

FAMILY COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT



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CSU SYSTEM – 23 CAMPUSES

○ Admission based on:

- Completion of “a-g” courses with **C** or better in 9th to 12th grade
- Grades in “a-g” courses taken in 10th and 11th grade
- SAT or ACT test scores

○ Some average GPAs & test scores for admitted students in 2017

	GPA	SAT	ACT
• SDSU	3.87	1241	26.8
• CSUSM	3.3	1030	22
• SSU	3.2	1020	22
• Cal Poly SLO	4.04	1391	30



○ View 2017 school profiles by clicking on link below

<http://www.calstate.edu/sas/counselors-conferences.shtml>



UC SYSTEM — 9 CAMPUSES

○ Admission based on:

- Academic GPA in all completed "a-g" courses, including additional points for completed UC-certified honors courses.
- Scores on the ACT with Writing, or SAT with Essay
- Number of, content of and performance in academic courses beyond the minimum "a-g" requirements.
- Number of and performance in UC-approved honors and Advanced Placement courses.
- ELC ranked in the top 9 percent of their hs



UC SYSTEM — ADMISSION FACTORS CONT.

- Quality of a student's senior-year program, as measured by the type and number of academic courses in progress or planned.
- Quality of their academic performance relative to the educational opportunities available in their high school.
- Outstanding performance in one or more academic subject areas.
- Outstanding work in one or more special projects in any academic field of study.
- Recent, marked improvement in academic performance, as demonstrated by academic GPA and the quality of coursework completed or in progress.



UC SYSTEM – ADMISSION FACTORS CONT.

- Special talents, achievements and awards in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts, communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that demonstrate the student's promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of a campus.
- Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of a student's high school curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs.
- Academic accomplishments in light of a student's life experiences and special circumstances.
- Location of a student's secondary school and residence.



UC SYSTEM — 9 CAMPUSES

- **Comprehensive Review Factors:**

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/freshman/comprehensive-review/>

- **University Profiles for 2017**

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/profiles/index.html>

- **Personal Insight Questions** (start working on it now)

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-statement/index.html>



UC BERKELEY PROFILE

- **Admit Rate – Overall 17.2%**
- **GPA and Test Scores of middle 25-75% of students**
 - **HS 4.15 – 4.30**
 - **ACT 30 – 34**
 - **SAT EBRW 640 – 730**
 - **SAT Math 640 – 760**
 - **SAT Essay 16 – 20**



UC RIVERSIDE PROFILE

- **Admit Rate – Overall** **57.4%**

- **GPA and Test Scores of middle 25-75% of students**
 - **HS** **3.60 – 4.04**
 - **ACT** **23 – 30**
 - **SAT EBRW** **550 – 640** *Evidence Based Reading & Writing*
 - **SAT Math** **540 – 670**
 - **SAT Essay** **14 – 18**



UC SYSTEM – PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

- 8 questions to choose from.
- You must respond to only 4 of the 8
- 350 word limit per question
- You get to pick the questions. You should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.



PRIVATE COLLEGES – IN CALIFORNIA



- **Schools with admission requirements similar to the University of California**
- **Schools with admission requirements similar to the California State University system**
- **Schools that accept only the top students in the world**
- **Schools with very specific requirements, in addition to a well-rounded curriculum, related to their specialty - for example, in the visual or performing arts**

Many require a letter of recommendation



Out of State Public Schools



- **Arizona State Univ (ASU) – Tempe**
Avg GPA 3.49
- **Northern Arizona University**
(NAU) – Flagstaff 3.52
- **University of Arizona - Tucson**
3.38 GPA minimum
- **Colorado State University - Fort**
Collins
Avg GPA 3.61
- **University of Colorado - Boulder**
Avg GPA 3.62



4 YEAR COLLEGES

ADMISSIONS FACTORS RECAP

CSU

a-g classes

GPA

**SAT(Math and
Verbal scores)**

ACT

UC

a-g classes

GPA

**SAT with Essay
ACT with writing**

Rigor of Curriculum

Extra-curriculars

Personal Statement

Up to 8 Honors/AP Courses

PRIVATE COLLEGE

a-g (many)

GPA

**SAT with Essay
ACT with writing**

Rigor of Curriculum

Extra-curriculars

**Essays/Short Answer
Prompts**

Interview (some)

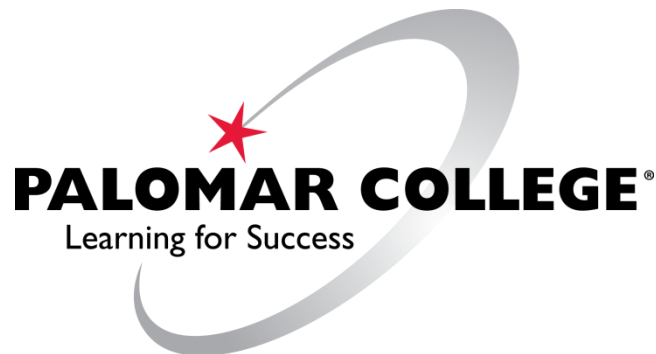
Letters of Recommendation



COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUSES— 112 CAMPUSES IN CALIFORNIA

○ Admission requirements:

- You are 18 years of age or older, with or without a high school diploma
- You are a high school graduate
- You have the equivalent of a high school diploma



Best Fit Factors To Consider



- **School Size**
- **Location (Distance from home)**
- **Sports/Activities**
- **Two Year or Four Year**
- **Public or Private**
- **Cost**
- **Major and minors**
- **Class Size**
- **Specialty Programs**
- **Financial Aid Awarded**
- **Housing**
- **Diversity**
- **Graduation Rate**



WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

FRESHMEN

- **It's time to get serious about your post-secondary plans**
- **Don't neglect your study habits**
- **Earn your best grades**
- **Consider filling out a four year plan**
- **Are there any colleges you are already interested in? Do you know what they require to be accepted?**
- **Start a resume to track your awards and honors, school and community activities, and volunteer work**
- **Be aware of course offerings at PHS**
- **Start thinking about colleges you might want to visit**
- **Continue to get involved in campus and community activities**



SOPHOMORES

- **Keep those grades up**
- **Start familiarizing yourself with the college application process**
- **Continue extracurricular activities**
- **Look at participating in academic enrichment programs**
- **Take the PSAT**
- **Think about test prep for the ACT & SAT**
- **Start thinking about what factors are important to you in a college**
- **Continue researching colleges**
- **Consider taking a personality test and/or career interest inventory to explore majors/career choices**
- **How can you maximize your summer breaks?**



JUNIORS

- **Maintain strong grades**
- **Continue to challenge yourself academically**
- **Focus on college and career search**
www.collegeboard.org www.californiacolleges.edu
- **Take the PSAT in Oct. (Scholarship opportunities)**
- **Schedule to take the ACT plus writing and the SAT (spring of junior year)**
- **Attend PHS College Rep visits**
- **Attend local College Fairs/PHS Workshops**
- **Narrow your list of colleges (Reach/Probable/Safe)**
- **Choose a rigorous senior schedule**
- **Visit colleges**
- **Review the application requirements and deadlines for your college choices.**
- **Maximize your summer break (job/internship/college course/start applications)**



SENIORS

- **Keep your grades up! Most colleges will rescind an admissions offer if you have any grade below a C in the senior year.**
- **Attend PHS College Rep visits**
- **Take ACT/SAT Tests again if needed (most colleges have a December deadline)**
- **Request Letters of Rec for private colleges (3 week timeline)**
- **Order transcripts**
- **Check your email throughout the year for college updates**
- **FAFSA – Financial Aid - January 1-March 2**
- **Apply for scholarships**
- **Visit all final college choices**
- **Acceptances in March/April are PROVISIONAL!**
- **Intent to Register: May 1**
- **Application windows: *APPLY BROADLY!***
 - **CSU: Oct 1-Nov 30**
 - **UC: Nov 1-Nov 30**
 - **Private: Early Action/Early Decision - Nov 1**
 - **Private college deadlines can extend through February/March**
 - **Community College – EAP Placement Testing in February**



RESEARCHING COLLEGES & CAREERS

- **It's never too early to start your college search. The goal is to identify your **BEST FIT** colleges and have a solid understanding of the college admission requirements for that school.**



AGENDA



- **Comparing college systems and admission factors**
- **Useful Websites**
 - **Collegeboard.com**
 - **Cappex.com**
 - **CaliforniaColleges.edu**
 - **Collegemajors101**



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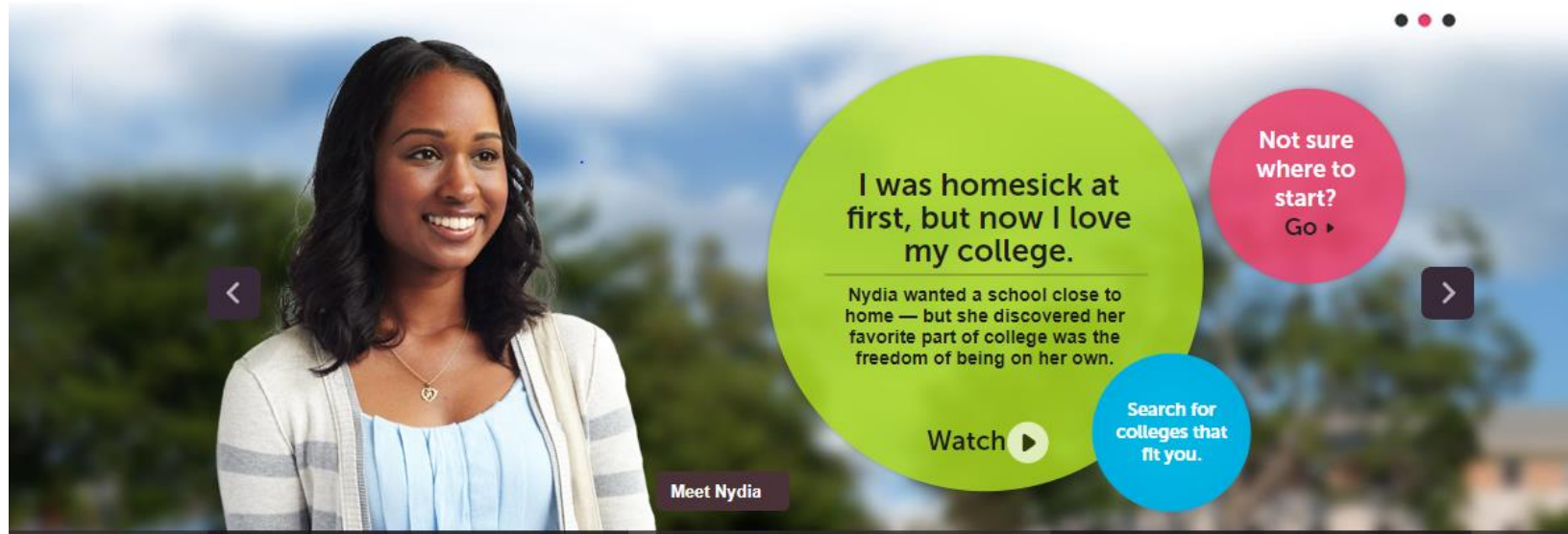
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What grade are you in?

- 8th or lower
- 9th
- 10th
- 11th
- 12th
- H.S. grad

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- <https://youtu.be/ffgrzttQATU>



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College Career

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College Students

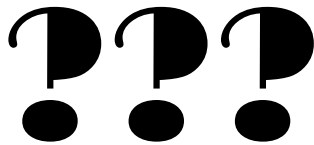
Families

Educators

**Why create an account?
Site will help you track a-g completion and feed information directly to CSUmentor senior year. This will make applying to CSU colleges much easier for you.**



Questions



**Education is the most powerful weapon we
can use to change the world.**

Nelson Mandela

