

## DVHS COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER (CCC) NEWS

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### **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2010!**

#### **COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER INFORMATION**

##### **Week of June 7-- College & Career Center Hours**

Monday, June 7: 9:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8: CLOSED (site of voting precinct)

Wednesday, June 9: 8:30 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 10: 8:30 to 3 p.m.

Friday, June 11: CLOSED

Remember to use the website [www.COIN3.com](http://www.COIN3.com) to start your college and career search, investigate a major or complete some self-assessments. Site ID is **LCA16847**; login is **dvhs**. Access to the COIN Career Library is funded by your DVHS Academic Boosters.

#### **COLLEGE/MILITARY VISITS/CAREER CENTER INFORMATION**

Check back next fall for a list of college/military/vocational school visits.

#### **SAVE THE DATE.....**

### **SRVUSD COLLEGE FAIR AT MONTE VISTA HIGH**

**Monday, October 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

#### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES (not at DVHS)**

*See school website/school loop for most up-to-date information*

**Aug 1 (Santa Clara) OR Aug 2 (San Rafael) – “Colleges That Change Lives” College Fair** Mark your calendars for this unique event highlighting some small liberal arts colleges throughout the U.S. with a common goal. “Changing Lives. One Student at a Time”. Some of the colleges include: Agnes Scott College, The Evergreen State College, St. John’s College, MD, Reed College, and more. Go to [www.ctcl.org](http://www.ctcl.org) for more information and actual fair locations.

**SUMMER 2010:** Be sure to check out college campuses while you are out of town, just to get a sense of location, “gut feel”, etc. Though there will be fewer students on campus than during the school year, most likely there will be some on campus taking summer classes. Some college campuses offer summer tours and information sessions, so check their websites before you leave town!

Pick up a flyer in the College and Career Center with suggested questions to ask during a college visit. Take notes after the visit to help you remember what you liked and disliked about a college.

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS UPDATES

**We now have our own numbers, as we have graduating seniors!** Our DVHS seniors have some wonderful post high school plans. Of our graduating class of 243 (118 respondents), 25% will be attending UC's, 9% CSU's, 25% Community Colleges, 2% CA private colleges and 14% out of state colleges, while 2% will be attending Art colleges, 1% military (including West Point Academy) and 1 student will be traveling. Our top 3 UC's are UC Berkeley (11); UC Davis (12) and UC Santa Cruz (8). Top CSU's include San Jose State (5), Cal Poly SLO (4) and CSU East Bay (4). 40 students will be attending DVC and 11 Las Positas. Stop by Counseling to see the map of locations, or the College and Career Center to see a list of students, by college. **Congratulations to ALL of our SENIORS!!!! Oh, the places you are GOING!!! Enjoy the journey and keep in touch!**

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**SENIORS:** Be sure you send your final transcripts to the colleges where you have submitted your intent to register. **This is a required step in your "conditional acceptance"**. Also, in many cases, students are required to participate in an on campus orientation. Be sure you know what is required by the college where you have enrolled!

- **Community College students:** If you are attending a CA community college in the fall, make sure you are aware of their class registration procedures. Many community colleges (including DVC and Las Positas) have been accepting fall 2010 student class registrations for several days. Don't wait--classes can fill up quickly!!

***SENIORS: Remember, we welcome your donations of college and test prep materials to the College and Career Center. Drop them off anytime! Thank you!! ☺***

## COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

**JUNIORS (soon to be SENIORS):**

- **College Entrance Testing (ACT and SAT)**
  - **ACT:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (nearest testing location is Berkeley or Hayward--see website for specifics of stand by testing for this Saturday, June 12) Cost: \$41 + \$47 late fee = \$88. Stop by the Career Center to pick up a Standby registration packet.
  - **SAT/Subject Tests:** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). (See the website for fall dates)
  - Research colleges where SAT and/or ACT tests are NOT REQUIRED: Start here: [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org).
- **Now is the time to start researching college and other post high school options.** A great place to start is [www.COIN3.com](http://www.COIN3.com). There, you can take assessments, learn about different careers and majors and search for college or trade school options. User id is: LCA16847 and log-in is: dvhs.
  - **Be realistic in your considerations and seek out your "GOOD FIT" college; the one where you will be happy and challenged to further your education.** Look at school websites and college guidebooks for admissions profiles – plan to apply to schools that would be a "good fit" for you academically, socially, and logistically.
  - **Look both in state and out of state, public and private.** You might qualify for scholarships to bring the costs down!! Consider "WUE" (Western Undergraduate Exchange) out-of-state schools. Go to <http://wue.wiche.edu/> to see a list of out of state

schools that offer reduced out of state tuition (typically 150% of in-state amounts) and potential scholarships to California residents.

- **Think about touring campuses over summer break or on school holidays.** It is best to see a campus while students are there, but sometimes that is not feasible, and a summer visit can provide great information. Be sure to **check campus websites for tour information.** Tours and admissions overview sessions can be invaluable; but so can a casual walk around a campus. *Can you picture yourself living and working there for 4 (+) years?*
- **Start brainstorming topics for college application essays!** Stop by the Career Center to pick up a tip sheet from the UC's. Search private school websites to learn what you can about their application essay topics.
- **The Common Application will be on line beginning July 1.** If a college where you plan to apply requests you to use the Common Application (<https://www.commonapp.org>), you can begin the application as early as July 1. Many colleges will request supplements (additional essays, recommendation letters, etc) so be sure you verify the application criteria for each college. Plan to attend the fall workshops re: college applications presented by DVHS counselors. Schedule will be available in fall, 2010.
- **Taking summer classes for advancement?** (i.e. Math?) Be sure to take the assessment test at DVHS on July 30. A minimum score is a pre-requisite for advancing to the next course level in fall; regardless of the passing grade earned at the other WASC accredited institution.
- **Make summer plans. Volunteer, work, take a class, learn something new! Have fun!!**

#### **SOPHOMORES (soon to be Juniors)/FRESHMEN (soon to be Sophomores)**

- Think about beginning to prepare for the PSAT test that will be offered at DVHS in October. Stop by the Career Center and pick up a PSAT guide and sample test (from fall 2009) to help you prepare. Look at the College Board website for preparation information ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)). Consider taking a prep course over the summer to get you ready for the PSAT and the SAT's. Also, Academic Boosters will be offering an "Introduction to College Entrance Tests" class in the fall to help you prepare. (Sophomores *can* take the PSAT for practice, but cannot qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition).
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- **If you travel over the summer, consider visiting college campuses** along your way. Start to narrow down what you want in a college experience. Stop by the College and Career Center to pick up some information to help you know what to ask a tour guide, or to help you formulate your priorities in your college search.

#### **TESTING INFORMATION**

- College Admissions Testing:
  - **PSAT** – for Juniors (or sophomores for practice). Will be offered at DVHS on Oct. 16. Registration will be via the DVHS web store in mid-Sept.
  - **SAT/SAT Subject Tests** – see [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for fall 2010 schedule and registration information.
  - **ACT** – see [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for fall 2010 schedule and registration information.

## **SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

**Financial Aid** – Learn what options you might have to save for college and to explore alternative funding options. **Stop by the Career Center to pick up a “Fund Your Education”** publication to peruse over the summer. Be proactive in planning for your college finances!!

## **SUMMER COURSEWORK, VOLUNTEERING & EXPLORATION**

*Colleges want to see students make good use of their summer breaks. Learn something new! Travel! Volunteer! Work! Look for summer opportunities posted on the school website, or stop by the Career Center to peruse a binder full of interesting options. Many colleges offer pre-collegiate programs for high school students! Check specific college websites for options!*

Many colleges also offer summer coursework options to high school students. Check specific websites for information and to register. Some colleges offer residential programs where students can get a sense of college life and attend classes with college students!

**Be sure to keep a record:** *Colleges want students to make the most out of their summer vacations. Traveling, working, volunteering, taking a class are all great ways to spend your time and expand your horizons. Explore your passions!! Learn something new!! Keep a record of what you do each summer during high school; when you begin to complete college (and future job) applications, you will be glad you did! Note: who you worked for/volunteered on behalf of, how many hours, what you accomplished and what you learned...how it shaped future choices you made. Did you discover a passion? Master a new skill? Teach something new to someone?*

**Make Summer Count:** Build your skills and resume while having fun!!

### **Volunteer:**

Monument Crisis Center: [www.monumentcrisiscenter.org/volunteer.html](http://www.monumentcrisiscenter.org/volunteer.html)

Oakland Zoo: [www.oaklandzoo.org/support-the-zoo/teen-volunteer-opportunities](http://www.oaklandzoo.org/support-the-zoo/teen-volunteer-opportunities)

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue: [www.tvar.org](http://www.tvar.org)

East Bay Volunteer Center: [www.helpnow.org](http://www.helpnow.org)

City of San Ramon-City Lights Volunteers: <http://www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/Parks/volunteer/>

East Bay Regional Park District: [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

Danville's Community Emergency Response Team: [www.firedepartment.org/volunteer](http://www.firedepartment.org/volunteer)

**Get a job!** Remember to get a work permit application from Counseling. All students under the age of 18 need to have a work permit. This summer students have to be proactive in securing summer employment. Think about starting your own business! Mowing lawns, pet sitting, painting houses, baby-sitting, mother's helper, or creating useful websites are some ideas to get you started. Retail is a good bet...make up a resume and approach stores where you shop and restaurants where you eat. How about Starbucks? Peet's? Look for "help wanted signs". Need a sample resume? Check out the DVHS website under "Counseling & Career Center". Within the private college checklist tab is a sample resume. Begin it this summer and update it each year as you acquire more skills and experiences.

***Have a wonderful, relaxing, productive,  
exciting summer! See you in August!***