March College & Career Planning Timelines

Seniors
- **FAFSA deadline** is March 2 for California schools.
- **SRVUSD will submit Cal Grant GPA Verification** on students’ behalf to CA colleges.
- **Update your Naviance account as you receive admissions decisions.** To update, click on the pencil icon next to any college under “Colleges I’m Applying to,” select the decision from the drop-down menu, and click update at the bottom of the page.
- **Research scholarships.** There are many scholarships listed on Naviance Family Connection in the “Scholarship List.” You may also drop by the College & Career Center for applications.
- **Third-quarter grades** are not automatically sent to your colleges, but can be important if you are waitlisted or “on the admission bubble.” Please continue to put your best academic foot forward!
- **Refer to college decision release deadlines** by clicking [this link](#).
- **No need to submit an enrollment deposit just yet…** You will remain admitted to all of your colleges until May 1. That is National Decision Day, which is when you must decide where to enroll. **Please deposit to 1 school only, or risk being responsible for freshman year costs at both places.**

Juniors
- **When building a senior year schedule,** make sure you select courses of interest and a balanced amount of rigor, which demonstrates to admissions officers that you continue to make the most of the educational opportunities at DVHS.
- **Attend College Mondays at Lunch in Room 1204.** The College & Career Center will be hosting a variety of college-related session during the lunch period throughout the spring semester to help you feel on track with college planning. [Click here for the revised schedule.](#)
- **Stop by the College & Career Center to set up an 1-on-1 appointment** with Ms. Cranmer and start the discussion about your post-high school options. Also prepare to discuss your course selection with your family and School Counselor.
- **Develop a timeline for taking the official ACT or SAT** this Spring (March, April, May or June) for the first time. There are plenty of free resources available in the College & Career Center, as well as free practices tests in the San Ramon Valley area.
- **Keep track of colleges you are interested in** on the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” section on Naviance.

Freshmen & Sophomores
- **Get to know the course offerings at DVHS** and consider which courses interest you most to take as a sophomore, junior, and senior.
- **Continue exploring your interests in extracurricular activities:** sports, school clubs, music, drama, and/or community service.
- **Log all your extracurriculars, volunteer, accomplishments & awards** (as applicable).
- **Explore summer opportunities.** Look for a job, internship, class, enrichment program, and/or volunteer position that will help you learn about a field of interest.
- **Take advantage of Spring Break** to tour college campuses.
- **Attend Spring College Fair** at Saint Mary’s College of CA on May 5, 2018.

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**Helpful Links:**

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](#)

**Summer Programs:**

Summer is an ideal time to pick up a new interest, explore a possible major, volunteer in your community, take a class, or get a job. There are a variety of options available to students. Remember to do your research when looking into a summer activity: How much does it cost? What will I get out of it? What do students who did this last summer think about the program/activity? To access information about summer, visit the “Summer Programs” section on the College and Career Center website.

Extra resource: [Collegewise Summer Planning Guide](#)

[Summer Programs by Interest](#)
**March Highlights**

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**College & Career Events**

**Grades 9-12: Career Meet-up with a Lawyer**

Are you interested in learning about a career in law?

**Thursday, March 8th**

**Access Period**

**DVHS Library**

This meet-up will give students a deeper understanding of what it means to be a lawyer and what a career in law entails. The presentation will be interactive so come with plenty of questions!

Sign up and pick up an Access Pass in the College & Career Center.

**Juniors: College Monday Workshops**

The College & Career Center hosts a series of college-related workshops covering various topics related to college admissions.

Monday @ Lunch in Room 1204. No need for students to sign up. They are welcome to just drop by for any session.

Click here for a revised schedule.

- **March 12:** Part 2 - How to Find the Best Fit Colleges (Added)
- **March 26:** Making the Most of College Visits
- **April 9:** Naviance Family Connection - College Search & Prospective College List
- **April 16:** Q & A with College Counselor: “I have more questions.”
- **April 30:** Planning for a Productive Summer

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**Why Consider Out of State Colleges?**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:30-8:30 pm**

**DVHS Commons**

**All DVHS Students & Parents Welcome!**

This popular event will provide DVHS students and their families with information about options beyond California and the associated benefits of considering an out-of-state institution. College representatives will join us to demystify the admission process and cost of attendance, offer examples of scholarship opportunities and other financial aid, discuss student life and diversity, among other helpful information to help students find their match school. The evening will conclude with a college fair, allowing students to benefit from the contacts they make and ideas they explore.

**Click here to RSVP**

**Participating colleges:** Colorado Mesa University, Colorado State University, Drexel, Illinois Institute of Technology, Michigan State University, Marist College, Maryville University, Oregon State University, Purdue, Rutgers, Sacred Heart University, Seton Hall University, University College Dublin (Ireland), University of Idaho, University of Minnesota, University of Nevada Reno, University of Oklahoma, Washington College, and Washington State University.

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**Job/Volunteer/Internship:**

Please visit DVHS College & Career Center website for details on each post.

[www.dvhigh.net/volunteering&jobopportunities](http://www.dvhigh.net/volunteering&jobopportunities)

**JOB BOARD:**

- American Swim Academy Lifeguard
- City of San Ramon Lifeguarding
- City of San Ramon Rec Leader
- Jimmy Johns Delivery Driver
- Kwala Music Instructor
- Mindcraft Academy Tutor
- Ranch at Little Hills: Lifeguard, Event Staff, Wedding Staff
- Splash Swim School Instructor
- Yanagi Sushi and Grill
- Seasonal ZooCamp Instructor

**VOLUNTEERING:**

- City of Danville
- City of San Ramon
- Galaxy Explorers @ Chabot Space & Science Center
- Little Medical School Instructor
- Young Life Capernaum

**INTERNSHIPS:**

- Art Blanc Studio Internship
- John Muir Hospital (Juniors)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- Sandia National Labs
- UC Berkeley Perception Science Research Internship
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March Parent College Information Session

“What Consider Out of State Colleges?” will replace this month’s parent information session. It is intended for both students and parents, so please invite your students to attend.

Click here to RSVP.

Articles of the Month

From the College: No Major, No Problem!

Humanities Grads Gainfully Employed and Happy

Why Colleges Care About Leadership Skills

Ms. Cranmer’s College Corner:

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

18,900 undergraduate students / 8,400 graduate students

Founded in 1889 as New Mexico's flagship institution, The University of New Mexico now occupies nearly 800 acres near old Route 66 in the heart of Albuquerque, a metropolitan area of more than 500,000 people. While UNM is a leader in academics, UNM students are leaders of their campus and communities. The University of New Mexico is home to more than 300 student organizations, from cultural and religious to academic, political, and service-oriented groups.

Distinguishing Factors:
- Top 25 Public Honors Program
- 9 Engineering programs and partnerships with Sandia National Lab, Formula 1, and nearly 100% job placement
- Health Sciences: Top 5 Nursing/Midwifery Program; Top 40 School of Medicine
- With WUE Scholarship, students could be eligible for in-state tuition.
- Top Research Facilities: Center for Advanced Research Computing, Cancer Center, Center for High Technology Materials, Mind Research, Design Planning Assistance Center, and New Mexico Engineering Research Institute.

Students do well here who are:
- interested in being surrounded by an ethnically diverse cohort, competitive athletic programs, and very generous financial aid.
- naturally goal-oriented and optimistic.
- outgoing and studious.
- adventurous and enjoy their Rocky Mountain surroundings.

Scholarships:

To view the full list of available scholarships, go to:
Naviance → “Colleges” tab → Scholarship List

Asian Commercial Professionals
March 5, 2018

Northern CA Cherry Blossom Festival Community Service
March 10, 2018

Assistance League of Diablo Valley
March 13, 2018

Foster Youth Scholarships
March 14, 2018

Italian Catholic Federation
March 15, 2018

Bio-Rad Scholarships
March 16, 2018

Blackhawk Women's Scholarship
March 18, 2018

Stanford/ValleyCare Scholarship
March 24, 2018

American Association of University Women- San Ramon Branch
March 30, 2018

Danville Women’s Club Patty Hart Memorial Scholarship
March 30, 2018

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