

The Senior Scoop

FALL 2011

Have You Visited Your Career Center Lately?

Are you undecided on where you are headed next year or what exactly you will be doing? Senior year and still haven't visited the Career Center? Use this final year of high school to plan for your future, research your career interests, and select colleges or programs that will help you to realize your dreams.

Take advantage of EDHS's career center. Mrs. Bastian and Ms. Sharp are available to assist you in your research process. Start out with a fun interest inventory offered on **Bridges** career program. Bridges will help highlight areas of interest for you and match them with careers for you to consider. In addition, Bridges will inform you of the necessary steps to acquire such careers and report on the projected outlook and salaries associated with your choice.

Interested in spending a day following someone on the job? Ask about **job shadowing** opportunities. Hoping to get a head start on full-time employment? Come to the Career Fair in January to network with individuals and schools dedicated to a specific career or

field of study.. In order to be best prepared for those events you may want to request assistance in **resume and cover letter writing**. Just ask!

Volunteering is another excellent way to learn new skills and meet people in different career fields. It also looks great on your resume! Stop by the Career Center for a list of local organizations who need volunteers.

Have you already decided that college is in your future? It may be necessary for you to take advantage of one last opportunity to improve your SAT or ACT score. Stop by the Career Center for **test preparation materials**. Also, pay attention to announcements about **college representative visits** and then come and meet directly with a knowledgeable source from your desired college right here on campus.

Finally, any of you out there considering joining a branch of the military? **Military recruiters** are happy to visit EDHS and are here every month. Set up an appointment in the career center with the Army, Navy, Marines, or Air Force.

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Websites Worth Your Time

College

www.californiacolleges.edu
California college options

www.cccco.edu
California Community Colleges

www.csumentor.edu
California State Universities

www.universityofcalifornia.edu
Universities of California

www.eligibilitycenter.org
NCAA info & registration

<http://wue.wiche.edu>
Inter-state reduced tuition agreements

www.collegeweeklive.com
Ongoing virtual college fair

Testing

www.actstudent.org
ACT information

www.collegeboard.org
SAT, Subject Test information

Financial Aid/ Scholarships

www.fafsa.ed.gov
Online FAFSA

www.fastweb.com
Scholarship search

www.CALocalScholarships.org
El Dorado County scholarships

Overall Site Not To Miss

www.nextstepu.com
College, Financial Aid, Career support



Use the internet as a college and career research tool.

Career

www.bridges.com
Career search + exploration

www.myroad.com
Career research through Collegeboard

www.bls.gov/oco/
2010-11 Occupational Outlook Handbook



Guys

Mark your calendar!

All males
**must register for
 Selective Service
 within 30 days
 of their
 18th birthday!!**

Visit:
www.sss.gov
 and click on
“Register Online”

Important Dates for Seniors

Fall 2011

- September 15 Senior Parent Night (El Dorado High School Forum, 6:00 p.m.)
- October 1 California State University application available online to submit
University of California application available online to view only
CSS/Financial Aid Profile application available online
- 4 Parent Night for Spanish speakers
- 11 Regional College Fair (Union Mine High School Gym, 6:30-8:30 p.m.)
- November 1 University of California application available to submit
- 30 CSU and UC application deadline (don't save it for the last minute)

Spring 2011

- January 1 FAFSA open for filing
- 17 Financial Aid information night (Union Mine High School, Theater, 6:30 p.m.)
- 30 Career Fair (lunchtime, in the Large Gym)
- March 1 Cal Grant GPA Verification due
- 12-23 Job Shadow Days
- TBA Mandatory Senior Meetings
- April 1 Folsom Lake College application available online
- May 1 CSU/ UC Letter of Intent to register due
- 9 Scholarship Night (Large Gym, 6:30 p.m.)
- 21-25 SAW week
- 25 Graduation practice
- 26 EDHS Graduation!!!!!!!

Senior Year Expenses



Senior year expenses really can add up. Below we've listed some of the basic expenses that most students will incur. (Of course, costs are estimated at this point, and may change by the end of the year.) Please budget accordingly. If you need assistance, check with your counselor to see what assistance might be available.

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| Prom ticket | \$40 |
| Yearbook | \$75 |
| Cap and Gown | \$26 |
| SAW week activities | \$40 |
| Sober Grad Night | \$50 |

College Scholarships

Why apply?

It's money for college that doesn't have to be paid back. Scholarships are available for college, community college, and technical school.

But it takes too much time.

Yes, it's a little extra work. But after you complete one application, you've done most of the work to apply for many. Really, it's worth it.

But my parents make too much money.

You just need to apply for the *right scholarships*. Many of our local scholarships are merit scholarships – they're looking for a good student, talented artist, dedicated volunteer, etc.

Come to the Career Center—we're here to help!!

Post Secondary Education Options

| Institution | Degrees/ Certificates | Admissions Requirements | Application Deadline |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| California State University (CSU) www.csumentor.edu 23 campuses | Bachelors Masters | A-G College Entrance Requirements ACT or SAT 2.0 Minimum GPA | Opens: October 1 Submit: Oct. 1- Nov. 30 |
| University of California (UC) www.universityofcalifornia.edu 10 campuses | Bachelors Masters Doctorate | A-G College Entrance Requirements ACT or SAT Subject tests optional 3.0 Minimum GPA Essay | Opens: October 1 Submit: Nov. 1 – 30 |
| Private & Out of State Colleges | Bachelors Masters Doctorate | ACT or SAT Check for Subject Tests Minimum GPA varies Essay (Usually) Letters of Recommendation (Usually) | Varies |
| CA Community Colleges www.cccco.edu 109 campuses | Associate Certificate | 18 years old <u>OR</u> High School Diploma | Spring 2011 |
| Career Technical Education | Certificate Some degrees | Varies | Spring 2011 |

Preparing Your UC Essay

Tips and Techniques from
www.universityofcalifornia.edu

Start early.

Allow time for reflection, thoughtful preparation, and revision.

Choose a topic for both essays.

Look critically at the information in your application: your grades, awards, activities and work experience, family and income. Anticipate questions an admissions evaluator will have after reading your application. The personal statement is your opportunity to answer those questions.

Compose your personal statement in a word-processing program.

Don't type it directly into the application. This way, you will have the opportunity to print copies for review.

Write persuasively.

Present your information and ideas in a focused, deliberate and meaningful manner. Provide specific, concrete examples to support your point. A personal statement that is simply a list of qualities or accomplishments is usually not persuasive.

Proofread.

In addition to checking your spelling, be sure your grammar is correct and your essays read smoothly.

Solicit feedback.

Your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone, but others--family and teachers--can offer valuable suggestions. Ask advice of whomever you like,

but do not plagiarize from sources in print or online and do not use anyone's published words but your own.

Copy and paste.

Once you are satisfied with your essays, save them in plain text (ASCII) and paste them into the space provided in the application. Proofread once more to make sure no odd characters or line breaks have appeared.

Relax.

This is one of many pieces of information considered in reviewing your application. An admissions decision will not be based on your personal statement alone.

**When writing your personal statement ask yourself...
“What do I want them to know about me that my application does not already address?”**



Mark Your Calendar

District College Fair



**Tuesday, Oct 11
6:30—8:30 pm
Union Mine HS**

Want to try a class at Folsom Lake?

You are eligible to enroll in college courses at Folsom Lake College or El Dorado Center if:

- You have completed the 10th grade and are 16 years old by the first day of instruction;
- You have a minimum high school grade point average of 2.7;
- You demonstrate exemplary academic achievement in the subject to enroll;
- You must be mature enough to avoid jeopardizing your safety or the safety of others.

If you are considering taking a college level course please make an appointment to see your counselor. You will also need to fill out the Advanced Education Packet and follow the instructions in the packet before you can sign up for classes at Folsom Lake. Keep in mind that deadlines are extremely important and space in classes is very limited, especially for high school students.

College Applications

The college application season will be upon us very soon!

Most colleges have incorporated technology to make the application process easier for you. When filling out an online application, it is important to take your time and type accurately. Before you begin your application, verify that you have the correct browser & pop-up settings. Follow the directions on every page & scroll to the bottom to avoid missing any information or instructions. Be careful with your scroll mouse—you can accidentally change the answers in your drop-down boxes!!! Hit the save button periodically to keep from losing your work. Capitalize proper nouns. Double-check that

everything is complete & accurate before you click “Submit.”

If your application requires an essay, be sure to write it in advance, and have several people read and comment on both the content and grammar. Then use ‘copy’ and ‘paste’ to add it to your application. Your essay is too important to leave until the last minute.

We are happy to help you complete your college applications. You can stop by the Career Center anytime, or make an appointment to see your Counselor. Just be aware of deadlines, and don’t leave your college application until the night before!

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7:30am-10:30 am

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10:30am-4:00pm

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