

College Research Resources



How Do I Apply?

- www2.calstate.edu/apply
- Admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
- Commonapp.org



Choosing a College

- Californiacolleges.edu
- CSUMentor.edu
- universityofcalifornia.edu
- bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- uplanit.org



"The College Readiness Road has made all the difference!"
CADA State Convention 2018

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Paying for College

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Fastweb.com
- Cappex.com
- Gates Millennium Scholarship
- Dell Scholarship (for college readiness program students, like AVID, TRIO, ETS)
- Check specific university Fin. Aid websites for scholarships
- Ask your Career Center/Counseling Department for local scholarships



What about Testing?

- SAT.collegeboard.org
- Sign up for the SAT Question of the Day
- collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app
- www.khanacademy.org/sat
- ACT.org

Take the PSAT/NMSQT and qualify for the National Merit Scholarship!



Oh! The Places You'll Go!
-Dr. Seuss

Schoolwide College Readiness Ideas

COLLEGE VISIT NOTES & SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

- Periodically, ask students to complete one of these forms and report out to the class/council
 - Especially important for sophomore and juniors as they make their run toward applications in the fall of their senior year
- CVN can be used with web search using university website, or college search engines such as: csumentor.com and californiacolleges.edu

PENNANT DRAWINGS

- After you have introduced at least one of the COLLEGE VISIT NOTES activities above, then ask your student leaders to do this assignment
- Students will choose their favorite college and create color pennant drawing of their favorite school
- When completed, students will show off their drawing and report out 1-2 reasons why they chose this college
- Display student work somewhere very visible: your ASB room, your college wall in your halls, your career center, your Admin office.

MASCOT DRAWINGS

- Another similar assignment to PENNANT DRAWINGS, is MASCOT DRAWINGS
- Students will choose their favorite college and create an 8.5 x 11 color drawing/tracing of their school's mascot
 - Preference is the effort put into they drawing it themselves; NOT simply printing it out and pasting it
- When completed, students will show off their drawing and report out 1-2 reasons why they chose this college
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COLLEGE FAIR

- Different from other school or district college fairs, this one is completely student run.
- The participating students will thoroughly research their chosen college; perhaps with a partner to ensure quality and completion
- The student team will also create a display board (science board) and handouts to showcase on their table.
- The board and handout will highlight topics such as: admission requirements, school data (population, student-teacher ratio, etc.) athletics, snapshot of majors
- The board will show off picture of the campus, student life, dorms, etc.
- At the event itself, the team will dress "professionally" and represent their school to the general school population.
 - If you are ambitious, invite the community and feeder schools to visit
 - DO NOT FORGET TO INVITE YOUR FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

PENNANTS

- <http://www.collegeflagsandbanners.com/>
 - Best place to order college pennants and/or banner in bulk
- Have leadership class and/or ASB make pennants or banners to hang in the halls or rooms
- Name your halls and/or classroom buildings after universities; paint names on walls or hang poster/sign/banner

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TEACHER RECOGNITION

- Ask your leaders to interview one (or more) of your staff/faculty to ascertain which college(s) they attended
 - You can determine which would be the best questions to ask as a class activity
 - Ex: What did you major in? Minor? What degree did you earn? What is your favorite (appropriate) memory of college?
 - The leader can then research some of the basic facts of the school
 - Student population, location, mascot, popular majors,
 - Ultimately, the student leader will create a colorful, picture-filled poster board highlighting that teacher's college and present it to them.
 - Once all teaches are done you will have given them a conversation piece for further dialogue about college readiness
 - You will also have graciously recognized each of your faculty.

"I GOT ACCEPTED" T-SHIRTS

- Objective: students who have been accepted to schools (universities, junior colleges, beauty schools, trade schools), or enlisted in the armed forces receive and decorate a "Next Year, I am going to:" T-Shirt
- Purchase (or get donated) school t-shirts with the relevant phrase on the front and nothing on the back
 - Preferably white so it can be drawn on
- Hold a lunchtime event
- Invite all seniors to bring evidence (acceptance letters, enlistment papers, college class schedules, etc.) that they have chosen their future path
- Gift them a t-shirt and have tables with paint, clothing markers, etc.
- Choose a day to have all seniors wear their new t-shirts, or highlight then at an assembly to inspire other grade levels, or take a group pic to post on social media or frame for the college center, etc.

SIGNING DAY

- Create a unique-to-your-school certificate for all seniors to sign who have chosen their postsecondary path (students who have been accepted to universities, junior colleges, beauty schools, and/or trade school), or those enlisted in the armed forces)
- Organize an event to spotlight these students as they "sign" their "Letters of My Future" certificates
 - Buy some frames and frame them as a keepsake