



### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

This is a great time of year to get your community service hours done. Many of our elementary schools are hosting carnivals, harvest festivals, dance shows and even a country fair. Springfield at Whitney Oaks is looking for volunteers to help with their pancake breakfast. This is one of their fundraisers to raise money for the assist-a-grad scholarships they sponsors each year for our seniors. All the details and contact information for these opportunities is in the college and career center.

### NAVIANCE:

College Rep visits to Whitney High School and scholarships are listed in Naviance.

### FINANCIAL AID:

Seniors - The 2018-2019 FAFSA is now available. It is highly recommended that you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when filling out your application. Applications can be found at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Sierra College is offering FAFSA workshops. Please see the flyer on the college and career center webpage for dates and times. You do not need to be going to Sierra College to receive help.

### COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:

**CSU Application Workshop - Monday, October 16th at 1:15pm in the WHS Library.**

The application filing period is now open. Start your application at [calstate.edu/apply](http://calstate.edu/apply) and learn all about the CSU campuses at [calstate.edu](http://calstate.edu). Make sure to release your SAT and ACT test scores. You can use the code 3594 for SAT to release your scores to all of the CSU campuses. If you send to one campus all other campuses will be able to access the scores.

**UC Application Workshop - Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:15 pm in the WHS Library.**

Here are some important points about the personal insight questions on the UC Application. You will choose four out of eight questions to answer and each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words. All questions will have equal value in the admissions selection process. For applicants, there is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain questions over others. For helpful hints on the personal insight questions go to the following website:

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions>. Seniors don't forget to release your SAT and/or ACT scores to the UC's. You can send it to one campus and they can all view the scores.

**Common Application Workshop - Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm in the WHS Library.**

The application can be found at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). You can apply to nearly 700 colleges with only one application.

### Admission officers' pet peeves:

1. Neglecting to read directions: Make sure to follow directions carefully.
2. Letting parents take the lead: It doesn't tell them you are interested if they get 15 calls from Mom. They want families involved, but you need to take the lead.
3. Submitting a laundry list of activities: They want to know what you're passionate about. Focus on activities that have really influenced you, rather than listing everything you've ever done.
4. Repeating yourself: Each part of the application should be telling them something new. They want to see different facets of your personality and experience.
5. Asking for information easily found: Do not call to ask information you can easily find online. If you're meeting with an admissions officer, your questions should be about things you wouldn't be able to find elsewhere.
6. Giving colleges what you think they want: Your success lies in fit, so the best thing you can do is be yourself, not who you think they want you to be.
7. Writing a one-size-fits-all essay: If you write for a university, and then use the same essay for another and just change the name of the university, then it's probably going to be a poor essay.

Please visit the college and career center webpage. For questions and information you may contact Sally Randazzo at [srandazzo@rocklinusd.org](mailto:srandazzo@rocklinusd.org) or 916-632-6500 ext. 6418