

# Junior Parent Night Class of 2013

January 18, 2012

# Class of 2013 Counselors

- Debbie Austin, *College Advisor*
- Naomi Lee, *College Advisor*
- Emily Greene, *Class Counselor*
- Marlena Norman, *Interim Class Counselor*



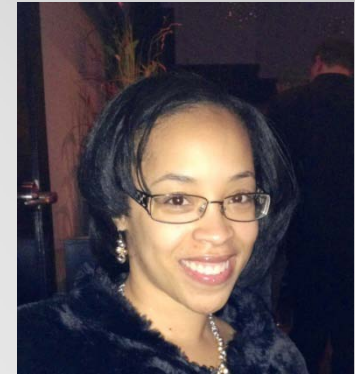
Mrs. Austin



Ms. Lee



Mrs. Greene



Ms. Norman

# Our Philosophy

Each student is respected and valued for her unique individuality and her own personal choices. A student's self-worth should never be determined by her college application or admission process.

# Senior Year Course Registration

- **What?** Your daughter will pick her classes for next year
- **When?** February 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> ONLY
- **How?**
  - Log-on to Naviance
  - Click on Courses
  - Click on Course Registration
- No scheduled appointments this year, but students can meet with Mrs. Greene or Ms. Marlena Norman if they have questions.
- All schedules will be reviewed and the student will be notified if changes need to be made.
- Every student will receive a print-out of her courses and must return with a parent signature.

# SFHS Class of 2011

- Four-Year Colleges
  - 87%
- Two-Year Colleges
  - 11%
- Study Abroad
  - 2%
- University of CA
  - 12%
- California State Univ.
  - 21%
- CA Private Colleges
  - 21%
- Out-of-State Private
  - 20%
- Out-of-State Public
  - 13%

# Choosing a College

*Starbucks Society*

*VS.*

*College Admissions Society*

# Beware of...

- Believing you can control the outcome of the admissions process at a very selective school by having the right combination of grades and test scores.
- Not applying to a variety of schools
- Obsessing about test scores
- Writing an essay at the last minute
- Not understanding Institutional Priorities
  - Athletics, Legacy Status, Development Cases, Diversity (Ethnic, Gender, Geographic & Socioeconomic)

# Where Should She Apply?

Apply broadly to a range of schools with different academic profiles and cost

- **REACH/FAR REACH** schools (any school that accepts less than 25% of applicants) (or financial reach)
- **50/50** schools (you fit the profile of an admitted student)
- **LIKELY** schools (you can fall back on, or you know that you are admissible)
- ALL should be “first choice” schools
- Love Your List!



# Reach/Far Reach Schools

- Regardless of a student's academic profile, the most selective schools in the United States are far reach schools.
- Some schools accept less than 7% of their applicants.
- There are over 27,000 high schools in the U.S. In 2011, students from 8,859 different high schools applied for 1,722 spots at Stanford.

# Things to Remember When Deciding Where to Apply...

- Size of College
- Geographic Location
- Cost of Attendance
- Academic Programs
- Social and Spiritual Atmosphere
  - Sports

# Early Applications

Early Action

Early Decision

Early Decision II

Restricted Early Action/Single Choice

Is it right for you?

# Cost of College

- Learn as much as you can about cost of college and financial aid
  - Go to [finaid.org](http://finaid.org) and use the EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) Calculator
  - Research financial aid at the college(s) your daughter is considering
  - Attend the Paying for College Workshop at SF in December
- Have an honest conversation about what your family can afford

# Community College Requirements

- Must be 18 years old or have high school diploma
- No ACT, SAT, or GPA requirements
- Save money during first two years of college
- Can complete General Education requirements
- Efficient transfer plans in place to CSU, UC, and private colleges and universities

California  
Community Colleges  
Chancellor's Office  
<http://www.cccco.edu/>

Los Rios Community  
College District  
[www.losrios.edu](http://www.losrios.edu)

- Sacramento City College
- American River College
- Cosumnes River College
- Folsom Lake College

# University of California (UC's)



# UC Minimum Subject Requirements

## A-G Courses

A - 2 years History/Social Science

B - 4 years English

C - 3 years Math (must complete Algebra 2)  
(4 recommended)

D - 2 years Lab Science  
(3 recommended)

E - 2 years of the same Foreign Language  
(3 recommended)

F – 1 year Visual/Performing Arts  
(year-long course)

G – 1 year Elective (approved UC courses (Philosophy & World Religions) or additional courses from A-F)



# UC Minimum Eligibility

- 15-course pattern (A-G courses)
- Very minimum GPA is 3.0 in A-G courses taken during the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grades
- ACT *with* Writing or SAT
- UC's use 14 Selection Factors including the minimum requirements called *Comprehensive Review*
- Some UC majors may recommend SAT Subject Tests—check with the campus

# UC Application

- Students can submit an online application  
NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 30, 2012
- A Personal Statement is required for application (no letters of recommendation)
- One application for all 9 campuses
- Go to: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)

# UC's Website

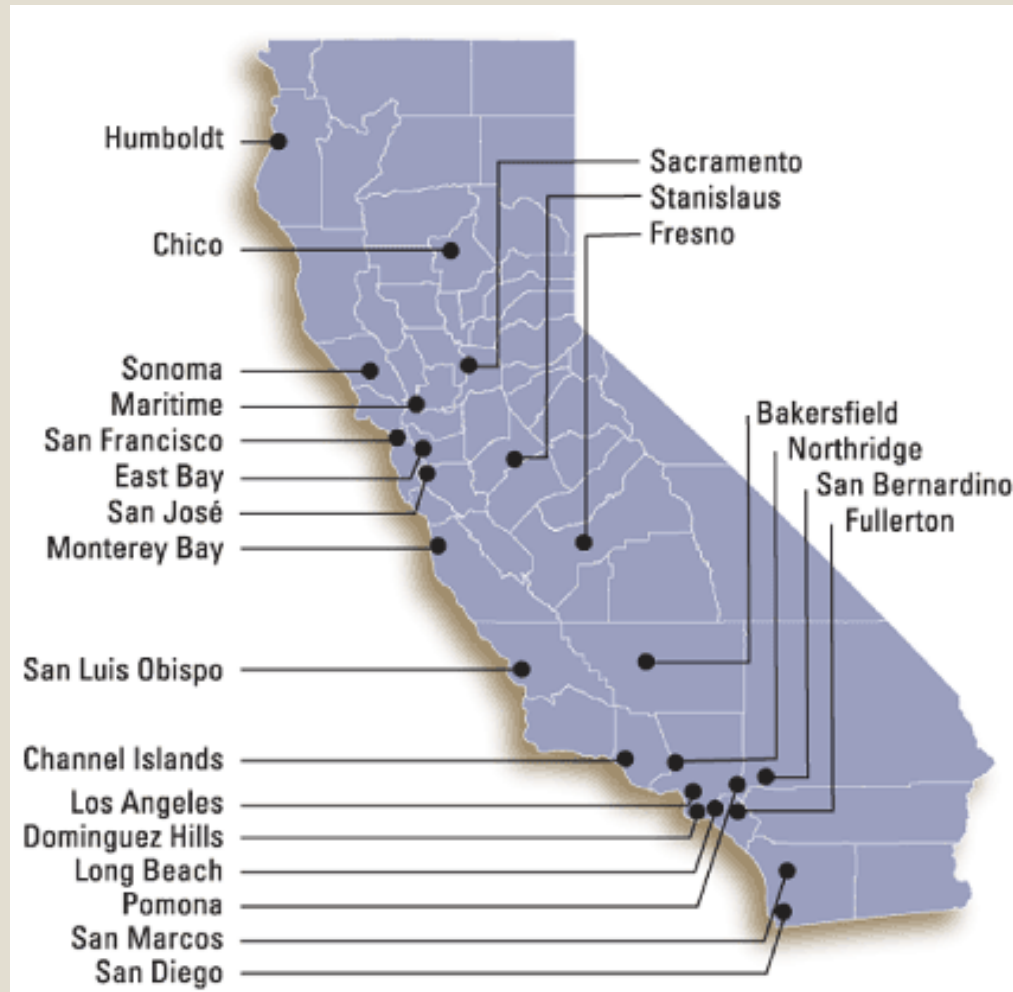
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The screenshot shows the University of California Apply online website in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The browser's address bar displays the URL: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/apply-online/index.html>. The website header features the University of California logo and the text "UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, a navigation menu includes "ADMISSIONS", "FRESHMAN", "TRANSFER", "INTERNATIONAL", "HOW TO APPLY" (highlighted), "CAMPUSES", and "PAYING FOR UC". On the right side of the navigation menu, there are links for "Parents & Families" and "Counselors".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "How to apply" and contains a list of links: "Dates & deadlines", "Check majors", "Apply online" (highlighted), "Personal statement", "Application fees", and "After you apply". The right column is titled "Apply online" and contains the following text: "We strongly encourage you to take your time filling out the application. Be sure to have all the information you need close at hand. Review your responses and check for accuracy. Still, we know mistakes can happen. If after applying you discover an error, you [can make changes to your application](#)." Below this text is a section titled "What you'll need" which includes a list of requirements: "Transcripts", "Test scores", and "Annual income".

On the right side of the page, there are three promotional boxes. The top box is titled "Access your application" and has a right-pointing arrow. The middle box is titled "Fall 2012" and contains the text: "The application will open on Oct. 1 so you can start working on it. Submit it Nov. 1-30." The bottom box is titled "Download a quick-start guide" and has two sub-links: "Freshman" and "Transfer".

# California State Universities (CSU's)



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# CSU Eligibility & Application

## Eligibility is determined by:

- GPA in “A-G” college preparatory courses taken in the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grades
- 2.0 GPA is the minimum needed to apply
- ACT or SAT Reasoning Test score
- Students can submit an online application

OCTOBER 1 – NOVEMBER 30, 2012

- No essay or letter of recommendation
- Go to: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

# CSU's Website

## [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

The screenshot shows the CSU Mentor website in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The browser's address bar displays <http://www.csumentor.edu/>. A notification banner at the top states: "This site uses popups to display information. Please configure your browser or system settings to allow popups on CSUMentor." Below this is a red header with the CSU logo and the text "The California State University". The main heading "CSUMentor" is prominently displayed. Navigation links include "En Español", "Create An Account", "Log On", and "Counselor & Educator Info". A search bar is labeled "Search CSUMentor:". Below the search bar are two buttons: "Undergraduate Admission Tests" and "English/Math Placement Test Information for New Students". A secondary navigation bar contains buttons for "Home", "What is CSU Mentor?", "Explore Campuses", "Plan for College", "Apply Online", "Financial Aid", and "Ask an Expert". The main content area features a large image of a smiling graduate in a cap and gown. To the right of the image, the text reads "now's the time to go... back to school". Below this, a list of bullet points provides key information: "Update your High School or Transfer Planner", "Use the Matching Assistant to find the right CSU campus for you", "What does CSU require for admission?", and "Online applications for the Fall 2012 term will be available on October 1, 2011". At the bottom, three columns are dedicated to "plan", "explore", and "apply", each with a corresponding image and a list of links. The "plan" column includes links for admission requirements, financial aid options, and EAP results. The "explore" column includes links for learning about CSU campuses, comparing colleges, and more. The "apply" column includes links for applying today and checking if the campus is still accepting applications. The footer contains copyright information for XAP Corporation, dated 1997-2011, and a disclaimer regarding the use of the website.

CSUMentor - Mozilla Firefox

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CSUMentor: How to plan for and apply to the California State University Today is Wednesday, September 28, 2011

now's the time to go...  
**back to school**

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- Use the Matching Assistant to find the right CSU campus for you
- What does CSU require for admission?
- **Online applications for the Fall 2012 term will be available on October 1, 2011**

**plan**

- Admission requirements
- Financial aid options
- Find out your Early Assessment Program (EAP) results

**explore**

- Learn more about a CSU campus
- Compare colleges
- And more!

**apply**

- Apply today
- Is your campus still accepting applications?

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# Private Colleges/Universities

- 76 private colleges in California
- The Common Application works for over 400 colleges (Santa Clara University, University of the Pacific, Saint Mary's, Boston College, Boston University, USF, Gonzaga, LMU)
- Go to: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)



# Most Private Schools

- Require the same courses as UC & CSU
- Require letters of recommendation
- Use Freshman year grades in calculating the GPA & many include Theology courses
- Require a mid-year report that includes senior year grades

# Common Application's Website

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Common Application website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx>. The website header includes the logo "THE COMMON APPLICATION For Undergraduate College Admission" and a navigation menu with links for "About Us", "Member Colleges & Universities", "Common Questions", "Download Forms", "Other Resources", and "Contact Us".

The main content area features a large, stylized title "THE COMMON APPLICATION" in a serif font, with the subtitle "For Undergraduate College Admission" below it. To the left of the title is a vertical list of values: "INTEGRITY", "EQUITY", "RELIABILITY", "ACCESS", and "SERVICE".

Below the title and values are three columns of content:

- NEWS**: A section dated "08/02/2011" with the headline "Advisory Group Expanded". The text states: "The Board of Directors has invited five additional counselors to join the Outreach Advisory Group. This group is".
- APPLY!**: A login section with fields for "User Name:" and "Password:", a "Login" button, and links for "Never Registered? Go here", "Forgot Login? Go here", and "Go here for instructions".
- FEATURED**: A section featuring the logo for "Southern New Hampshire University" and the URL <http://www.snhu.edu>.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer containing the "TRUSTe CERTIFIED EMAIL" logo, a list of links: "Help | Site Map | System Requirements | License | Privacy Policy | Terms of Use", the copyright notice "© 2011 The Common Application", and the "VeriSign Secured" logo.

# NON Common App Schools

- Not all Private Colleges are on the Common Application
- Most public out of state schools are not on Common App
- Apply Through the Specific College's Website
- Some Examples:
  - Loyola Chicago
  - Georgetown
  - University of Oregon
  - University of Arizona

# GPA & Deciles

- How is the GPA calculated?
  - All classes except PE/Sports, Student Intern, Academic Teams
  - Honors/AP courses get an additional point towards the GPA if the grade is C or higher
- What do we report to colleges?
  - 6 semesters unweighted and weighted GPA
  - Student deciles

# ACT & SAT Registration

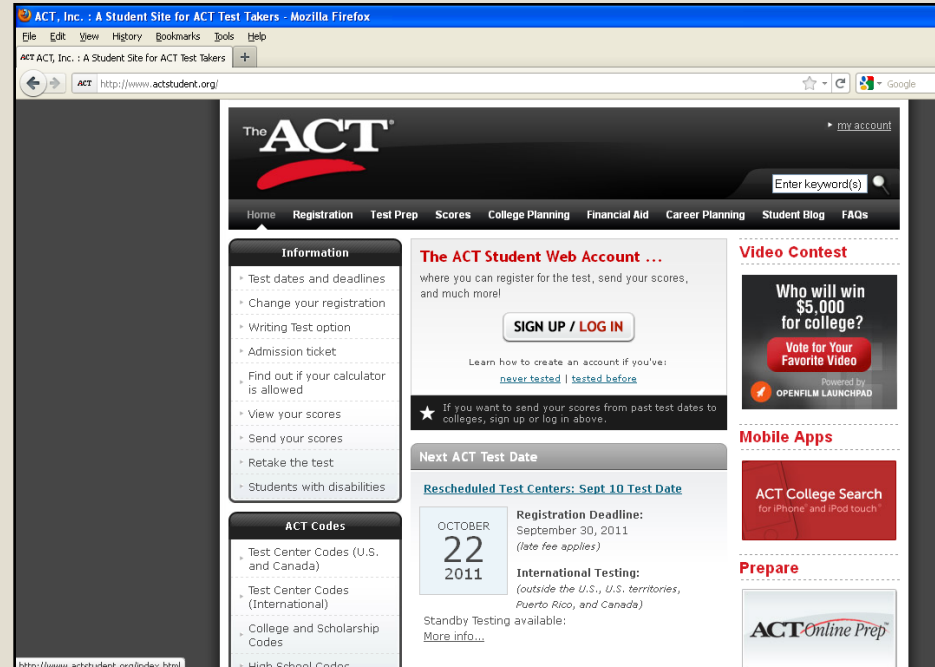
- ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- SAT : [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  
- Recommended to take both tests this spring semester
- When registering for ACT, click on “With Writing”
- SAT Subject Tests: Some campuses and some majors may recommend you take them
- Can re-take tests in the fall of senior year

# What are the SAT Subject Tests?

- One-hour tests of knowledge in a specific subject (Literature, US History, World History, Math Level II, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Foreign Languages)
- Some very selective private schools require 2 or 3 tests
  - Some UC majors and campuses may recommend SAT Subject Tests

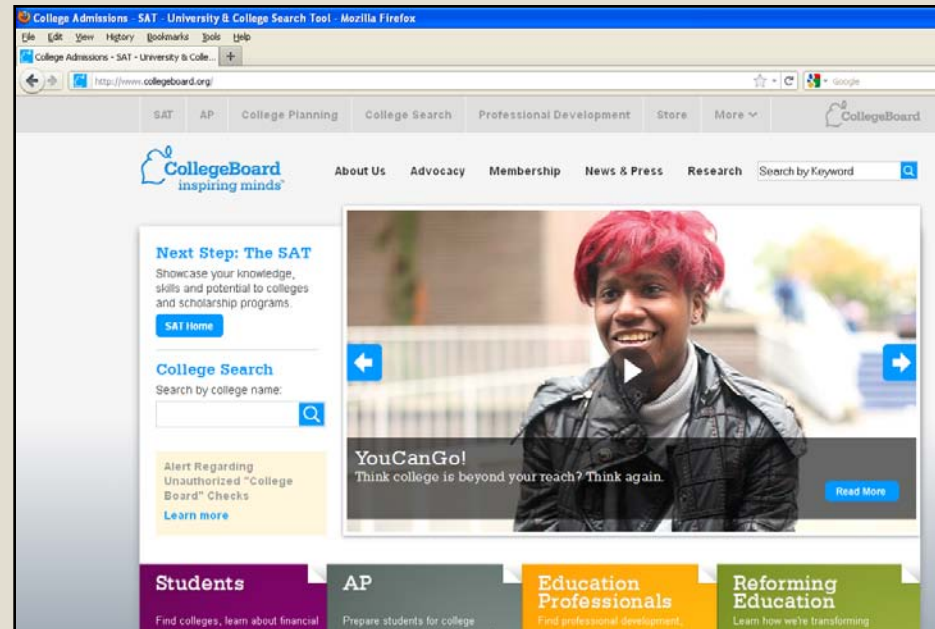
# ACT's Website

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)



# College Board's Website For SAT's and Subject Tests

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)



# Preparing for the Tests

- St. Francis HS will offer an ACT Prep Class this spring  
*Be on the lookout for more information*
- All Students should use Method Test Prep in Naviance to prepare for the SAT
  - Method Test Prep is FREE
  - Work at your own pace



# Social Security Number & Name

When registering for tests and completing applications  
**It is crucial that your daughter spells her name exactly as it appears on her social security card**

- Students have misspelled their names or they have forgotten a hyphen and their scores did not reach colleges in time
- Students have used their nicknames (such as Katie instead of Katherine) and colleges think they are two different people

# Upcoming Events for Junior Year

- Just for Juniors Workshops (dates on next slide)
- Meet with counselor for pre-scheduled college planning appointment
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Information Night for Student Athletes and NCAA

# Just for Juniors Workshops

- Jan 19 - Testing: ACT & SAT
- Jan 26 - California Colleges
- Feb 16 - Choosing a Major
- March 1 - NCAA for Athletes
- March 15 - Scholarships
- March 22 - College Admissions Timeline
- April 19 - Writing the College Essay/Personal Statement

# Upcoming Events for Senior Year

- Students can Meet with College Reps in Guidance
  - During free block or with prior teacher permission
- Senior College Night in the Fall
- Senior College Workshops in the Fall
- Senior In-Class Presentation in the Fall
- Troubie College Day in September
- Paying for College Workshop in December

# NAVIANCE

- What can Naviance do for my daughter?
  - Search for colleges
  - Scattergrams
  - Help her decide which schools are right for her
  - Tell her counselor where she's applying
- Free Test Prep! Method Test Prep is under the Colleges tab

# Private College Consultants

- Beware of unethical practices and procedures; check their credentials and professional memberships
- Your daughter must continue to follow all SF Guidance deadlines
- If you and your daughter decide to use one we are not responsible for misinformation

# *We Will Help You Through This Process!!!*

- SF Counselors will help your daughter with
  - Looking over her college applications
  - Read her personal statements/college essays
  - Help with deciding where to apply
  - Help calculating her UC/CSU GPA
- We will write her Letter of Recommendation and send all school forms to colleges

# This Process is a Journey...

Tips to make this process less stressful:

- Choose senior year courses wisely
- Apply to 1-2 **Likely** Schools
- Have an e-mail address that's devoted to college only
- Apply before the deadline
- Don't rush through an application
- Read all directions carefully
- Meet with your counselor
- Ask questions--we are here to help!