



# THE COUNSELORS' CHAT

A BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN COUNSELING, BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR THS COUNSELORS

## HEY TILLERS!

Whether this is your first semester at Tustin High, or you are a returning Tiller, starting a new school year can be exciting and nerve wracking. Counselors will be an integral part of your students’ support at school. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of events, deadlines, tips, and information that support students’ college and career readiness. Don’t know who your counselor is? Please check your Aeries. Some students will not be in the alpha split.

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## CLASS OF 2021



Get organized! You will be asked questions about what classes you took, grades earned, volunteer hours, involvement with organizations, etc. on your applications for colleges and scholarships. Start organizing your information by creating a brag sheet. Check your aeries for your updated transcript during your Senior Workshop presentation to help you organize your academic information. It's also a good idea to organize log-in information for your application platforms and for your College Board/ACT accounts. Don't know how to create a brag sheet? Use our LOR template [HERE](#). You would need to complete it for letters of recommendation anyway!

**College Visits:** We encourage students to sign up on Naviance for these invaluable virtual visits to get more information about colleges AND ask questions. We hope you keep an open mind and attend as many of these opportunities as possible.



**September 23, 2020 at 1:30pm**

- [Lehigh University](#)

- [Grand Canyon University](#)

**September 30, 2020 at 1:30pm**

- [Johnson & Wales University, Providence](#)

- [Reed College](#)

**October 7, 2020 at 1:30pm**

- [The University of Arizona](#)

- [University of Missouri-Columbia](#)

**Senior Workshops:** Counselors will be presenting to you on Wednesday, September 16th to discuss important Senior tasks! Starting **September 17th to November 6th** every Senior will virtually meet with his/her counselor 1:1 after presentations have been completed to discuss graduation and college requirements. Schedule your 1:1 calendly meeting with your counselor.

COUNSELOR NAME	CALENDLY
AMY BLEDSOE	<a href="https://calendly.com/amybledsoe">https://calendly.com/amybledsoe</a>
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**University of California Universities** will be "test-optional" for fall 2021 and fall 2022. Freshman applicants are not required to submit SAT/ACT test scores. What does "test-optional" mean? You choose whether or not to submit SAT/ACT scores with your application. If you are unable or chose not to submit test scores, your application will still receive full consideration.

**The California State University (CSU)** will temporarily suspend the use of ACT/SAT examinations in determining admission eligibility for all CSU campuses for the 2021-2022 academic year. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

2020-2021 SAT Administration Dates	2020-2021 ACT Test Dates
September 26, 2020 (Subject tests not offered on this date)	October 10, 17, 24, & 25, 2020
October 3, 2020	December 12, 2020
November 7, 2020	February 6, 2021
December 5, 2020	April 17, 2021

## CSU WEEK

**23 Campuses, 1 Week:** Each campus will present a short live session to provide a campus preview, information about the admissions process and a question and answer portion.

**October 5-9th. Register [HERE](#).**



## VIRTUAL NACAC COLLEGE FAIRS



NACAC is hosting virtual college fairs this fall to offer the opportunity to meet with college admission representatives and attend live and interactive zoom sessions offered by 600+ colleges and universities on each fair date! (**Oct. 12, Oct. 18 and Nov. 8**)

[Click here to register!](#)

## A P S T U D E N T S

Registration is now open and closes on November 2nd at 11:59pm. There will be a \$45 late fee per exam, for any student who registers after November 2nd. Please contact Mrs. Hagstrom at [ahagstrom@tustin.k12.ca.us](mailto:ahagstrom@tustin.k12.ca.us) if you have any questions pertaining to AP's.

### HOW TO REGISTER

- Step 1:** Go to the online test registration site <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/053570>
- Step 2:** Create an account using your PERSONAL EMAIL and cell number DO NOT USE MYTUSD EMAIL
- Step 3:** Choose which exams you will take
- Step 4:** Follow payment instructions and submit/send payment  
\*\$105 per exam \*Submit a request for fee waiver if you qualify for financial assistance at THS \*\$45 fee for late registration \*Must cancel before 11/2/2020 to receive refund of \$100 \*NO REFUND if you cancel after 11/2/2020

## PARENTS UNIVERSITY

September 23rd, 2020. Parent University is offered for senior families and students to learn more about the various college applications. This year we will be hosting Parent University virtually. College representatives will be hosting Webex workshops. [Please register HERE.](#)

**September 23rd, 2020 5:30-6:00 PM**

[Click HERE for UC Workshop](#)

**Meeting number** (access code): 120 799 4295

**Meeting password:** teD3YKdnr32

**September 23rd, 2020 6:15 - 6:45 PM**

[Click HERE for Community College Workshop](#)

**Meeting number** (access code): 120 206 1334

**Meeting password:** 5tPPC5CGpX8



Parents University

## ALL CLASSES



CSF window **September 8, 2020 to October 8, 2020**

**California Scholarship Federation (CSF)** membership is based on a student's grades from the previous semester. To become a member of CSF, you must complete the CSF form found [here](#) for Spring of 2020 and email it as an attachment to Mr. Lopez at [aalopez@tustin.k12.ca.us](mailto:aalopez@tustin.k12.ca.us). Please read [these directions](#) before you fill out the form. You must also pay the membership fee of \$7 through our [student store website](#). Students who wish to graduate with seal bearer status must qualify for 4 semesters from grades 10-12 and at least ONE qualifying semester of MUST be earned during your senior year. Students can print out their own transcripts here from [Aeries Parent Portal](#). If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Pyscher at [cpyscher@tustin.k12.ca.us](mailto:cpyscher@tustin.k12.ca.us).

## SENIORS, JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES

**ROP:** Are you interested in taking ROP courses? If so, please email our Career Specialist, Ms. Riggs's at [kriggs@tustin.k12.ca.us](mailto:kriggs@tustin.k12.ca.us)! She can guide you on course offerings such as medical terminology, culinary arts, etc.

There are currently spots available so don't forget to sign up!

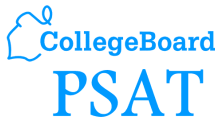
## CLASS OF 2024

**Naviance** is a comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness platform that enables self-discovery, career exploration, academic planning, and college preparation for millions of students across all ages and around the globe. Register for Naviance Log-In-  
<https://student.naviance.com/tustinh>

## CLASS OF 2022

**PSAT:** Each year, TUSD administers the PSAT to all 11th grade students. This is a **FREE practice SAT** given to all 11th grade students. Participation in the exam not only gives you practice for the SATs and gives you results so you know what to study, but it also makes you eligible for many scholarships including the National Merit Scholarship. This year, due to safety protocols, the **PSAT will only be offered to 11th grade students** who register for the exam. The exam will take place at Beckman High School. All physical distancing protocols will be in place to ensure a safe testing environment.

- Test Date:** 10/17/2020
- Cost:** Free
- Location:** Beckman High School
- Time:** Report time in the morning will vary so that we can stagger arrival time to maintain safety protocols.



You will receive an email to your mytUSD email as we get closer to the test date with specific information. If you would like to register to take the PSAT, please fill out the form below no later than September 11, 2020 at 3:30pm. Late registration will not be accepted. [Register here](#)