Welcome to
College Info Night
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AGENDA

Post-Secondary Options

- Community College Certificate programs
- University or four-year college-bound
  - Community College Transfer Programs
  - CA Public Universities (UC/CSU)
  - Private Colleges
  - Out-of-State Public Universities

Financial Aid

- Overview of available state and federal programs
Community College Certificate Programs

- Most certificate programs require 10 to 20 units to complete.
- Ideal for students interested in learning a specific trade or skills.
- Some offer apprenticeship (earn as you learn) opportunities.
- Apply to the community college in spring of senior year.
- Some programs may require prerequisites, an additional application, and/or have an earlier deadline.
Examples of Certificate Programs

**CSM**
- Fire Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Cosmetology
- Tax Preparer
- Electronic Music
- EMT
- Accounting/CPA

**Canada College**
- Payroll Specialist
- Cloud Computer
- Video Game Design
- Theatre Costuming
- Interior Design
- Medical Assistant
- Laser Technician

**Skyline College**
- Automotive Technology
- Biotech Manufacturing
- Digital Film-Making
- Network Engineering
- Paralegal Assistant
- Esthetician
- Anesthesia Technician
Example of Foothill’s Certificate Programs (Los Altos)

- Dental Hygiene
- Environmental Horticulture
- Music Technology
- Paramedic
- Personal Trainer
- Pharmacy Technician
- Respiratory Therapy
- Veterinary Technician

Certificate of Achievement

- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology
- Inside Wireman (Electrician)
- Plumbing/Pipefitting/Pipe Trades Apprenticeship
- Residential Plumbing
- Residential Electrician
- Plumbing Technology
- Sheet Metal Building Trades
- Sound & Communication Installer
- Steamfittering & Pipefitting Technology
Let’s pause to answer general questions
"College Fit"

Social
- Location: access to or in a major city, close to home, etc.
- Campus Size
- Campus Life: quiet, lively, commuter, residential, etc.
- Sports (NCAA or Intramural)
- Dorms/Greek Life/Clubs
- Diversity (race, religion, conservative, liberal, etc.)
- Affordability / Cost-saving Route

Academic
- Available majors
- Quarter vs. Semester system
- Analytical/Research or Hands-on
- Lecture Hall or Seminar
- Access to professors/classes
- Research & Internships (guaranteed vs. competitive)
- Graduate school vs job market
College Pathways

Community College:
- Two-year degrees and/or Transfer Programs

Universities and Four-year Colleges
- California State University (CSU)
- University of California (UC)
- Common App (Private Colleges & Universities)
- Out-of-State Public Universities
Community College Transfer Programs

- Admission is guaranteed at a community college; must be 18 yrs old or a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Fresh start (high school GPA is not considered)
- More time to explore academic interest
- More time to explore college fit (universities)
- Guarantee Admission to most UC/CSU campuses
- More affordable (Promise Scholars Program)
- Students can take transferable courses during high school (FREE)
Transfer Agreements & Resources

- CSU Transfer Agreement → Degree with a Guarantee
- UC Transfer Agreement → TAG
- Community colleges may have agreements with private colleges.
- Resources for your students to plan ahead:
  - Transfer Bound Tool
  - Take advantage of Transfer Services
    - For ex: CSM Transfer Center
  - View articulation agreements: ASSIST
Tips if considering a transfer program.

Students should explore their intended major & universities as soon as they have decided to start at a community college.

It may take more or less than 2 years to transfer. Depending on:

- English and math placement
- Number of units taken each semester
- Time needed to explore and select major and university to transfer to.
- Preparation and access to prerequisites for intended major.
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Universities and Four-Year Colleges

- Cal State University (Cal State)
- University of California (UC)
- Private Colleges (Common Application)
- Out-of-State Public Universities
Cal State Universities

- 24 campuses
- Hands-on
- Most students commute
- Primarily semester-system
- Career-focused
- Educates the Workforce
Univ of CA

- 8 campuses
- Residential campus
- Quarter System (except Berkeley & Merced)
- Liberal Arts focus
  - Analytical Thinking
  - Research
  - Theoretical
UC/CSU Admission Requirements

Earn a C or higher in A-G requirements: UC Doorways

SAT/ACT not accepted (test-blind)

Students should focus on:

- Good grades and/or marked improvement all four years
- Academic enrichment in areas they are passionate about
- Courses that prepare for intended major
- Extracurricular activities: internships, jobs, clubs, sports, etc.
- Their narrative on UC Personal Insight Questions
Let’s pause to answer general questions
Private Colleges (Common App)

- Thousands of private colleges across US (85 in CA)
- Most offer:
  - academic & personal development approach (FYP)
  - smaller class sizes
  - guarantee completion in four years
- Tuition is much higher compared to a UC/CSU
- Admission focuses on college fit, recommendation letters, initial high school transcript, personal statements, etc.
- Some are Test-Optional or Test-Blind
Out of State Public Universities

- Tuition (resident v. non-resident)
- Lots of space
- Most are Affordable
- **WUE** in-state tuition breaks
- Requirements may differ from A-G
- Some use Common App
Application Deadlines

Seniors apply in the fall.

- UC opens in August, submit only in Oct - Nov.
- CSU opens in October, submit only in Oct - Nov.
- Common Application opens in July; deadlines vary.
  - Early Action/Early Decision vs. Regular Decision
  - Teacher/counselor recommendation letters are due by the student’s chosen deadline.
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Financial Aid (Brief Overview)

1. Federal Student Aid
   - FAFSA has details about types of aid, eligibility & how to apply.

2. State aid (known as Cal Grants) is offered by State of California.
   - Webgrants has details on available Cal Grants & eligibility.
   - Students not eligible to submit FAFSA use the Dream App

3. Institutional aid is offered by colleges.
   - Visit campus financial aid websites for details and how to apply.
   - Many private schools also require The CSS Profile.

4. Scholarships are also available; eligibility varies.
   - Visit Naviance for a list of available scholarships.
Spring 2022:

- 11th grade course registration included college planning tips.
- Counselors will visit history classes, later this month, to present “Post-Secondary Options”

Fall 2022:

- Seniors meet with counselors to check their status on grad requirements, A-G & review college plans.
- If students are applying to schools on the Common App, they should reach out to their counselor in Aug/Sept to request a college recommendation letter.
Thank You for Joining Us!

The recording for this presentation will be available on the College and Career page of the Carlmont webpage.

Please reach out to your student’s counselor if you have further questions.