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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

It's hard to believe that 2013 is almost over. Where did the time go? Inside our **special holiday** issue, EAOP will highlight several of its 2013 activities. Highlights include: Senior Recognition, summer programs and college knowledge information.

As we prepare for 2014, the EAOP staff encourages all its participants to study fervently, participate in extra-curricular activities, and seek tutorial assistance as needed.

Seniors: Start gathering your family's 2013 financial statements to prepare for completion of the FAFSA.

Juniors: Register for spring college entrance exams.

Sophomores: Schedule an appointment with your counselor to discuss courses that you need to take to complete your "a-g" course pattern.

In the upcoming year, there will be tremendous opportunities and greater expectations. As EAOP **GOES GREEN**, it will be crucial for you to regularly check your emails, the EAOP website and Facebook for upcoming events and deadlines.

We have so much to be thankful for and even more to look forward to in the upcoming year.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Sincerely,

Frances Calvin, Director
UC Riverside EAOP



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A LOOK AT 2013

Over one hundred EAOP graduates and their families were honored at the San Bernardino Hilton for the annual Senior Recognition. Dr. Kendrick Davis (UC Riverside - Director of Medical Education) gave the Keynote Address and students were recognized for their participation in the program and academic achievements. In addition, Natasha Craft, from San Jacinto High School, received the Investment in Success Scholarship from the Masons of California. All students in attendance received an elegant EAOP stole to wear at their high school graduation.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013!!
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.



SENIOR RECOGNITION



TEST PREP BOOT CAMP

SUMMER PROGRAMS

With the help of Kaplan Test Prep Inc., several EAOP rising juniors completed a challenging week of standardized test preparation to increase knowledge and improve performance of the ACT and SAT college admission exams. The students attended rigorous workshops filled with standardized test methodology, test taking techniques, and interactive instruction. By the end of the program, students covered information equivalent to that of a 6-week course, successfully completed a full length practice ACT and SAT exams, and received a detailed score summary indicating strengths and areas that need improvement.



SUMMER ACADEMY

EAOP sponsored thirty students from thirteen high schools to participate in the Summer Academy for Advanced High School Students. These high-achieving scholars attended a 6-week summer class at UC Riverside which offered a valuable opportunity to get a head start on their college degree and to enhance their college application. Students selected courses from an array of disciplines such as art, art history, biology, geology, history, mathematics, sociology, theater, and psychology. In addition, students received academic advising, information about scholarships and required examinations, and UC/CSU application assistance. Summer Academy 2013 had a 100% pass rate. Congratulations to: Stacey Ayon and Katlyn Cheng (Canyon Springs HS); David, Garcia-Viramontes, Erika Gutierrez, Diana Hernandez, Emily Zacarias (Citrus Hill); Ansh Bhagat (Eisenhower HS); Jessica Quinonez (Fontana HS); Eden Tran, Ronny Do (La Sierra HS); Adan Chavez, Francois Yap (JW North HS); Whitney Burnett (Norte Vista HS); Victor Lozano (Perris HS); Catherine Gomez, Jayzme Perry, Ty-Tyanna Tarkington, Karla Vargas, Elisa Vidal (Rancho Verde HS); Kelvin Diaz-Reyes (Rubidoux HS); Amanda Bituin, Amanda Torres (San Jacinto HS); Ashley Corona, Camille Latzke, Ryan Lu, Lauren Purdom (Valley View HS).



SCIENCE LABORATORY EXPLORATION DAY

EAOP students could not resist another year of extracting DNA from plants and conducting experiments with pipettes. For the second year, sophomores “explored” the Neil. A. Campbell Science Learning Laboratory under the direction of Dr. James Burnette III, Lab Assistant Alex Cortez, and several UCR biology students. Over lunch, participants had the opportunity to mingle with UCR students and faculty and discuss STEM related careers, science majors, and the college experience.



A LOOK AT 2013

SUMMER PROGRAMS CONT...

It was all about the sophomores during College Prep Academy. Students attended workshops facilitated by UC Riverside's Career Center, Academic Resource Center, and Undergraduate Admissions. After a week of college prep presentations, financial aid workshops, and team building activities, students left the program with a wealth of college knowledge and new friendships.



COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY



SENIOR SUMMIT

Over one hundred Seniors tackled their personal statements, completed college and financial aid applications, and interviewed with UC Admission Counselors at the EAOP Senior Summit. Guest speakers included: Malcolm Manuel (UCR Admissions); Teresa Luther (UCR Financial Aid); Kyle Quarles (CSUSB Admissions); Jolene Sedita (UCR Transfer Admissions); and Dr. Corliss Bennett-McBride (USC). This year students had the opportunity to team build in a ropes challenge course at the Student Recreation Center and showcase their talents in a phenomenal talent show.

STAY READY SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET READY

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

- ACT
- ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS
- ASSOCIATE DEGREE
- BACHELORS DEGREE
- CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
- CAMPUS TOURS
- COLLEGE
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- EAOP
- EARLY DECISION
- FAFSA
- FINANCIAL AID
- GRADE POINT AVERAGE
- HONORS
- INDEPENDENT
- MAJOR
- MINOR
- PERSONAL STATEMENT
- PSAT/NMSQT
- QUARTER
- SAT
- SEMESTER
- STEM
- SUBJECT TESTS
- TRANSFER
- UC APPROVED COURSELIST
- UC BERKLEY
- UC DAVIS
- UC IRVINE
- UCLA
- UC MERCED
- UC RIVERSIDE
- UC SAN DIEGO
- UC SAN FRANCISCO
- UC SANTA BARBARA
- UC SANTA CRUZ
- UNDERGRADUATE
- UNITS
- UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
- VALIDATION
- WORK STUDY

WINTER BREAK WORD SEARCH



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COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE



SENIORS

FINANCIAL AID

How are you going to pay for college? Now that you have submitted your college applications, it's time to start thinking about Financial Aid. There are several ways to access financial aid for college. Take advantage of all available opportunities and resources.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)



Between January 1 and March 2 all seniors are strongly urged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the GPA Verification Form* to qualify for financial aid. These applications open the door to all federal and state grants, loans, and work-study awards. Apply at: www.fafsa.ed.gov.

*Many high schools will submit a GPA verification form electronically for students. Make sure your school has your social security number and your parent's consent to release the information to the state.



CASH FOR COLLEGE

Across the state of California, various schools and community groups will host Cash for College workshops, which provide an overview and line by line assistance of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. If you would like information about Cash for College workshops in your area, please visit: www.calgrants.org and enter your zip code.

HOW MUCH FINANCIAL AID WILL I RECEIVE?

Visit <http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov> to estimate how much financial aid you may be eligible for. Please keep in mind that the forecaster will provide estimates. Values are subject to change with submission of an official FAFSA form.

DREAM APPLICATION

The California Dream Act Application is the financial aid application for AB 540 eligible students. Students who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply for state aid:

- ✓ Cannot file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and
- ✓ Attended at least three full years in a California public or private high school, and
- ✓ Graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the college term, for example a High School Equivalency Certificate from the California GED Office or Certificate of Proficiency resulting from the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), and
- ✓ If they are without lawful immigration status, have or will file an affidavit with the college or university they are attending stating that they have filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will file an application as soon as they are eligible to do so. This affidavit is filed with the college they attend.

Visit: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov> to learn more and apply.





SENIORS

FINANCIAL AID



CSS PROFILE

The College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile is an additional financial aid application used by many private and/or independent universities to award non-federal student aid. If you have applied to any private or independent universities, EAOP highly recommends that you visit the universities website in order to see if they require the CSS Profile. To access a full list of schools that require the CSS profile, visit:

<http://profileonline.collegeboard.com>

To apply for financial aid with the CSS Profile, you will need to create a College Board account. If you registered for the SAT online, you can use the same username and password to log on to the CSS profile application.

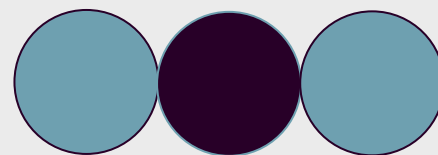


SCHOLARSHIPS

When looking for college scholarships, there are many books and references to assist students. Fastweb has a simple to use web site to make finding college scholarships simple.

EAOP participants are encouraged to build a profile on the website. After completing your profile, Fastweb will search for scholarships that you may be eligible for based on the information you provided.

To start your profile, go to www.FastWeb.com.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

STUDENT INTENT TO REGISTER (SIR)

You will receive provisional acceptance notifications from colleges and universities between January and April. Each campus that offers admission will issue a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR). Accept only **one** campus and read the directions carefully on the SIR for important information regarding deadlines information.

What is Provisional Acceptance?

Provisional acceptance is admission to a college or university with specific guidelines. In order to remain eligible, you must abide by guidelines stated in your provisional acceptance letter.

STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)

Shortly after receiving provisional acceptance letters, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR is created based on the information provided on your FAFSA or DREAM Application. It will provide a breakdown of all eligible federal and state Financial Aid.

Before you return your Statement of Intent to Register, review your Student Aid Reports from all campuses and talk with your Parents/Guardians about which option is best suited for your financial situation.

You have the option to choose what type of financial aid to accept from your SAR. You do not have to accept all aid listed on your report (i.e.: student loans).



JUNIORS

EAOP recommends that students take both the SAT and the ACT during the spring of their junior year. Below is a comparison chart so you can familiarize yourself with each exam.



REQUIRED COLLEGE EXAMS

	SAT vs. ACT	
FAQ	SAT	ACT
How Often is it offered?	7x/year	6x/year
How long is the test?	3 hours, 45 minutes	3 hours +30 minutes if you choose to do the essay
Math	Up to basic geometry and algebra	Up to Trigonometry
Science	None	Charts and Experiments
Reading	Sentence Completion, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension	4 passages, one each of prose fiction, social sciences, humanities and natural sciences
Writing	1 essay, grades as a whole instead of a collection of criteria	1 optional essay, points awarded when certain criteria are met
Is there a penalty for wrong answers?	Yes	No
What is the highest possible score?	2400	36
Is there a test Fee Waiver?	Yes- See your high school counselor	Yes- See your high school counselor
Where do I register?	http://www.collegeboard.com	http://actstudent.org

Do you really need to take the SAT II Subject Exam?

The University of California does not require the SAT II Subject exams however, it is recommended for specific majors and campuses. For a listing of University of California campuses and majors that recommend the subject exams [CLICK HERE](#).

California State University campuses do not require the SAT II Subject Exams.

Private universities and out of state universities requirements for the SAT II subject exams vary. Check each campus of interest interested for further information.





SOPHOMORES



A-G REQUIREMENTS

A	History	2 years required
B	English	4 years required
C	Mathematics	3 years required 4 years recommended
D	Lab Science	2 years required 3 years recommended
E	Language Other than English	2 years required 3 years recommended
F	Visual Performing Art	1 year required
G	College Prep Elective	1 year required

For a complete listing of eligible A-G courses at your school visit:

<http://doorways.ucop.edu>

A-G requirements are classes required to complete the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) minimum eligibility. Here are some tips for completing your A-G requirements:

- ✓ Complete 11 A-G requirements by the end of 11th grade.
- ✓ Complete 15 A-G requirements by the end of 12th grade.
- ✓ When your GPA is calculated for UC/CSU eligibility, only grades from 10th and 11th grade are used. However, you are required to pass all classes between grades 9-12.
- ✓ Some subjects recommend more years of study. Complete the recommended number of years to be more competitive.
- ✓ Take rigorous course work: Honors, AP, or IB courses. These courses can provide weighted points to boost your GPA.
- ✓ For UC, maintain a GPA of a 3.0 or above and take your SAT/ACT; for CSU maintain a 3.0 GPA or above (no SAT/ACT) or a 2.0 GPA or above (with SAT/ACT examination).

E-MAIL ETIQUETE

Over the next few years of high school, your e-mail address will be a primary source of communication from colleges, universities, scholarship organizations, and academic enrichment programs. Keep in mind the suggestions below regarding your e-mail address:

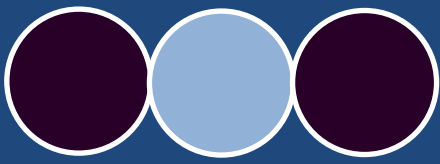
- ✓ Keep an e-mail address for personal use and another for college and scholarship information.
- ✓ Make sure your e-mail address for college information is professional and simple. Avoid nicknames and slang.
- ✓ Check your e-mail weekly for updates and information.
- ✓ Remember to review e-mails carefully. Many colleges, universities, and scholarship opportunities will send information with important deadlines. If you miss a deadline, this could disqualify you from eligibility for special opportunities.

CAREER ZONE

The average college student changes their major approximately 3 times. With so many different possibilities for careers, it can be challenging to narrow down your course of study and career path.

Career Zone California is a website that provides tools and assessments to help you narrow down your interests. Visit: <http://www.cacareerzone.org/>. At Career Zone California, you can take the following assessments:

- ✓ Self Assessment: Learn more about yourself to help you determine areas of interest.
- ✓ Job Families: Learn details and information about various career sectors.
- ✓ Reality Check: Find out about the cost of living and what type of career you will need in order to afford housing, transportation, clothing, bills, etc.



EAOP in 2014

WE'RE MOVING!

EAOP is moving to the 1st floor in the Student Services Building. The address to our new home is:

900 University Avenue
1228 Student Services Building
Riverside, California 92521



EAOP IS GOING GREEN

In an effort to be more cost effective and environmentally friendly, UC Riverside's Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) is **GOING GREEN BEGINNING JANUARY 2014.**

At the start of 2014, all communication regarding upcoming EAOP sponsored events and services will be sent to you via email and/or text message. A letter with instructions to prepare for this transition is forthcoming. In the interim please update your email address at the EAOP website <http://eaop.ucr.edu> or by telephoning our office at (951) 827-4695.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 1—MARCH 2ND	FAFSA FILING PERIOD
JANUARY 25TH	SAT REASONING AND SUBJECT TESTS
FEBRUARY 8TH	ACT + WRITING EXAM
MARCH 8TH	SAT REASONING ONLY
MARCH - APRIL	CAMPUS TOURS
APRIL 20TH	WELCOME ORIENTATION

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Happy 2014 New Year