Heritage High School - Senior Year Action Plan
Class of 2020

- ✓ Check daily announcements for College "to do list" reminders & find out which college representatives will be visiting.
- ✓ Visit the HHS College & Career Center or website – for financial aid, scholarships, college/major search & other resources.
- ✓ Stop by the College & Career Center for Career resource material.
- ✓ Attend College & Career Workshops during Patriot Plus

AUGUST

☐ Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you; i.e. regions of the country, cost, school that offers pre-med, etc. Check the college catalogs available in the College & Career Center or utilize these search websites: www.universityofcalifornia.edu, www.calstate.edu, www.californiacolleges.edu, https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/ & www.collegiatechoice.com

☐ Check college requirements. Make sure you have fulfilled the necessary requirements for the college you plan on attending. If you plan on playing collegiate sports be sure to check your Core Course Completion. **Eligibility check list, available in the College & Career Center**

☐ Take the necessary entrance exams for college: SAT Reasoning OR ACT (w/writing) and SAT Subjects tests. **Test dates & study information is available in the College & Career Center.** Tests should be taken by **December**. REMEMBER TO REGISTER BY THE DEADLINE. You can register online@: ACT: www.act.org and SAT: www.collegeboard.com

Military or Vocation

☐ Visit the College & Career Center for information and contact numbers.

> **Do you qualify for Free or Reduce lunch? YES! Stop by the CCC to pick up SAT/ACT or College Application Fee Waiver.**

SEPTEMBER

☐ Make a list of all your accomplishments, achievements, & community service while in high school. This is valuable information for college and scholarship applications.

☐ Attend College Night at Freedom High School, 10/17/2019 from 6-8pm.

☐ Review private/out of state institutions' web sites for application process and timeline.

☐ Letters of Recommendation are required with some college applications & scholarships. Utilize the Teacher Recommendation Request form, found on the HHS College & Career Center website. (Provide a minimum two-week notice.)

☐ Register in the College & Career Center for ASVAB, testing date 9/4/19.

☐ Begin final edit of your UC Personal Insight Questions, Link to the prompt: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/

☐ Look for institutional scholarships for each college that you apply to. *Register at www.fastweb.com*

☐ Find out which financial aid application your college requires. FAFSA or CSS Profile.

☐ **Attend Senior Financial Aid Night 9/24/2019, from 7-8:30 pm in the Auditorium, for parents and students.**

> **College Application HELP:**
> 9/11, 10/30, 11/6
> During Patriot Plus
> *Contact the CCC for more dates/times

RECOMMENDED

> **CSU Bound – Calculate your Eligibility Index Score & research your college requirement, before you apply.**
> https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/eligibility-index

OCTOBER

> FAFSA **HELP**: 10/30, 2/5 & 2/19 During Patriot Plus
> *Contact the CCC for more dates/times*

☐ File for a FSA ID with WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV for students and parents.

☐ Apply on-line for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) Application @ www.fafsa.ed.gov **DO NOT APPLY UNTIL AFTER OCT. 1st and select the 2020/2021 school year.**

> **DO NOT PAY for a FAFSA application to be processed. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov**

☐ California State University, apply on-line at www.calstate.edu/apply Application submission period 10/1 - 11/30.

NOVEMBER

☐ University of California, apply on-line (or mail) to the University of California (UC) during the month of November www.universityofcaifornia.edu UC Application submission period 11/1 - 11/30.

☐ **If you have not done so, have the TESTING COMPANY SEND YOUR SAT, ACT, SAT II test scores to the colleges. Requests can be made online at www.collegeboard.com or at www.actstudent.org** . If you request your official SAT/ACT score report and have it sent to one campus, your scores will automatically be release to **ALL** CSU/ UC campuses to which you applied.

☐ **Create your college portal accounts…**Check your college communication emails and **READ THEM** - follow the directions given!!!!

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS become available online November 1st and are due January 23rd – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!.

DECEMBER

☐   Check deadlines for mailing applications to private colleges.
December is the last month for most Fall term College Freshman to take the SAT, ACT and SAT II (verify with your institution).

JANUARY

☐   If you haven't done so already...complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) Application @ www.fafsa.ed.gov.

☐   Check College/University Housing requirements, you may need to apply now!

☐   **HHS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN 4pm on January 23rd.**

Want to go out of state for College & save money?
Go to
www.wiche.edu/ca

FEBRUARY

☐   Check your FAFSA applications to ensure proper completion before the DEADLINE.
Keep a copy of your FAFSA form. Track your Cal Grant at www.webgrants4students.org

☐   Register in the College & Career Center for ASVAB, testing date 3/4/20.

MARCH

☐   Cal Grant Application closes, 3/2. Be sure you have completed the FAFSA. Heritage HS will electronically submit Cal Grant GPA Verifications for all seniors.

☐   Students attending Los Medanos College or Diablo Valley College in the fall can register for course evaluation and placement at Heritage HS. **To find out more details stop by the College & Career Center.**

APRIL

☐   Expect to hear from colleges by mid-April. Students should tell their counselors and the College & Career Center Coordinators about college acceptance and scholarship successes. Information is published in the Scholarship and Commencement Programs.

☐   CSU & Junior College students check your EAP results www.csumathsuccess.org/eap_results
Will you need to register for a CSU Early Start Program???

MAY

☐   4 year college bound students; complete your intent to Enroll by 5/1.

☐   Graduates attending a 4-year institution need to request a final transcript on Parchment.
https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/68278/account

☐   NCAA & NAIA Athletes need to send final transcript for approval.

☐   Scholarship Night- 5/12/2020 and Awards Night 5/28/20 (Both Events are Invite ONLY)

Stay Focused

JUNE

☐   **Graduation, June 4, 2020. Congratulations!!!! Heritage High School Graduate**

COMMON QUESTIONS

- Are there scholarships for junior college as well as a 4 year college? YES – you can find out more by visiting the college's Financial Aid Office.
- Can the Local Scholarships be used at a junior college? YES – you never know what you can get, until you apply.
- Is junior college free? The first year is free, however you need to complete the FAFSA 1st.
- My parents make too much money, should I still complete the FAFSA? YES – let FAFSA make that decision, there are so many factors involved.
- Do colleges really look at my social media profiles? YES – be careful what you post, it never goes away.
- Can a college rescind my acceptance? YES – your acceptance is contingent upon how you finish high school.
- Are all college admission processes the same? NO – so keep track of deadlines.

Visit your Counselor or stop by the College & Career Center if you have additional questions...