2023-2024 College and Career Planning

12th Grade

**FALL**

* Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you; i.e. regions of the country; cost; schools that offer particular majors, campus size etc.
* Review the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) Minimum A-G Course Requirements. Students must have a grade of C or better in these A-G Courses, look for poster around campus.
* Take a Career Assessment for free:
  + Yourfreecareertest.com
  + Collegemajors101.com
  + Cacareerzone.org
* Plan on playing collegiate sports? Check your Core Course Completion and the NCAA clearinghouse.
* UC applications open on August 1st.
* Meet with your counselor for a Grad check.

***September***

* Attend District College and Career Night at Liberty High School, Tuesday, September 19th 6- 8 p.m. in the Ghiggeri and Stonebarger Gym.
* Join the UC Personal Insight Q’s Workshop on September 26th- Sign up in the Career Center.
* Be sure to listen to the announcements to sign up for college visits.

***October***

* The submission period for University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) runs from October 1st- November 30th.
* Attend College Application workshops (App *ATTACK!*) for help with your college application. See Career Center for dates and times.

***November***

* Consider taking the ASVAB (a career exploration assessment) to help narrow down career options on November 15th – Sign up in the Career Center.
* Attend College Application workshops (App *ATTACK!*) for help with your college application. See Career Center for dates and times.

***December***

* **Apply to Local Scholarships-** Packets are available December 1st in the College and Career Center
* Beginning December 1st 2023, apply online for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) OR California Dream Act. Select the 2024/2025 school year.
* Double check any application deadlines that may roll into December.

**SPRING**

***January***

* Check your college communication emails/student portal and **READ THEM**- follow the directions given!
* Check College/University Housing requirements, you may need to apply now!
* ***LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN 4PM ON JANUARY 19TH!!!!***

***February***

* Los Medanos Community College will be here in Feb/Mar for application workshops- See Career Center for dates and how to sign up.

***March***

* **FAFSA/ CA DREAM ACT**- Cal Grant deadline is March 2nd. Be sure to have completed your financial aid application prior to this date.
* Check your college communication emails/student portal and review acceptances and To-Do Lists.

***April***

* Expect to hear from colleges by mid-April.
* Consider taking the ASVAB (a career exploration assessment) to help narrow down career options on April 24th – Sign up in the Career Center.

***May***

* Graduates attending a 4-year institution need to request a final transcript through Parchment.com
* **Achievement Awards Night** 5/2/2024 and **Local Scholarship Night** 5/23/2024 *(you will receive an invitation for these events)*

***June***

* **Graduation, June 7th, 2024**

Visit the College & Career Center in A104 regularly. Ask questions. Use the resources. Study. Do research.

**Join the College and Career Center Remind, text @lhsccc2023 to 81010 or download the Remind app & Counseling Instagram @libertycounseling**

**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 community college? **YES** – you never know what you can get, until you apply!!
* If I go to a junior college, do I need to complete the FAFSA? **YES** – there are grants and waivers available.
* 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 admission requirements and deadlines.