate in academic counseling (at least one session per semester).
- Remain in good academic standing at SBCC.

www.sbccpromise.org | (805) 730-4416 | promise@sbccfoundation.org

Virtual Events for October

October 5th-9th - Cal State Week

- [Register](#) for sessions with any of the 23 Cal State University campuses

October 12th - NACAC Virtual College Fair (10am-4pm)

- [Register](#) to meet with any of over 200 colleges

October 14th - Cal-SOAP Cash 4 College Financial Aid Workshop (4:30-7:30pm)

- [Registration](#) required

October 18th - NACAC Virtual College Fair (9am-5pm)

- [Register](#) to meet with any of over 200 colleges

October 26-28 - College Night Connection Week (6-8pm)

- 3 Nights of informational webinars related to the College Process
- [Registration](#) required

October 29th - College Testing: Updates and Reducing Anxiety

- [Webinar Link](#)



College Application Workshops

Drop in to any of these workshops to get help with ANY College Application (CSU, UC, Common App, Coalition, etc.). We will have representatives from Cal-SOAP, UC, and CSU at many of them.

Monday afternoons in October and November 3:30-4:30pm

- [Zoom Link](#), Passcode: 927313

Evening Workshops Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 23 7:30-8:30pm

- [Zoom Link](#), Passcode: 906387

UC Application ONLY

- Sunday, October 4 from 4-6pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- Sunday, October 25 from 4-6pm, [Zoom Link](#)

Please reach out if you are struggling with ANY part of an application. We are here to help you!

Career Speaker Series

Starting in October, we will be offering a series of **Career Speakers** each month (perhaps more often). These Career Speaker sessions will be offered at lunch or after school and will offer students a snapshot of a particular career as well as the post high school path of the presenter.

Dates and times will be advertised on our [Events Calendar](#).



Financial Aid Support

We recommend that ALL Seniors planning to attend a college or university after graduation complete the FAFSA or the California Dream Act (CADAA). These applications are required for many scholarship opportunities, are required to receive the SBCC Promise, and required to be eligible for any Federal or State financial aid.

Which application do I complete?

- You would complete the FAFSA if . . . you are a US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or a Visa Holder
- You would complete the Dream Act if . . . you are undocumented, with or without DACA, TPS Status, U Visa Holders & AB540 eligible - email Mrs. Castelo at ccastelo@sbunified.org to schedule a one on one appointment to complete the CA Dream Act

These applications open on **October 1** and close on **March 2**. It is HIGHLY recommended you complete these before the winter holidays. Completing early makes you eligible for the most amount of aid.

Upcoming Workshops

- Wednesday, October 14, 2020 (4:30-7:30pm) [Zoom Registration](#)
- Wednesday, November 4, 2020 (4:30-7:30pm) [Zoom Registration](#)
- Thursday, November 12, 2020 (4:30-7:30pm) [Zoom Registration](#)

Registration required for these workshops. Please click on the zoom links to register.

Community Organizations to Help Complete Applications

- Cal-SOAP of Santa Barbara
 - Available for 1-on-1 appointments
 - Office: (805) 730-7373
 - Eddie Moreno: emoreno@communifysb.org
- Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara
 - Available for 1-on-1 appointments
 - Office: (805) 687-6065
 - Hanali Tapia-Palacios: htapiapalacios@sbscholarship.org
 - Raul Aguilera: raguilera@sbscholarship.org



Alumni Spotlight

Torrie Cutbirth

Class of 2012

Q: What activities were you involved in at SBHS?

A: I was in VADA, sports (track & field, swim team, dive team),



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

A: I graduated from Cornell University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. This year, I took Ceramics at the SBCC Schott Center in the spring, and 4 Leadership & Business Development courses through SBCC's Career Technical Institute. All of these classes were free and SO helpful and fun. I just started pursuing an associates degree in Environmental Horticulture from SBCC. Currently taking Intro to Horticulture and Permaculture Design-I LOVE IT! I was Executive Director of a local nonprofit for 4 years and now manage the Grant Programs at a local family foundation.

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

A: A lot surprised me about my first semester/quarter of college, but I know life and the world is both SO different than it was in 2012 and also the same. I can't exactly remember what I was surprised by, but I was constantly surprised by classmates, dorm mates, professors, mentors, family...College brings an ENTIRELY new dynamic and new era, and is unlike anything I had experienced at that time. It's liberating and daunting, exciting and challenging.

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

A: I would reassure high school students that no matter what you study in undergrad, it will be SO useful your whole life. College (and school) teaches you HOW to learn, HOW to find the answers to your burning questions, HOW to research, HOW to think and solve problems. How to socialize, meet new people, expand your mind, seek and take advantage of resources, and so much more. Get involved with as many things as you can, meet as many people as you can, become close with your professors-they have infinite knowledge and experience. Stay grounded, don't worry about what anyone else is doing or saying, follow your heart, do what you love, you will find your path!