Senior College Night

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Mrs. Nagar, Head of College Counseling
Mr. Williams, College Counseling Associate

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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. A few notes from Mrs. Martinez
2. Counselors & Their Roles in Process
3. A few notes from Mrs. Martinez
4. College Application Requirements
5. Important Dates & Deadlines
6. Resources for College Application Support
7. The importance of SCOIR during this process!
8. Requesting Transcripts & Recommendations

A few notes from Mrs. Martinez

This year looks different and its OK to feel overwhelmed

We may all be feeling more anxious than usual and that is to be expected. Please do yourself a favor and get some sleep, get a routine.

A couple of tips:

*Check your emails!
*Make appointments!
*Communicate, communicate, communicate
*Get involved

COUNSELOR ROLES IN COLLEGE PROCESS

Mrs. Nagar & Mr Williams

COLLEGE COUNSELORS

- Advise and assist students throughout the college application process!
- Submits transcripts & recommendations to colleges.
- When applicable: Write the Counselor Recommendation or Secondary School Report (SSR).

Mrs. Martinez

- Provides academic/social emotional support.
- Available to review essays or CSU/UC Applications.
- Provides College Counselors supporting information for the Counselor Rec/SSR.
- When requested, can write CSU EOP recommendations.

IMPORTANT: When asked for counselor information on college applications, students should list their College Counselor's information.

Application Requirements

CSUs Application Requirements

***MINIMUM* REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY**

CSU GPA:

- 2.5 Resident
- 3.0 Non-Resident

Impacted Programs & Campuses will have higher requirements consider other supplemental factors.

For students that fall below minimum GPA, CSUs will consider additional supplemental factors.

TEST SCORES: Not Required or Considered for Admission (if provided, they will use for course placement).

APPLICATION AVAILABLE OCT 1st:
https://www2.calstate.edu/apply

- No essay questions unless applying to Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).
- Self-reported courses & grades, and educational programs/work experience.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
December 4th (11:59pm)

CSUs Supplemental Factors

Each campus will determine which factors are used. Supplemental academics will compose a minimum weight of 51%

Used by many campuses:

- "A-G" GPA
- "A-G" courses above 30/15
- Promise/Partnership programs
- First Generation
- Low Income
- Educational Programs
- Foster Youth Services
- Military Status

Less Frequently Used

- Math/Quantitative Reasoning GPA (STEM Impacted)
- Work Experience
- Extracurricular Activities
- Leadership Positions
- School Free & Reduced Lunch
- English GPA
- Lab Courses GPA (STEM)

UCs Application Requirements

***MINIMUM* REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY**

UC GPA:

- 3.0 Resident
- 3.4 Non-Resident

APPLICATION

- Self-reported courses & grades
- List Activities & Work Experience
- Respond to 4 Personal Insight Questions
- UC Berkeley - By December, they Invite a select group of students to submit recommendations to support their application.

TEST SCORES: Not Required or Considered for Admission.

Test scores can be used later for placement.

APPLICATION:
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html

APPLICATION DEADLINE
November 30th (11:59pm)

Other College Requirements

***MINIMUM* REQUIREMENTS VARY BY COLLEGE**

- **Consult your college counselor or look at average admit data from previous years**

APPLICATIONS VARY BUT MOST REQUIRE:

- Essays
- Transcript
- Teacher Recommendations
- Counselor Report or Secondary School Report
- List of Activities & Work Experience

USE THE SCOIR CHECKLIST TO QUICKLY SCAN FOR REQUIREMENTS! COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PAGES ARE THE MOST ACCURATE PLACE TO GET INFO.

TEST SCORES: A large majority of colleges are test optional. Please check their admissions' websites!

APPLICATIONS

The most common for private colleges:
Common App
www.commonapp.org

College Specific Applications (on website)

Coalition App
www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/

APPLICATION DEADLINES VARY

QUESTIONS

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These are important College Application Related dates that you should pay attention to!

Note: ACT/SAT Registration Deadlines are not included in this document. Please refer to their sites for the most up to date information. www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org

September 2020

- **September 14th** - Students can begin requesting College Recommendation Requests for Riordan Teachers on SCOIR. Recommendation process in this guide, click here for Google Slides.

- **September 28th** - Virtual College Visits begin, check schedule on SCOIR. Click here for Guide to registering for visit.
  These visits are a great opportunity to:
  - Demonstrate interest
  - Get information for the “why us?” essays
  - Discover what they are looking for in an applicant
  - Discover more schools to add to your list!

October 2020

- **October 1st** - Deadline to submit grade repairs/summer school transcripts to Mrs. Martinez

  California State University application for Fall 2020 becomes available!

  Free Application for Federal Financial AID (FAFSA) and **California Dream Act** applications become available!

- **October 9th** - Deadline to submit College Rec Requests to teachers on SCOIR

- **October 15th** - Stanford Application with Arts Portfolio Deadline

Virtual Event for Students & Parents

October 29th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

College Financial Aid Night for Seniors & Families

Webinar with a Financial Aid Representative from USF

Link will be emailed to families the week of the event!

November 2020

- **November 1st/15th -** Early Decision/[Restrictive] Early Action deadlines for some colleges
  - November 1st - U of Washington (Regular Decision Deadline)

November 30th

Application Deadline for UCs
The University of California Campuses

***Final College List Due on** SCOIR

*Colleges added to SCOIR after this date will require college counselor approval

What are Early Applications?

ED

Early Decision

This is a binding application, if you're admitted you must attend and withdraw other applications.

REA

Restrictive Early Action

Non-binding, but have stipulations for other kinds of applications that you can submit. Read the college's policy carefully!

EA

Early Action

You apply early to a school, and hear back early! It is not binding!

December 2020

- **December 4th (11:59pm) - Deadline for California State Universities (CSUs)**
- **December 2020:** Application deadlines for some colleges especially for merit scholarships or art/music supplements. *Examples include:*
  - December 1: University of Southern California Merit Scholarship Deadline
  - December 1: Gonzaga U & Texas Public Colleges, Regular Decision Deadline
  - December 15: U of San Diego, Regular Decision Deadline

Spring 2021

January & February

Regular Decision Deadlines for some colleges.

California Community College applications start to become available.

March 2, 2021

FAFSA/CA Dream Act & Cal Grant Priority Filing Deadline for CSUs, UCs, and Community Colleges

April 1, 2021

Students should receive all application decisions by this date

(except for rolling applications)

May 1st

Candidate Reply Date for all colleges (SIR - Student Intent to Register).
Please update SCOIR once you know where you're attending!

June 2021

June 5th - Graduation

Mid- June: Registrar will automatically send your final transcript to the college that you've marked as attending on SCOIR.

QUESTIONS

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Application Resources

College Counselor

-Schedule a check-in meeting

- To discuss your applications and make sure you're on the right track!
- To expand your college list.
- Brainstorm possible essay topics.
- Review your applications!

- Email us drafts of your essays!

- Drop-in Hours November/December

Friday Virtual College Application Workshops

Zoom links for each session will be emailed the day before!

~~**9/18:**~~ Getting Started: Recommendation Request Process & Using SCOIR During the Application Process

9/25: UC Personal Insight Questions

10/2: Common App Essential App Info

10/9: College Essay with Guest Speaker

10/16 12pm-2pm: Personal Statement Bootcamp

Highly recommend for students who don't have English this fall.

10/23: CSU App Essentials & UC App Essentials [Occur at the same time]

11/6: CSU App Essentials & UC App Essentials [Occur at the same time]

Workshops will be recorded and students can access them via google drive using their Riordan account. Recordings are located on College Website, but you can also access them by Clicking Here

These guides walk students through important steps in the college app process. All guides are emailed in the newsletter AND posted on the ARHS COLLEGE WEBSITE. Topics Include:

- Teacher Rec Process
- Using SCOIR
- Early Application Checklist

COMING SOON: Common Application, UCs, and Cal State Apply Guides
These guides address FAQ and important guidelines when completing these applications.

Every student must use this website if they are applying to four year colleges!

SCOIR

Important Reminders!

Overview of College Rec Request Process

September 14 - October 9th

Window for students to submit College Rec Requests on SCOIR. Submit the request asap if you have an early application.

Deadline: October 9th

Teachers Respond to Requests

No later than October 14th, you'll receive a decision from your teacher.

Contact your College Counselor if your request is denied.

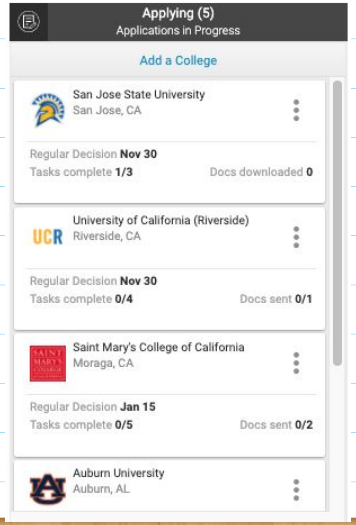
Submission of Materials

Your College Counselor will submit your teacher recommendation to colleges listed in SCOIR on or around your deadline.

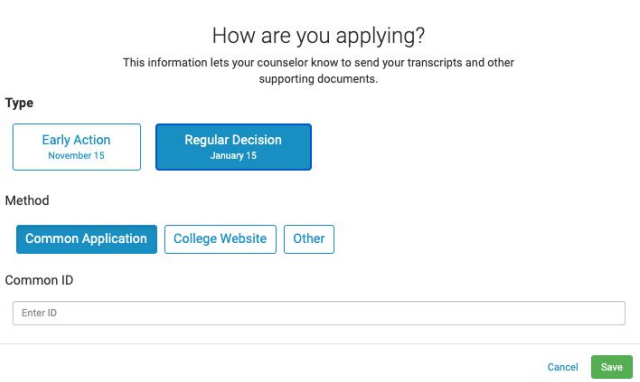
Click here to access the link to the full guide and tutorial.

Maintain An Accurate College List on Scoir under "Applying"

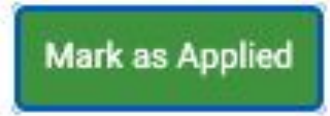
- This is the only way we know you're applying!



- Check that the Deadline & Method of Applying is accurate for each college!



Requesting Transcripts & Recommendations for Colleges



When you've indicated that you've applied to a college on SCOIR, your counselor is notified and we send a transcript and/or teacher recommendations when they're ready!

SCOIR is the best way to notify us that you've applied and require materials! We are familiar with college requirements and will send the materials via the right platform.

Important Note: It can take colleges up to 2-3 weeks to process your materials and mark them as received in your portal.

Requesting Transcripts & Recommendations for Other Purposes

Need a transcript for other reasons like scholarships or NCAA/NAIA. Please contact our registrar:

Mrs. Nora Birmingham

nbirmingham@riordanhs.org

Contact your College Counselor to send your recommendations to scholarships.

Communication is important!

- Check your email regularly!
- Keep your SCOIR list up to date!
- Ask for help!

QUESTIONS

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Please contact us if you have any questions!

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