



SENIOR NEWS from the Pleasant Valley High School Counseling Office

Fall 2018

Greetings PV students and parents,

We are already one month into your last year of high school! There are many options that senior students may be considering for the first year after high school (including community college, university, gap years, military, and trade school, working or interning). We have listed below timelines and deadlines that are quickly approaching for those students who are interested in the college pathways. There are many college and career planning resources on the Pleasant Valley High School website that you may be interested in reviewing as you begin thinking about your future. Go to www.pvhs.chicousd.org and find the Counseling tab to explore some of these resources.

Senior class presentations

Counselors will be visiting senior English classes on Thursday, Sept 20th to present information regarding the upcoming college application process, senior year timelines, and we will hand out and review your transcript. Students should be updated on dates, timelines, and requirements on that date. They will also bring home a Senior Year Timeline that we will provide with many important dates throughout the year.

College and Career Planning Night – October 29th

Please join us for College Night on Monday, October 29th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the PVHS Library. All grade levels are welcome but seniors and juniors will find the evening to be especially informative as they begin planning for college admissions. Students and families will be able to choose from a variety of workshops focused on: the college application process, financial aid, Butte College transfer information, and college entrance testing and assessment (SAT, ACT and EAP). Representatives from Chico State University, Butte College and PVHS Counseling department will be present to support your child in planning for their post high school goals.



Financial Aid Night on November 29th

- **Required registration is at 5:30 and the program starts at 6:00 p.m.** Representatives from Butte College and Chico State Financial Aid Offices will be providing valuable information, answering questions and are able to help you get on a computer and begin completing the FAFSA.
- **Students will be able to submit a FAFSA[®] beginning in October.** Students will be able to file a 2018–19 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2018. This early submission date is a recent change to the FAFSA application process, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. The FAFSA must be submitted by March 2nd, 2019. Students and parents will be required to report income information from the 2017 tax year.

All college bound students who plan to apply for Financial Aid must fill out the FAFSA by 3/1/19. This form determines a student's eligibility for state and federal financial aid programs and must be filed by parents and students. The application is completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov Log on, obtain a PIN number, and apply any time after 10/1/18.



University Application and Admissions process

Students who are applying to four year universities will need to:

- 1) Meet all the academic admissions requirements by the end of their senior year
- 2) Complete SAT and ACT tests before the deadline dates which are by the end of the fall semester
- 3) Research the campuses they are interested in and are aware of their admissions profile
- 4) Start the application process allowing yourself plenty of time to complete (don't wait until the last minute!)
- 5) Request letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors (needed for private university applications only)

University of California: www.admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu

The UC application website opened on August 1st. Students should go to the UC website and create an account. The application must be submitted between November 1st and November 30th. The application includes 4 personal insight

questions answered in an essay format. The application involves academic reports, essays, activities and awards. No letters of recommendation are required.

California State University: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

Applications for all CSU campuses are submitted on the Cal State Apply website. Students can submit applications Oct 1st-Nov 30th. The CSU application only requires an academic report and does not require essays or letters of recommendation. CSU campuses will hold to this strict “regular filing deadline”. The Cal State Apply website is a wonderful resource for exploring the 23 campuses of the CSU system.

Private College and Out of State Applications: www.commonapp.org

Students planning to apply to private universities should check the website of each university they plan to apply. Many of them use the Common Application. If a private or out of state university does not use the common application, the application will be found directly on the campus website. Many private universities require letters of recommendations. Student should make a request for letters of recommendation from their teachers or counselors by mid-October at the latest. A request for a letter of recommendation must include: student’s resume and senior profile, students Letter of Recommendation Request form, and transcript (teacher request only).



Future Roadrunners:
Butte College bound students:

Reg-to-Go: Pleasant Valley High School, in conjunction with Butte College, offers seniors an opportunity to complete Butte College orientation as well as register for their first semester at Butte College through a program called Reg-To-Go. Butte College Counselors and Advisors visit senior English classes during January to present information about Butte College and help students begin the enrollment process. Through Reg-To-Go students will complete all of the enrollment, orientation and registration for classes for the fall 2019 semester, prior to

graduating from Pleasant Valley High School. In addition, this program allows you early selection of courses, prior to other students from outside of this area. It is a wonderful program so don't forget to sign up to be able to register early for the best class choices!

BUTTE COLLEGE NOW OFFERS FREE TUITION AND NO FEE'S FOR THE FIRST YEAR THROUGH THE BUTTE COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM!!

Senior Profile

Now is the time to create a great senior profile! A Senior Profile is used by a Teacher or Counselor to complete any secondary school report or a letter of recommendation that is required by a private university. It is a resume-type record of your accomplishments and activities (volunteer work, sports, employment) completed during high school. You will need a good senior profile to use with scholarship applications. Please come into the Counseling Office to get a packet for completing your senior profile and make an appointment with your Counselor.

Scholarships:

Scholarship opportunities are available throughout the senior year but get busier in the spring semester. The student may access scholarships through the university scholarship page, corporations, and through local organizations. There are several different scholarship search engines that a student can utilize as well. The Pleasant Valley High School Counseling office prints a Scholarship Bulletin monthly beginning in October. Don't forget to apply to the Chico Community Scholarship Association (deadline in February) for an excellent opportunity for a scholarship from this local organization which provides many scholarships yearly to local graduating seniors.

www.fastweb.com - General Search

www.acinet.org - Career One Stop - Pathways to Career Success & Scholarship match

www.scholarshipexperts.com - Many large national scholarships

www.dosomething.org - Scholarships for volunteers

www.findtuition.com - Scholarship search

www.kaarme.com - Scholarships listed by specific majors

<http://www.chicoscholarships.org/apply/> - Chico Community Scholarship Association

Testing Deadlines

ACT and SAT testing must be done by the end of the fall semester and some universities will not accept a test taken after October (check the universities you are applying to for specific testing requirements).

ACT	www.act.org
<u>Test date</u>	<u>Registration deadline</u>
October 27 th	Sept 21st
Dec 8th	Nov 2nd

SAT	
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration deadline</u>
Nov. 3 rd	October 5 th
Dec 1st	Nov 2nd

Senior Calendar – Class of 2019

August/September

- Make sure your fall and spring classes reflect career/major/college admission requirements
- Develop a 3-tiered plan for college applications:
 - “Dream” school, “Good Match” school, and “Slam Dunk” school
- Register to retake ACT or SAT (December deadline)
- Develop your Senior Profile (activities record and questionnaire – available in Counseling Office)
- Begin to research scholarships (regularly check scholarship bulletin on Counseling Dept webpage)

October

- Access online applications for UC’s and CSU’s
- Access applications for private universities – many are available through www.commonapp.org
- Develop responses for “Insight Questions” for UC and personal statements for private universities
- Make appointment with counselor to plan recommendations for private schools & scholarships (Give 3 weeks advanced notice to teachers and counselors for letters)
- Create FSA ID for financial aid process at www.fsa.ed.gov
- Begin FAFSA application for financial aid consideration: www.fafsa.ed.gov (deadline is March 2nd)

November

- Attend College & Career Planning Night – October 29th
- Attend Financial Aid Night – November 29th
- Application DEADLINE for UC's and CSU's – November 30th
- Apply for college housing (deadlines vary)
- Check student portal regularly at each college to which you apply for deadlines and information

December

- Deadline for SAT/ACT testing
- For many private schools, the application deadline is early January—make sure to meet with your counselor and teachers no later than Dec 1st to give enough time to write a letter of recommendation

January

- Chico Community Scholarship Association (CCSA) application period opens
- Reg2Go process for Butte College begins

February

- Deadline for Chico Community Scholarship

March

- Deadline for FAFSA is March 2nd
- Make sure you're meeting all the requirements for the Reg2Go process if you plan to attend Butte
- Most admission decisions for UC's, CSU's and private schools will be announced via college portals

April

- Financial aid award for each college will be available through college portals

May

- Deadline to submit "Statement of Intent to Register" for UC's and CSU's is May 1st
- Analytic Writing Placement Exam for UC
- Senior Scholarship & Awards Night – Mon, May 28th

June

- Have your final transcript sent to the college you will be attending in the fall
- GRADUATION!!! – Thursday, June 6th



HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!!!

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