

DVHS CAREER CENTER NEWS  
5th edition --- November 2, 2009

**DVHS Students and Parents:** *The information below will be updated on Mondays with news and updates from the DVHS Career Center. If you discover a great resource, please pass it along so I can share it! Thank you!*

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**CAREER CENTER INFORMATION**

**Fall Career Center hours:** 9:30 to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Please note: *Career Center will be CLOSED on Friday, November 6.*

**Websites to Peruse:** Stop by the Career Center to pick up the blue sheet listing many important college application websites, including additional ones for financial aid resources. Check out [www.COIN3.com](http://www.COIN3.com) for college and career searches, to take a self-assessment survey, etc. Site ID is **LCA16847**; login is: **dvhs**. See a demonstration of this and other websites at the November 10 Academic Boosters meeting (6:30 p.m. in the Career Center).

**COLLEGE INFORMATION:**

**College Visits at DVHS:** See the schedule on school loop or the school website for the most up-to-date information. **This week's college/vocational school visits include:** Milwaukee School of Engineering, Dominican University in San Rafael and Marinello School of Beauty in Concord.

**College Application Workshops:** **Get help with your CSU, Common or private school and UC applications!** There are two remaining Counselor lead sessions: **Nov. 5 and Nov. 16** at 3:10 p.m. in room 4208.

**Two UC webinars can help you prepare for applying to a UC:** View videos prepared by the Office of the UC President on "Learning How You Can Pay for UC" and "Writing the Personal Statement". <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/videos/>

**UC (University of California) Applications are ONLINE NOW!**

**APPLY:** [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply) **Deadline is Nov. 30!** The UC office of the President recommends that all students applying to the UC system campuses apply broadly! (That means to more than one campus!). Pick up an "Introducing the Universities" booklet in the Career Center for information on each campus and a retrospect on the qualifications of the admitted fall 2009 applicants to each campus and/or go to: [http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad\\_adm/selecting/camp\\_profiles.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/selecting/camp_profiles.html) for additional details on the admissions process at each campus. Keep in mind that enrollment numbers are being reduced system wide by 2300 freshmen due to the CA budget situation, so the statistics will look different for the class being admitted for fall 2010.

Check each campus' website for the most up-to-date admissions information (before applying); know the individual campus guidelines and suggestions on selecting and declaring majors! Some majors have additional admissions expectations and/or are experiencing "impaction" (more applicants than can be accommodated). Other campuses admit students into "pre-majors"; therefore using major choice as an indicator of interest to determine their future class offerings, not as a criterion of admission.

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Whenever possible, visit campuses and listen to the admissions presentations so you are fully prepared for the application process!! **STUDENTS: Submit your application BY NOVEMBER 30!!!!**

**California State Universities (CSU): APPLY: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu). Deadline is Nov. 30!** *Apply to all CSU campuses via this website and DO IT TODAY!* If you are applying to an impacted college or impacted major (see individual college websites for more information) be sure to have a back up plan! Due to the budget situation in CA, public universities have needed to revamp their application procedures and criteria to accommodate the budget shortfalls and might be admitting fewer students than in prior years. BE INFORMED and follow all expectations as specified by each campus. For example, some require declaration of major as part of the application; others are changing their procedures for out of area applicants. Be sure to check on deadlines for housing applications. At some campuses students can apply for housing now!

**The impacted CSU's include:** Fullerton, Long Beach, Pomona, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma, San Francisco, Chico, Northridge, Fresno, San Marcos and San Jose. Other campuses might have impacted programs! Check their websites!

**College Admissions Events/Preview Days** – Many college campuses conduct on campus fall programs for prospective students. It is a good idea to take advantage of these as a way to explore campus locations and programs, and meet with current students and faculty. In addition, many colleges conduct regional events in the Bay Area. Go [http://www.dvhigh.net/counseling/counseling\\_home\\_page.html](http://www.dvhigh.net/counseling/counseling_home_page.html) for a list of upcoming College Admissions events.

**UC StatFinder:** Check out this interactive University of California website for admissions and persistence data at the UC's. View School reports for local high schools and community colleges, as well as regional reports. (Because this is our first year of seniors at DVHS, there are no DVHS school statistics available, but our other area high schools and community colleges are included). Go to: <http://statfinder.ucop.edu>.

**UC Videos:** The University of CA has created two informative videos for prospective students called "Learn How You Can Pay for UC" and "Writing the Personal Statement". Go to: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/videos/> to access both.

### **COLLEGES TO HIGHLIGHT**

**Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio:** Located in Hiram, Ohio, this uniquely diverse campus of 1200 students is one of the colleges highlighted in the book "Colleges That Change Lives" by Loren Pope. (This book highlights 40 colleges that offer unique programs and opportunities for students. Check out a copy from the Career Center). "Students are encouraged to have a hands-on approach to learning and the curriculum works to teach students how to learn, not just what to learn". The "Hiram Plan" provides unique class scheduling to allow in depth study of one subject a semester. Most popular majors include: Accounting, Biology, Biomedical Humanities, Education and Humanities. Merit Scholarships range from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year and their "tuition guarantee" program keeps tuition costs the same all four years. To apply: <http://www.hiram.edu/admission/apply>. NO APPLICATION FEE!

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**San Jose State University – Engineering Program:** Hopefully you were able to participate in the SJSU Engineering Open House on Sat., Oct. 31. The event was crowded with prospective students wishing to talk to current students and faculty to learn more about the many Engineering disciplines available at SJSU. With its proximity to Silicon Valley and the Bay Area, internship opportunities abound; and students are engaged in hands-on learning in ALL programs. **The application period for SJSU is NOW until Nov. 30, and ALL students must indicate a major choice (and back up) on their applications.** Admissions representatives encouraged all students to have a “back up” plan if applying to majors on their “red” list; where applicants to the majors listed on the “green” list were highly likely to be admitted in their first choice major (assuming all eligibility criteria was met). Students from Contra Costa County are considered “out of area applicants” at SJSU so must meet out of area Eligibility Indexes for admission. See <http://info.sjsu.edu/home/admission.html> for more information before applying.

### **TESTING INFORMATION**

**Seniors:** Remember to sign up for any entrance tests needed for your college application! All SAT/SAT Subject tests and ACT must be taken by the December test dates for all UC’s and most CSU’s. (A few CSU’s required tests to be taken by November). Also, **remember to send your *official* scores to the colleges where you apply!!!**

**SAT/SAT Subject Tests:** To see schedule/register or send scores: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**ACT:** To see schedule/register or send scores [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### **FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

**Financial Aid Night:** DVHS will host a **Financial Aid night** on February 2 at 7 p.m., for Seniors and their families to learn more about federal financial aid, student loans, institutional aid, grants and scholarships, etc. Look for more information in future newsletters and on school loop.

**Institutional Scholarships:** Remember to check the websites for the colleges to which you are applying. Many colleges offer scholarships to applicants, but deadlines and procedures vary. Often colleges offer NEED BASED and MERIT BASED financial aid. Be sure you know the qualifications for each, to maximize your potential.

**Scholarships!** Scholarships are available from many sources. Many are posted on the DVHS website (Academic/Counseling tab) but in addition many individual schools and organizations also offer need-based and merit scholarships to incoming (and ongoing) students. Also, be sure to check each school’s website for application details and timelines and check with employers and local or regional organizations. Two scholarship websites to check out include [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org).

***Have a great week!!***