



College and Career Center Senior Newsletter



October 5, 2020 – College Information

NEW – COLLEGE AND CAREER DROP IN TIME

Wednesdays at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Have a quick question? – join the GoogleMeet for immediate access to the College and Career staff.

<http://bit.ly/CollegeCareerDropIn>

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Yikes, it's October already!

Seniors often comment on how quickly the college process starts. You barely have time to relish in the fact that you are a senior when you will begin hearing about college visits, scholarships and deadlines. It can feel a bit overwhelming, especially if you don't know where to start. This newsletter is completely dedicated to the college process. It will cover some of the buzz words and help guide your way. And, as always, we are here to help. If you feel overwhelmed, reach out to us. Our contact information is listed above. You can also drop in to meet us or for a quick question using the link listed above on Wednesdays between 11:30am and 12:30pm.

Admission Dates for Local Public Colleges

Oregon State University

Early Action - Nov 1

Regular Decision - Feb 1

University of Oregon

Early Action – Nov 1

Regular Decision – Jan 15

Portland State University

Rolling applications

To be eligible for scholarships – Feb 1

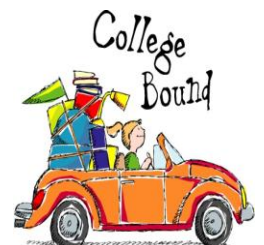
To be eligible for 4 years Free Scholarship – May 1



When are college applications due?

Each college has their own unique application due date, found on the college website. There are different application due dates, with different results and consequences. Applications can be submitted in the fall or spring as described below:

- **Early decision applications**, usually due in late October/early November, In exchange for early acceptance, they require you to commit to the college. These decisions are binding — meaning a student who is accepted must attend the college. Early decision applications are typically used when a school is a student's number one choice. Students do not typically receive a financial package from the school with the acceptance and will not know if they will receive any scholarships or financial assistance.
- **Early action application** provides an opportunity for students to apply and receive a decision fairly quickly on their acceptance in the early fall. Applications are typically due late October/early November. With Early Action, you can wait until Decision Day (typically May 1st) to confirm attendance at a college. Students typically receive a financial package (showing scholarships, grants and loans) in late Spring to assist in their decision making process.
- **Regular decision** applications are typically due between January and February. Many students apply Regular Decision so it takes longer before colleges respond to let students know if they were accepted to the university. Students have until the decision day in May to make their decision and pay appropriate deposits.
- **"Rolling" applications** are accepted on a continual basis. You can apply at any time throughout the year. Decisions are based on enrollment numbers, so the sooner you apply the better your chances are of being accepted to the school.



The Common App – What is it and should I use it?

The Common App is an application process used by many colleges throughout the United States. It allows students to apply to multiple colleges with one application. There are two main parts: a set of common questions and each college's own specific questions. If you are applying to multiple colleges, the Common App should make the process easier. If you are applying to a single college or a few colleges, you may consider applying directly to the college as the Common App will likely contain steps you don't need to complete.

Test Optional College Applications

Many colleges will be accepting applications in a "Test-optional" or "Test Blind" mode for the 2021 school year, meaning ACT and SAT scores will not be viewed as part of the decision process. This practice was adopted by a few colleges last year and with COVID and limited testing, most schools are adopting the practice this year. Each school is adopting the practice differently. Some schools are only considering test scores if student submit them while other schools are ignoring test scores completely. Some colleges are requiring test scores be submitted but will only use them for placement in classes or potentially scholarships. Applying with a test score, even if it is optional, can help you distinguish yourself in the applicant pool and provide the school with a fuller picture of your academic abilities.

Tualatin High College Visits

College Admission Representatives visit high schools each fall to talk with students about their college. They talk about academics, housing, costs and assist with the admission process. For the time-being, these visits will be help virtually. Register to attend a visit as follows:

- Log on to Naviance thru Clever.com w/school email
- In Naviance, navigate to the Colleges tab (upper right hand corner)
- Select Colleges Home
- Select College Visits (right side of page, near the bottom)
- Sign up for any visits of interest

College visit information will be provided in the weekly Tualatin High Bulletin. You can also be notified of specific college visits, if you note the schools as "Colleges I am Thinking About" or "Colleges I am Applying to" in Naviance.

College Application and Admission Steps

- Identify the field (career) you want to study and the type of degree you want
- Identify colleges of interest and application due dates
- Complete and submit college applications (either end of October/early November or mid January/February depending on application type)
- Work on financial aid application (October 1 – June more information in future newsletter)
- Research scholarship opportunities
- Choose college of choice and confirm acceptance offer (by May 1st College Decision Day)
- Accept financial aid package
- Select housing (ex. dorm, off campus, with parents)
- Provide documentation required for financial aid
- Enter college selection in Naviance so your final transcript is sent to college
- Complete assessment tests required by the college for class placement

Upcoming College Visits

Tuesday, Oct 6th

- 9:00 am University of Tampa
- 9:30 am Oregon State Uni – Cascades (Bend)
- 3:30 pm Whittier College (California)

Wednesday, Oct 7th

- 9:00 am Point Loma Nazarene U (San Diego)
- 9:30 am Hult Intl Business School (San Fran)
- 11:00 am Lewis & Clark College
- 2:30 pm Northwestern University (Chicago)

Thursday, Oct 8th

- 9:00 am Salve Regina University (Rhode Island)

Friday, Oct 9th

- 9:30 am San Diego State University
- 3:30 pm Portland State University



PNACAC Virtual College Fair

<https://pnacac.swoogo.com/pnacac>

Log in on these dates to meet with 600+ colleges online

Monday, Oct 12, 11:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday, Oct 18th 9:00am – 5pm

Sunday, Nov 9, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm