



RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

COUNSELOR CONNECTION

OCTOBER
2018

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Happy Fall, Longhorns!

Even though the weather isn't too much cooler yet, the holidays are just around the corner. Counselors presented in senior English classrooms to help seniors learn important college app information. College Night is October 2 (parents strongly encouraged!) and the opening of the FAFSA application on October 1st. Overwhelmed yet? Don't worry—we're here to help!



UPCOMING DATES

- ◆ **October 1:** **FAFSA & DREAM App Opens** & begin submitting CSU Applications
- ◆ **October 2:** **Senior College Night & Financial Aid Night 5:30pm @ PAC (parents strongly encouraged to attend!)**
- ◆ **October 3:** North County Coastal College & Career Fair at El Camino HS from 5-7pm
- ◆ **October 4:** PLUS Forum
- ◆ **October 10:** PSAT at RBV, registration deadline Sept 28
- ◆ **October 13:** Cash 4 College Free FAFSA/Dream App Help @ Vista High
- ◆ **November 3:** SAT Test Date (register by October 5)
- ◆ **November 7:** CSUSM WAVEpact Tour for 10th graders
- ◆ **November 8:** PLUS Forum
- ◆ **November 30:** **CSU and UC Applications Due**



Need Help with College Apps and Financial Aid/ Dream App?



Check out these free resources:

College Application help every Tuesday, 2:45-4:30pm starting October 9—see Mr. Arciniega for details

Cash for College FAFSA-DREAM App Workshop

Oct 13 at Vista High, 9am-noon

Feb 2 at RBV, 9am-noon



FREE FAFSA/Dream Act Help!

FAFSA Website: [Click here Step-by-Step Guide](#) to Filling out the FAFSA

[12 Common FAFSA Mistakes](#)

[More Links](#) from the FAFSA Website Covering a Variety of Information

It's never too early to start planning for college!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Club Carnival October 17: Did you know RBV has dozens of clubs on campus you can join at any time? From the Academic Club, to the Art Club, to Chess and the Military, we know there's a club just for you. Make sure to check out the next Club Carnival in the Quad on October 17 at lunch. Bring cash if you want to purchase any snacks as each club will be selling something tasty to help support club costs.



Social/Emotional/Academic Support: Did you know there are many resources on campus available to students who have social or emotional needs or academic support? Check these out and see your counselor if you're interested:

- PLUS
- Peer Counselors
- Boys/Girls Support Group
- Palomar ETS (college and career planning help + academic tutoring)
- Gear Up (for freshman who are first generation college bound)

SENIOR HOTSPOT

Class of 2019, are you ready for your Senior year?! This will be an exciting time as you wrap up your experience at RBV. You will also be preparing for college throughout the year. Here's a short step-by-step guide for what you should be doing throughout the year:

- Make a list of the colleges/universities in which you are interested
- Take time to visit college campuses (if you can)
- Apply for the FAFSA beginning on October 1 (**this is free money; don't wait!**)
- Use California Colleges to research colleges and save your searches
- Start to look at the CSU/UC application and begin filling it out
- Start working on your UC Insight Questions or Common App Essay and have others proofread it
- Complete your Brag Packet and Submit a Letter of Recommendation Request to your Counselor

CAREER CENTER

SAT/ACT Testing Information: Fee waivers are based on eligibility for the National School Lunch Program (free/reduced). See Mrs. Williams if you think you qualify.

Upcoming College Visits — Sign up on the counseling website under the [College and Career Tab](#)

Azusa Pacific University - Monday, 10/1, at 9:40 am

Yale—Tuesday, 10/2, at 8:45am

Arizona State University - Tuesday, 10/2, at 11:15 am

Fort Lewis College - Tuesday, 10/2, at 2 pm

Univ of San Francisco - Wednesday, 10/3, at 11:15 am

Biola University - Tuesday, 10/9, at 1:45 pm

Colorado State University - Tuesday, 10/16, at 9:00 am

University of Redlands - Friday, 10/19, at 9:00 am

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It's never too early to start looking for scholarships. Each month, Mrs. Williams updates our [scholarship page](#). There are scholarships available to grades 9-12. Who doesn't want free money??