

# WELCOME 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS!

Navigating the College  
Application Process

PRETTY SOON IT WILL  
BE JUNE...



... just remember it's still  
September!

# STATISTICS ON ADMISSION FOR CLASS OF 2014

<b>Graduating Class of 2014.....</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Percentage attending College in Fall of 2014.....</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Percentage attending a Four Year Institution.....</b>	<b>74%</b>
<b>Percentage attending a Two Year Institution.....</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Percentage attending a School Out-of-State.....</b>	<b>12%</b>

# LIST OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

- ◎ University of California (LA, Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Santa Cruz, San Diego, Riverside, Merced, Santa Barbara, )
- ◎ California State (LA, Dominguez Hills, Chico, San Francisco, East Bay, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Fullerton, Long Beach, Stanislaus, Channel Islands, San Diego, San Jose)
- ◎ California private (Redlands, Azusa Pacific, Biola, Occidental, Mount St. Mary's, USF, Whittier, Woodbury, LMU, Marymount, USC, Pepperdine, University of Pacific)
- ◎ Out of state highly selective/selective (Boston University, American, RIT, NYU, Smith, University of Richmond, Colby-Sawyer, Syracuse, Hampshire, Emerson, Dartmouth)
- ◎ Other out of state colleges (U of Arizona, Arizona State, Juniata, James Madison, St. John's Univ., Univ. of Oregon, Miami Univ, Columbia College, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph's, Hofstra, LIM, American, Fisk, Howard, University of Colorado (Boulder, Denver, Colorado Springs), Hawaii Pacific, Drexel, Pennsylvania State )
- ◎ TWO Posse Scholars 2014 (Kalamazoo, Syracuse)



# CLASS OF 2015 - WHAT'S HAPPENING SENIOR YEAR...

- ◉ College Writing Class (also College Visits from reps during this time)
- ◉ Review Transcripts
- ◉ Gather Your Documents
  - Transcript (on Naviance)
  - Brag sheet (on Naviance)
  - 2014 tax documents (parents, for FAFSA)
  - Letters of recommendation (private schools only)
  - Personal Statements/Essay prompts (when necessary)
- ◉ Finding The Right Fit
  - CCC – 106 campuses
  - CSU – 23 campuses
  - UC – 9 campuses
  - Independent – over 1,000 across the country
  - Public Out of State – over 1,000



# COLLEGES WHO HAVE VISITED DA VINCI SCHOOLS



# MORE COLLEGES...



**Fashion Institute  
of Technology**  
State University of New York

# SENIOR CHECKLIST

## October-December

- ◉ Register for standardized tests (SAT/ACT) for October-December:  
SAT: Nov. 8, Dec. 6  
ACT: Oct. 25, Dec. 13
- ◉ Create user name/password MASTER SHEET for all of the below accounts (as needed):
  1. Common App account @ [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
  2. CSU Mentor account @ [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
  3. UC account @ [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)
  4. Community Colleges- on each school's website
  5. Testing: [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org), [actsudent.org](http://actsudent.org)
- ◉ Use Naviance to make sure of application deadlines & financial aid dates  
Da Vinci Design login: <http://connection.naviance.com/davincidesign>

# SENIOR CHECKLIST

- ◉ Complete your brag sheet on Naviance (for teachers/counselors who are writing your letters of recommendations)
- ◉ Decide who the ‘best teachers’ are for your recommendations and ask them to write you one (4-6 weeks notice is best)
- ◉ Work on your personal statement/essay/supplemental questions for college applications
- ◉ Search for scholarships:
  1. Naviance
  2. fastweb.com
  3. cappex.com
  4. Scholarships.com
  5. collegeboard.org

# BEFORE YOU APPLY

## ◉ Reach - Target - Safety

### ■ Reach:

You want to attend. You meet all the requirements for minimum coursework. Your SAT/ACT score and un-weighted GPA is at or below the average that was accepted last year

### ■ Target:

You want to attend. You meet all requirements for the recommended coursework (exceed the minimum required). Your SAT/ACT score and un-weighted GPA is at or above the average that was accepted last year.

### ■ Safety:

You want to attend. You meet all requirements for the recommended coursework (exceed the minimum required). Your SAT/ACT score and un-weighted GPA is significantly above the average that was accepted last year.



# BEFORE YOU APPLY

- ✓ **Thoroughly research your colleges you want to apply to and add them to your Naviance “colleges I’m thinking about” list**
- ✓ **Finalize your list of colleges/universities in Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying To” (must have final discussion with counselor to verify final list)**
- ✓ **Know your deadlines! If your college list is finalized in Naviance under “Colleges I’m applying to” it has deadlines on it for each college**

# AN OVERVIEW

	CCC	CSU	UC	INDEPENDENT	OOS PUBLIC
Application	Online application	Online application	Online application	Online application	Online application
Tests	Placement tests in Math and English	SAT or ACT	SAT or ACT and 2 subject tests (recommended)	Requirements vary	Requirements vary
Essays	No essay	No essay	2 essay prompts	Requirements vary	Requirements vary
Other	Spring 2015, Honors and TAG programs available	Oct. 1- Nov. 30, 2.0 GPA while meeting eligibility index(SAT/ ACT scores)	Oct. 1 (opens) Submission periods Nov.1- 30, 3.0 minimum GPA	2 teacher recs, 1 counselor rec	Requirements vary

# HOW TO APPLY

- ◉ Online application
  - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
  - [www.csummentor.edu](http://www.csummentor.edu)
  - [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)
  - Each community college has their own app on their own website
- ◉ (1) Counselor Evaluation/Letter of Recommendation
- ◉ (2) Teacher Evaluations/Letters of Recommendation
- ◉ Official transcripts (sent via Naviance)
- ◉ **\*\*\*\*Send test scores from testing agency\*\*\*\***
- ◉ Supplemental applications: Essays/Personal Statements

# NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION

- ◉ Electronic system for college applications and supporting documents
  - Transcripts (initial, mid year & final)
  - Teacher & Counselor Recommendations
  - School profile
- ◉ Efficient (and preferred system) for colleges, students and parents
  - Eliminates the need for paper (envelopes, stamps)\
  - REDUCES the time needed to get documents to colleges
  - REDUCES the chance of error and mix-up of student files
  - Allows parents to monitor status of college applications and assist your students

# HOW IT WORKS

- ◉ Students add colleges to their list on Naviance Family Connection
- ◉ Students create Common Application account and sign FERPA waiver on the Common App side (this links to Da Vinci Design and allows us to electronically send their documents directly to the college)
- ◉ Counselors submit transcripts/letters to colleges electronically by the click of a button
- ◉ Students can request recommendations from teachers
- ◉ Not ALL colleges accept electronic submissions, so some colleges will have to be sent via postal mail

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 1 – CSU application available online

October 1 – CSS Profile opens

October 11 – SAT test

October 25 – ACT test

November 8 – SAT test

November 30 – Deadline for all UC/CSU applications

December 6 – SAT test date (last chance)

December 13 – ACT test date (last chance)

January 1 –FAFSA Opens

January 2 –Deadline for most private college applications (dates vary- check Naviance!)



# FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Federal Grant Programs



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Cal Grant

Scholarships

Work Study

Student/Parent Loans

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DOCUMENTS NEEDED

October 1: CSS Profile (for private colleges) becomes available

- Tax return from previous year (2014)
- W-2 Forms from previous year (2014)
- Records of Investments

January 1: FAFSA becomes available

- Current year tax returns (2014)
- W-2 from current year (2014)

March 2: FAFSA and Cal Grant MUST be filed

*\*\*\* If applying to private schools, please check their websites for deadlines\*\*\**

# WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?

- ◉ Create accounts for scholarship searches and apply!
  - Fastweb.com
  - Cappex.com
  - Scholarships.com
- ◉ Research the cost of education of potential universities student might attend- Use the net price calculator on each website
- ◉ Stay organized with documents need for FAFSA and CSS Profile
- ◉ File your taxes as early as possible to complete your FAFSA and get as much financial aid eligible!

# IMPORTANT:

- ◉ Send test scores directly through the testing agency no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> or as soon as scores are in.
- ◉ Meet all college application deadlines. Visit Naviance
- ◉ Request official transcripts 4-6 weeks before deadlines- on Naviance
- ◉ Check your email frequently
- ◉ Keep your grades up. All acceptances are conditional.

**THANK YOU FOR  
COMING!  
NOW....TREVOR  
RAMOS FROM  
“COLLEGE FUNDING  
REMEDIES”**