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EVENTS for 2008-2009

Welcome back to a new school year. We would also like to welcome the new and returning College Advisor Aides placed at your school sites. Their names, hours and location are noted on pages 4 of this newsletter. Please see the CAA anytime you need assistance during their posted work hours.

We have many activities planned for the coming year. We will be conducting College Options, Study Skills, UC and CSU workshops at the school sites. Letters will be sent to your home informing you of the activities with day and time.

Financial aid day and evening workshops will take place in January and February.

Field Trips to tour local college campuses for eleventh grade participants are being scheduled for February, March, and April. Please contact your CAA for information on any of the above items.

Visit the ETS Web site at www.csulb.edu/ets. Check the activities page frequently for current and upcoming program activities. Feel free to e-mail us with any questions you may have at ets@csulb.edu or call (562) 985-5388.

Website Resources

Careers

- www.mycoolcareer.com
- www.bls.gov/k12
- www.careervoyages.gov

- **Exploring Majors**
www.assist.org

Testing

- **College Board**
www.collegeboard.com
- **ACT**
www.act.org
- **Practice Tests**
www.4tests.com
www.cavhs.org

Financial Aid

- **California Student Aid Commission**
www.csac.ca.gov
- **FAFSA**
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Universities and Colleges

- **UC Online Application**
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- **UC Paper Copy**
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/apply/download.html
- **UC Personal Statement Tutorial for Students**
www.ucgateways.org
- **CSU Online Application**
www.csumentor.edu
- **California Independent Colleges and Universities**
www.aiccumentor.edu
- **California Community Colleges**
www.cccco.edu
www.icanaffordcollege.com
- **General College Search**
www.collegeview.com
www.cacollegeguide.com
www.collegeispossible.org
www.hbcumentor.org

CSU / UC Comparison

Prospective students should give priority to completing the high school courses required for admission—the “a-g” Subject requirements. You should understand, however, that the 15 college prep courses from the approved “a-g” requirements represent the minimum admission standards. The universities strongly recommend, but do not require, that students complete additional coursework in many of the “a-g” subjects. Below is a comparison chart of the minimum eligibility requirements for freshmen planning to apply to the CSU or UC with exceptions noted. Each high school has a UC-approved course list that is available from your counselor or at www.ucop.edu/pathways.

Your high school GPA will be calculated using only “a-g” approved courses taken after the 9th grade, including the summer between grades 9 and 10, with a “C” or better for both the CSU and UC. Bonus points may be awarded for up to eight grades (or four units) of “C” or better in approved honors courses taken in grades 10 and 11, with a maximum of 2 of these units completed in the 10th grade. Grades

earned in ninth grade are not used in the GPA calculation. CSU has no restriction on the number of times a course may be repeated; for UC a course that was not completed with a grade of “C” or better can be repeated only once. Courses where “D” grades are earned must be repeated, EXCEPT in the areas of math, chemistry, and language other than English, where “D” grades can be validated by successful completion of higher level coursework.

Courses in mathematics and languages other than English completed in the seventh and eighth grades with grades of “C” or better may be counted toward the Subject Requirement. Grades are not calculated into the “a-g” GPA.

The ACT or SAT Reasoning Test is required for both systems. CSU may combine the best verbal and math scores from multiple sittings of SAT and may combine best subscores from multiple ACT tests to calculate a best composite. UC will only take the best score from a single SAT Reasoning Test sitting. UC also requires two SAT Subject Tests in two different subject areas.

A-G Subject Requirements

| Subject Requirements | Cal State University | University of California |
|--|---|---|
| a. History/Social Science | 2 years of history/social science, including one year of world history , one semester of US History and one semester of American Government: | |
| | 1 year of history/social science from either the “a” or “g” subject area | 1 year of world history, cultures, and geography from the “a” subject area |
| b. English | 4 years of English, which can include not more than one year of ESL/ELD courses | |
| c. Mathematics | 3 years of math (algebra I and II, geometry)—4 years recommended | |
| d. Laboratory Science | 2 years laboratory science including at least two of the three core disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics—3 years recommended: | |
| | Including 1 year of physical science and 1 year of biological science must be completed, one of which must be from the “d” subject area and the other from either “d” or “g” area | Including at least two of the three core disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics |
| e. Language Other than English | 2 years of language other than English (must be the same language)—3 years recommended, high school courses can qualify | |
| f. Visual & Performing Arts | 1 yearlong course in visual and performing arts (selected from dance, music, theater/drama, or visual arts) | |
| g. College Preparatory Elective | 1 year elective chosen from any of the areas on the approved a-g course list | |

College Advisor Aides

2008-2009

The Educational Talent Search Program provides College Advisor Aides at the following school sites to program participants. Please feel free to see the CAA during their posted work hours. The CAA are located in the Career or College Centers.

Banning

**Maria Lina Vasquez**

Monday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Carson

**Jessica Narez**

Monday
8:00 am - 2:30 pm
Wednesday
8:00 am - 2:30 pm
Friday
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Gardena

**Alfredo Larios**

Monday
8:00 am - 2:30 pm
Thursday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Friday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Narbonne

**Denise Amezcua**

Tuesday
7:30 am - 2:30 pm
Wednesday
7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Thursday
7:30 am - 2:30 pm

San Pedro

**Massiel Martinez**

Tuesday
8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Thursday
8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Friday
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

| | Test Date | Registration Deadline |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------------|
| ACT | September 13, 2008 | August 12, 2008 |
| | October 25, 2008 | September 22, 2008 |
| | December 13, 2008 | November 7, 2008 |
| | February 7, 2009 | January 7, 2009 |
| | April 4, 2009 | February 27, 2009 |
| | June 13, 2009 | May 8, 2009 |

*SAT Reasoning only

| | Test Date | Registration Deadline |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| SAT Reasoning & SAT Subject Test | October 4, 2008 | September 9, 2008 |
| | November 1, 2008 | September 26, 2008 |
| | December 6, 2008 | November 5, 2008 |
| | January 24, 2009 | December 26, 2008 |
| | March 14, 2009* | February 10, 2009 |
| | May 2, 2009 | March 31, 2009 |
| | June 6, 2009 | May 5, 2009 |



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