March Highlights

Upcoming Events
Please check Naviance under “Upcoming College Visits” for a list of all DVHS student workshops, college visits, and outside events.

Teen Job & Career Fair- Saturday, March 5, 12-4PM, Dublin Senior Center- Click here for more information.

Exploring Engineering Careers & Majors- Wednesday, March 9, Access Period, Library, Speaker: Duncan Murdoch from Olin College of Engineering

College Visits:
University of Idaho- Wednesday, March 9, Period 2 (10:51 am)
Purdue University- Wednesday, March 9, Period 3 (1:34 pm)
Drexel University- Monday, March 28, Period 3 (10:45 am)

College Day at Diablo Valley College for Juniors- Thursday, April 28, 2016. For more information, see Mrs. Wong or Ms. Cranmer, or visit www.dvc.edu/collegeday.

Junior Series Access Workshops
The College & Career Center will be holding a series of ACCESS workshops covering various topics related to college admissions.

Students may choose between 2 dates per session, each held during ACCESS. For more information and to sign up, visit "Upcoming college visits" in Naviance. Click here for a full schedule.

Seniors!
As you are hearing back from colleges, please update the admission status in Naviance. This greatly assists us with advising future DVHS students.

Junior Series Access Workshops

Before Spring Break:
Session 1: Introducing College Admissions
Session 2: Making the Most of College Visits (Available to students in Grades 9-12)

After Spring Break:
Session 3: College Application Deconstructed
Session 4: How to Choose the Best Fit Colleges (2-Part Workshop)
Session 5: Overview of College Essay/Personal Statements
Session 6: How to Survive & Have a Successful Senior Year

Freshmen & Sophomores!
Now is a great time for you to get better acquainted with the abundant tools on Naviance.

Suggestions to help you make the most of this resource:
- View “Summer Enrichment” opportunities in the “Colleges” tab
- Start building a Resume
- Watch videos on “Road Trip Nation”
- Take the “Strengths Explorer”

Juniors!
Have you met with the College & Career Coordinator?
Sign up for a one-on-one appointment to start the discussion on your post-high school options.
*To make the most of your appointment, please complete the “Game Plan” in the About Me section on Naviance.

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Summer Programs

Summer is a great opportunity for students to make the most of their summer and explore their interests. To access information about summer opportunities, visit the “Summer Programs” section on the College and Career Center website.

A few to highlight:
- COSMOS at UC Davis
- Diablo Valley College Camps in Business, Engineering & Hospitality
- FACES Summer Medical Academy with Samuel Merritt University
- GJEL Introduction to Careers in Law
- Google Computer Science Summer Institute (Current High School Seniors)
- Research Mentorship at UC Santa Barbara

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM for 9th & 10th graders - Students, please visit the College & Career Center if you are interested in volunteering in the medical field. You will be placed on an interest list and will be notified via Schoolloop of opportunities as they arise.

ACT & SAT Optional Essay Requirements

Fewer than 1/3 of competitive colleges will require a standardized test essay for the Fall 2017 admission class. For specific college requirements please check out this link for a searchable database:

Helpful Websites

Below is a link to a document that contains a list of websites that the DVHS College & Career Center finds most useful.

To view this document, click here.

Or visit the DVHS College & Career Center website → “Online Resources”

Article of the Month

College Road Trip: 8 Lessons Learned and Practical Advice

One of the first major decisions for a high school student is selecting a college, and it shouldn’t be made solely on information such as the school’s reputation, a guidebook, or a website. In order to find out what a college is really like, students should take a personal tour of the campus. Here are some helpful tips to get the most out of the visit:
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March Parent Brown Bag Lunch Information Session

Parents of DVHS students are invited to attend an information session about how families can make the most out of college visits. There will be time at the end of the presentation for questions. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Parents from all high school grade levels are welcome to attend!

Friday, March 18
11:45am-12:40pm
DVHS Library

Click Here to RSVP by Wednesday, March 16.

Juniors and their Families

College Admission Case Studies
Monday, March 14, 2016  7-9pm

Juniors and their parents are invited to participate in a mock admission evening known as a Case Study. This event is an engaging and effective way to discuss the college application process. College representatives will lead juniors and their parents through a mock admission committee using three students cases. The exercise will point out the intricacies of the process and the importance of assembling a strong application. Guests will gain insight and understanding as to what is valued in the application. The Case Study program will conclude with a mini college fair.

Click here to RSVP.

Ms. Cranmer’s College Corner:

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO
8,500 undergraduates/4,600 graduates

Strong Programs:
- Flight Science
- Health Sciences (athletic training, neuroscience, nursing, physical therapy, public health)
- Business (accounting, international business, entrepreneurship, sports business)

Distinguishing Factors:
- Campus in Madrid- Strong programs in International Business, Nursing, & Aviation
- Pre-Professional Programs in Law, Medicine, Veterinary, and other Health Sciences
- All students are considered for merit scholarships between $3,000-$18,000
- NCAA Division I Athletics
- Engaging “First-Year Experience” programs to help with college transition

Scholarships:

To view the full list of available scholarships, go to:

Naviance → “Colleges” tab → Scholarship List

Lewis Howard Latimer Scholarship
March 7, 2016

Kaiser Permanente Asian Association Scholarship
March 8, 2016

Cabrillo Civic Club Scholarship
March 15, 2016

Italian Catholic Scholarship
March 15, 2016

Blackhawk Women’s Scholarship
March 18, 2016

Assistance League of Diablo Valley
March 23, 2016

ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary
March 25, 2016

Danville Women’s Club Patty Hart Memorial Scholarship
March 31, 2016

San Ramon Valley Primary Care Medical Group Scholarship
March 31, 2016

American Association of University Women
April 1, 2016

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