AGENDA

This brief presentation will cover:

• Important tips when filling out the UC Application
• How applications are viewed
• Personal Insight Questions
• After You Apply
• Questions (if time permits)
Submit one [UC Application](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions) for up to 9 campuses

- Research campuses & majors (recommended)
- $70 per campus (Fee Waivers available)
- What to consider when choosing a major:
  - Majors are under “Colleges” (i.e., College of Letters & Science, College of Engineering, etc.)
    - Undeclared or Exploratory may be an option.
  - Some colleges are smaller, thus more competitive.
  - Select an “alternate major” (recommended) in a different college (College of Engineering & College of Letters & Science)
  - Special majors may require portfolio, audition, etc.
    - Check websites and emails after you apply for instructions.
You will self-report information. So plan to gather:

- Unofficial Carlmont transcript (Infinite Campus)
  - Enter all 9th - 11th A-G courses and grades as they appear on your transcript(s).
  - Include any courses taken outside of Carlmont & repeated coursework (Edgenuity, Summer School)
  - Possibly: 7th/8th Algebra (or higher) & World Language
  - 12th Grade (A-G) Course List (In Progress & Planned)

- Resume or List of Activities

- Parent income for Fee Waivers

- Read Ms. Rasor’s email on UC Tips (Naviance)
What UC’s DON’T need:

- Don’t send official transcripts
  - Until July 1st; send only to campus you will attend
  - Unless requested by a special program or campus
- Don’t send SAT or ACT Scores (NOT accepted)
- Don’t send AP Score Report
  - Self-report AP scores on the application
  - Send later to the campus you will attend
- Recommendation Letters NOT accepted
  - Unless directly requested by a campus
UC Admission Review

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Examples:

- Rigor & grades for 9th - 11th A-G courses
  - Selective colleges (i.e. Engineering) may consider how prepared you are for the major & may admit by major only.
- 10th/11th grade GPA (capped & uncapped)
- # of AP/Honors/College Level semesters
- # of A-G semesters; ELC Status
- 12th Grade Coursework (continued rigor)
- Academic & Personal Achievements
- Outstanding performance in subject areas
UC reviews all parts of the application for your capacity to succeed at their campus.

- Intellectual curiosity, internal drive (to learn), leadership, compassion, persistence, resiliency, etc.
- Achievements in light of available opportunities:
  - **Academic:**
    Summer programs, internships, academic enrichment, courses beyond min A-G requirements, etc.
  - **Personal:**
    Leadership, compassion, family responsibilities, resilience, etc.
What is a Personal Insight Question?

- The Personal Insight Questions are the written portion of the application.
- Applicants can share their voice and personal details with the reader.
- This is not to be confused with an essay or personal statement.

- 8 Personal Insight Questions
- 4 responses per applicant
- 350 word maximum per response
How are PIQs different than the Common App essay?

**Common App Essay**
- 1 prompt, 650-word maximum
- Writing style important, 5-paragraph structure recommended
- Literary tone
- Centers on anecdote with “hook”
- Supported by recommendation letters
- Focus on personal values and growth experiences
- Core of prompt: “Who are you?”

**PIQs**
- 4 responses, 350-word maximum each
- Not scored on structure or style
- Factual tone
- **Examples** over storytelling
- Self-advocacy
- Focus on actions taken, impact
- Core of questions: “What have you done with available opportunities?”
PIQ Tips

● Start drafting now.
  ○ Use Google Doc (to save, cut and paste).
● Write about YOURSELF, in your voice.
● Use “I” statements
● Answer as if you were telling someone in person.
● Listen for announcements: PIQ drop-in workshops
● Additional Comments Box:
  ○ Is NOT another PIQ.
  ○ Use only if there is something you need to explain about your academic record, beyond your control, that you were not able to explain elsewhere on your application.
Closing Tips

**DEADLINE** to Submit - **Nov 30th**

**After you Apply**

- Print out a copy for your records

- Check emails for messages from campuses.

- Any academic changes to your submitted application, should be reported to each campus you applied to.
  - Examples: dropping or adding a class, level changes, fall grade is lower than C, etc.
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- All admission decisions are conditional.