Opening Message

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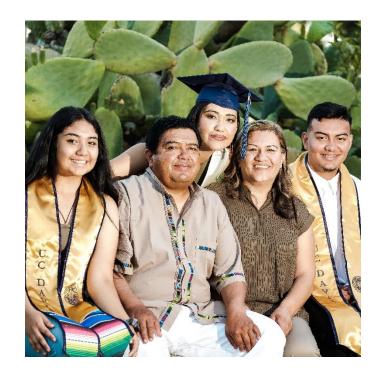DCAC | Destination College Advising Corps

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Introduction

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1st Generation

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Opening Discussion

Students who can visualize themselves in college are generally more likely to end up there. Why do you think this is?

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WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

Post-Secondary Graduation Options

What does it mean to be "eligible" vs. "competitive" when applying for college?

Eligible: Applicants meet the minimum requirements to *apply* to a college.

Competitive: Applicants have gone above and beyond the minimum requirements, thus increasing their chances of getting accepted to the college of their *choice*.

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What factors are taken into consideration by admissions officers to determine if you are a strong applicant?

- ✓ Coursework

- ✓ Grades

- ✓ Test Scores

- ✓ Extracurricular Activities/Enrichment

- ✓ College Knowledge

COURSEWORK

Eligible:

Min HS coursework (completion of 15 "a-g" courses)

Competitive:

Rigorous HS coursework
- Take beyond the required 15 courses
- Concurrent Enrollment in community college
- AP and Honors courses

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GRADES
Grade Point Average (GPA)

Eligible

Minimum GPA:
2.0 CSU & 3.0 UC
(private schools
vary)

Competitive

Higher GPA
"A" = COMPETITIVE

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

Eligible

Take the SAT and ACT with Writing (once)

Competitive
Take the SAT and ACT with Writing (twice)
Higher Test Scores

- *PSAT (October of 10th)*
- *SAT and ACT (Spring of 11th & Fall of 12th)*
- *SAT Subject Tests (take in June of the year you take the class)*

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EXTRACURRICULAR - ENRICHMENT - LEADERSHIP - SERVICE

Eligible:

Few (sporadic) extracurricular / community activities they give little time to

Competitive:
- Commitment to several (ongoing) activities
- Focus of interest
- Leadership
- Service to the community

Encourage students to:
- *Join clubs, sports and organizations that interest them*
- *Find something they enjoy and commit to it!*
- *Create their own club!*
- *SUMMER PROGRAMS*

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COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

Eligible:
Knows only what the adviser / counselor shares (meets deadlines)

Competitive:
- Follows college timeline
- Researches colleges (on-line & college visits)
- Explores majors
- Explores careers
- Asks questions
- Attends college related meetings & events
- Meets deadlines well in advance

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Path to UC/CSU Admissions The Requirements

- **Subject**
  - **a-g Courses**
- **GPA**
  - **Grades**
- **Examination**
  - **SAT/ACT**
- **Personal Insight Questions**
  - **Only for UC; not for CSU**

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UC Grades

- ✓ 3.0 GPA minimum (competitive 3.6)
- ✓ Can earn extra points in Honor & AP Courses
- ✓ All grades count ("C" or better)
- ✓ a-g GPA calculated from the summer after 9th grade until the summer after 11th grade

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CSU Grades

- ✓ 2.0 GPA minimum
- ✓ Impacted campuses, require a higher GPA
- ✓ All grades count ("C" or better)
- ✓ a-g GPA calculated from the summer after 9th grade until the summer after 11th grade

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How to apply to a UC & CSU

- Student needs to create an account
- Use a professional & appropriate email

University of California:

https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login

California State University:

https://calstate.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login

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California Community College (CCC)

- There are 114 CCC's
- Gives students the opportunity to restart/second opportunity
- Gives student the options to explore different interests
- Receive a Associates Degree (AA)
- Transfer Pathways

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California Community College (CCC) Requirements

- Possess a High school diploma or equivalent
- Transfer Concurrent enrollment courses

Early registration for Courses
- Participate in orientation
- Complete the assessment process
- Develop an Education Plan with a counselor or adviser

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California Community College (CCC) Application

- Create a account with OpenCCC

https://idp.openccc.net/idp/profile/SAML2/Redirect/SSO?execution=e2s1

Career Technical Education (CTE) Requirements

- There are 2-year & 4-year vocational schools
- Some CCC's have career technical education programs that can help guide them to their end goal
- Varies per college/university & program of interest
- Depending on the program of interest
- Research is important, getting as much information as possible

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Private Universities

Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities

- Over 80 independent, nonprofit colleges and universities in California.
- 27 in Northern California & 57 in Southern California

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Private Universities Application

- Create an account with CommonApp
  - https://apply.commonapp.org/createaccount

- Every independent college/university section and specific information

Private Universities Additional Requirements

Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities

- Official Test Scores SAT or ACT

- Official Transcripts

- Letters of recommendation

- Portfolio, resumé and/or additional writing samples:

- Submit Fall Grades

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Things to Remember...

- Plan early!

- Make sure to recover any D's or F's from 9th grade and throughout high school.

- It is important to apply broadly! To Safety, Target and Reach schools!

- Complete Financial Aid !

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Helpful Websites

- www.californiacolleges.edu

- www.collegeresults.org

- https://collegescorecard.ed.gov

- https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep

- www.finaid.org

- www.fastweb.com

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Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP)

- Targets 1st generation, low-income, and underrepresented students

- 2.0 GPA or Higher

- Supports any pathway they choose after high school

- Cohort Model