

## SENIORS

**COLLEGE STUDENT PORTALS:** Check the portals for all the schools where you applied! You'll use your portal to commit to a school, to check financial aid, and to see a to-do list of everything you need to do to be able to go to college.

### APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID!

FAFSA Deadline is MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>!  
 FSA ID: fsaid.ed.gov  
 FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov  
*Contact your HS Counselor or your TRiO Advisor with any questions or concerns.*

### CHECK YOUR CALGRANT AWARD:

To view your CalGrant award, go to the website and make an account. In February, make sure to update your account with the school you'll be attending in the fall. Ask your HS Counselor or TRiO Advisor to help with the process if needed!  
[mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov](http://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov)

### SCHOLARSHIPS:

**Apply for as many as you can!**  
 Check your chosen college student portal for campus and departmental scholarships! Check with your Counselors and TRiO Advisor for more resources.

## JUNIORS

Standardized Test Season is arriving quickly, so sign up to take the SAT today! Look to sign up for the ACT in March or April as test dates have not been announced yet. You must take either the SAT or the ACT by December of your senior year for college applications. Ask your Talent Search Advisor about using a Fee Waiver for regular registration.

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
March 11	February 10	February 28
May 6	April 7	April 25
June 3	May 9	May 24

**NEED HELP STUDYING?** Khan Academy has partnered with College Board to provide free online-based tutoring for the SAT. Practice your critical reading, math, or time management skills before the big test! Focus on the areas you need the most help with. For more info, visit: [khanacademy.org/sat](http://khanacademy.org/sat)

**APPLYING TO A UC?** All UC applicants must take the SAT with Essay or the ACT with Writing. If you are considering a major in *engineering, math, or science*, it is strongly recommended that you take Subject Tests for Math Level 2 and one other test which relates strongly to your intended major (physics, chemistry, or biology). No Subject Tests are available for the March SAT test date. For more information on admissions requirements, visit: [admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman)

## FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

Keep your grades up! Make sure you are getting Cs or better in your A-G courses. Get involved in school activities. Write down all of your volunteer work and extracurricular activities. Go to tutoring if available. Work closely with your TRiO Talent Search advisor to make sure you're doing everything you need to do now to be ready for college!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Hi! This is Jorge Ambriz, the College Access Academic Advisor servicing our local middle schools. Over the past few months, I have had the pleasure of working with your students on college preparation and study skills. 6<sup>th</sup> graders worked on time management, where students had a time budget and had to fill in their day with "have-to's" and "want-to's." 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders worked on learning styles, where they explored how they learn best in order to prepare for our post-break activities. Additionally, 7<sup>th</sup> graders explored different methods of note-taking to tailor to their individual preferences. 8<sup>th</sup> graders explored test-taking strategies with hopes of making the test-taking experience less stressful. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders also reviewed the four college systems, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders learned about A-G requirements. We have financial aid and career exploration to look forward to in the new year.

## A - G REQUIREMENTS

**A-G COURSES ARE THE GATEWAY TO ATTENDING A 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY—PASSING THEM WITH A 'C' OR BETTER QUALIFIES YOU TO ATTEND!** *All courses must be considered College Prep.* Students must take two years of a Language other than English and one year of Art. Grades in A-G courses must be a **'C' or better**. Earning a 'D' does not count! See your high school counselor regularly to make sure you're on track, and talk to your TRiO Advisor. *HS graduation requirements and A-G requirements are different!*

- A: History – 2 years
- B: English – 4 years
- C: Math – 3 years (4 recommended)
- D: Lab Science – 2 years (3 recommended)
- E: Language other than English – 2 years
- F: Visual & Performing Arts – 1 year
- G: College Prep Elective – 1 year

## TUTORING UPDATES

Tutoring is getting off the ground at several school sites. Tutoring is offered in class, after school, or a combination of both, depending on the school site. Due to the availability of tutors, some sites may only offer tutoring once a week. See where and when we offer tutoring below, and call our office if you need tutoring services. (707) 826-4791

SCHOOL	TUTOR	DAY	TIME
PACIFIC UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL	ERIC	TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS	6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE CLASSES
NORTH COAST LEARNING ACADEMY	VANIA	MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS	6 <sup>TH</sup> PERIOD & AFTER SCHOOL
ZANE MIDDLE SCHOOL	JULIE	TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS	AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:00
SOUTH FORK HIGH SCHOOL	SYDNEY	MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS	DURING SCHOOL DAY IN INTEGRATED MATH COURSES
HOOPA & TRINITY VALLEY EL	FELICIA	WEDNESDAYS	EXACT DETAILS TBA
FORTUNA UNION HIGH SCHOOL	COLEY	TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS	AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:30 IN THE LIBRARY
HSU LIBRARY	ELLIE	MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS BY REQUEST	3:30 – 5:00 (TUTORING UPON REQUEST; TRANSPORTATION TO HSU NOT PROVIDED)

## FORTUNA UNION HIGH SCHOOL TUTORING

Coley here, TRiO Talent Search advisor at Fortuna High. TRiO Talent Search has partnered with the senior service project “Change the World” to provide after-school tutoring twice a week. Two seniors haven chosen to do their projects as peer tutors. A quick Google search of “peer tutoring success” shows that receiving help from peers is extremely beneficial, both for the tutor and the tutee. Peer tutors sit in the same classes as their tutees, or did in a previous academic year. They learn from the same teachers and read the same books, and often experience similar frustrations. We have already seen grades improve for several students. Please email me with any questions.

STUDY HOURS ARE OFFERED AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:30 IN THE LIBRARY TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.	<b>TUESDAYS:</b> MATH TO ALGEBRA II, ENGLISH, HISTORY, BIOLOGY, SPANISH I <b>THURSDAYS:</b> ALL MATH, ENGLISH, HISTORY, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, ALL SPANISH
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## DEL NORTE COUNTY UPDATE

Crescent Elk Middle School and Del Norte High School are seeing transformative change with their new collaboration with TRiO services. So far, 45 students have signed up to work with us, including 29 high schoolers and 16 middle schoolers. Right now, we are focusing on personalized transitional folders for students to prepare these students to be successful in high school and life after high school. In January, we hope to complete our first student-created 3D-printed Art Gallery fundraiser. Check neighborhood stores in Crescent City for fliers with specific details, still TBD.

## PARENT PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Have you ever wondered how you, as a parent, can help support your child in their academic endeavors? Do you feel a bit intimidated by the school system and how it works? The Humboldt County Office of Education, the Decade of Difference, and Humboldt State University have partnered to create a FREE program to help parents learn to navigate their children’s education system and help support their children in succeeding in their academic goals. Classes start soon at Pacific Union and Alice Birney Elementary Schools and will be delivered by Talent Search Advisor Jorge Ambriz.

PACIFIC UNION JAN 10 - FEB 14	ALICE BIRNEY FEB 1 – MAR 29	ONCE A WEEK 6 WEEKS	CHILDCARE & SNACKS PROVIDED	NO CHARGE!
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## STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TRIO WINTER ACADEMY FEBRUARY 19 <sup>TH</sup> -21 <sup>ST</sup> @ HSU (BY INVITATION ONLY)	NORTHCOAST YOUTH SUMMIT MARCH 18 <sup>TH</sup> @ COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS	<b>IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE NORTHCOAST YOUTH SUMMIT, CONTACT US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! (707) 826-4791</b>
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Freshmen & Sophomores: Leadership events happen every year. If you are interested in increasing your leadership skills and building a strong resume for college and scholarship applications, plan to attend these events in the future.

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