



Class of 2026 Information

Graduation, College, and Senior Event Information





Are You Ready for Graduation?

- Meet your Counselors
- Overview of graduation requirements
- Overview of the college application process
- Post-secondary resources and important deadlines

****Presentation will be posted on DHHS website****



Counselors



Mrs. Zides
A-Duf, AVID



Mrs. Casazza
Dug-Ji, HMO



Ms. Jakovich
Jo-Pin



Mrs. Dean
Pit-Z



Mrs. Rengifo
College Counselor



Earning Your Diploma

To Earn Your Diploma You Must:

- Complete a minimum of 220 credits
 - To be on track, you should currently have at least 160 credits
- **MUST Pass** 12th grade English course (ex: AP Lit, English 4)
- **MUST Pass** 12th grade Social Science course (ex: AP Gov/Econ, Gov/Econ)
- **MUST Pass** any graduation requirements that *have not yet* been fulfilled
 - (ex: 65 credits of electives, 3 years of math, 4 years of English, 2 years of science, 1 year of language/fine art/CTE, 3 years of History)

If a student does not complete the above requirements, they will not receive their diploma in June and will not be able to participate in the graduation commencement ceremony.

Counselor will refer students to summer school as a late grad.



Are You on Track?

- Check your total completed courses. You should be at or above 170 credits. If you are below this number, you may be enrolled in 6 courses or enrolled in Academic Intervention/Credit Recovery.
- Check your grades for each course. For graduation, a D- is passing. However, if you want to apply to a 4 year university, all grades must be C or higher.
- For graduation you must complete either 1 year of a fine art OR 1 year of a world language OR 1 year of CTE course. However, if you want to apply to a 4 year university, you must have at least 2 years of the same foreign language AND one year of a fine art.

Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark	Att/Cmp	Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark	Att/Cmp	Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark	Att/Cmp
Grade 9 Fall 2017-2018				p	3784	Chemistry (P)	C- 5.00 5.00	Credit Att: 25.00 Cmp: 25.00 AGPA: 3.75			
Dana Hills High School				Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 25.00 AGPA: 1.60							
Grade 11 Fall 2019-2020				Dana Hills High School							
p	1693	Spanish I (P)	C- 5.00 5.00	a	p	1833	AP Psych (HP)	C	5.00 5.00		
p	2513	English I (P)	B+ 5.00 5.00		p	2113	US History (P)	C-	5.00 5.00		
p	2873	Algebra I (P)	B- 5.00 5.00		p	2823	English III (P)	C+	5.00 5.00		
*	3341	Ath Waterpolo-B	A 5.00 5.00		a	p	3093	AP Environ Sci	C+	5.00 5.00	
p	3693	Biology (P)	C- 5.00 5.00		p	4453	Algebra II (P)	D	5.00 5.00		
	9042	College&Career	B- 5.00 5.00		p	SO552F	SOCSA Ceramics A-	5.00 5.00			
Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 AGPA: 2.60				Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 AGPA: 2.50							
Grade 9 Spring 2017-2018				Grade 11 Spring 2019-2020							
Dana Hills High School				Dana Hills High School							
p	1694	Spanish I (P)	D- 5.00 5.00	p	2114	US History (P)	A	5.00 5.00			
p	2514	English I (P)	C 5.00 5.00		p	2824	English III (P)	B-	5.00 5.00		
p	2874	Algebra I (P)	D- 5.00 5.00		a	p	3094	AP Environ Sci	B-	5.00 5.00	
	2911	Health	B 5.00 5.00		*	3301	Ath Swimming/B	A	5.00 5.00		
*	3301	Ath Swimming/B	A- 5.00 5.00			p	4454	Algebra II (P)	NC	5.00 0.00	
p	3694	Biology (P)	B- 5.00 5.00		p	SO552S	SOCSA Ceramics A	5.00 5.00			
Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 AGPA: 2.00				Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 25.00 AGPA: 3.75							
Grade 10 Fall 2018-2019				Grade 12 Fall 2020-2021							
Dana Hills High School				Dana Hills High School							
p	1703	Spanish II (P)	C 5.00 5.00	p	1553	Exp Read/Write	B	5.00 5.00			
p	2023	Wh/Geo/Cult(P)	B 5.00 5.00		p	2121	Amer Govt (P)	C+	5.00 5.00		
p	2533	English II (P)	B- 5.00 5.00		p	6233	Precalculus (P)	D+	5.00 5.00		
p	2893	Geometry (P)	C 5.00 5.00	*	p	H3713F	Hon Marine Ecol	C-	5.00 5.00		
*	3341	Ath Waterpolo-B	A+ 5.00 5.00		Credit Att: 20.00 Cmp: 20.00 AGPA: 2.25						
p	3783	Chemistry (P)	C 5.00 5.00		Grade 12 Spring 2020-2021						
Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 AGPA: 2.40				Dana Hills High School							
Grade 10 Spring 2018-2019				Grade 12 Spring 2020-2021							
Dana Hills High School				Dana Hills High School							
p	1704	Spanish II (P)	F 5.00 0.00	p	1554	Exp Read/Write	A	5.00 5.00			
p	2024	Wh/Geo/Cult(P)	B 5.00 5.00	*	p	2131	Economics(P)	A	5.00 5.00		
p	2534	English II (P)	C- 5.00 5.00			3301	Ath Swimming/B	A	5.00 5.00		
p	2894	Geometry (P)	D- 5.00 5.00			p	6234	Precalculus (P)	B-	5.00 5.00	
*	3301	Ath Swimming/B	A- 5.00 5.00		+ p	H3713S	Hon Marine Ecol	B	5.00 5.00		
Course Tags: * = Non Academic ++ = Honors (weighted) a = Advanced Placement (weighted) p = College Prep r = Repeated											
Weighted Non-Wgtd				Date Event Hours				CREDIT SUMMARY			
Acad GPA (9-12) 2.5526 2.4211				06/20 Principals Honor Roll				Subject Area Credit Req'd Compl Needs			
Acad GPA (10-12) 2.6429 2.4643				06/21 Principals Honor Roll				American Govern 5.00 5.00			
Total GPA (9-12) 2.7500 2.6364				06/21 Principals Honor Roll				Biological Science 10.00 10.00			
								Physical Science 10.00 10.00			
								English 40.00 40.00			
								Economics 5.00 5.00			
								World History/Geo 10.00 10.00			
								US History 10.00 10.00			
								VAPA/WLCTE 10.00 10.00			
								Mathematics 20.00 20.00			
								Algebra 10.00 10.00			
								Physical Education 20.00 20.00			
								Health 1.50 1.50			
								Electives 48.50 63.50			
								* TOTALS * 200.00 215.00			
District Enter: 9/2/2008				Algebra 1 Requirement Met							
School Enter: 8/22/2017											
School Leave: 6/3/2021											



Senior 1:1 Meetings

September 24th - October 3rd

- Review Transcript - Graduation Status
- Review A-G report and college admissions process with students applying to four year
- Review College Promise/Freshman Advantage Program with students attending Saddleback
- Answer general questions about UC/CSU, private in-state, out of state colleges, community colleges, career/technical schools
- Review Financial Aid Information Requirements



Beyond the Pod

October 9th - 10th

Seniors will have a one stop approach where they will have support for:

- College admissions/Applications for UC/CSU
- Common App Support
- Financial Aid support
- Saddleback and California Promise Program
- Career exploration for those who are interested in military or trade schools

Beyond the Pod
October 6th - 10th

Monday
Free Career Exploration Assessment & PSAT

Tuesday
Out of State College Fair at Flex Time in the Library

Wednesday
Resume Workshop at Flex Time in Room 501

Thursday
Military Visits at Lunch in the Mall
Army, Navy, Marines & Airforce

Friday
Career Speakers at Flex Time in Room 501

Thursday & Friday
Senior English Classes attending a College Workshop!

Reminder: Choose a Community College, UC/CSU, or Common App/Out of State Workshop!

For more information, see Mrs. Rengifo
in the College & Career Center (Room 501) or email: nirengifo@capousd.org

Sign UP
on Enriching Students

Class of 2026



Options for Pathways After Graduation

- 2-Year Community College (i.e. Saddleback, IVC, Orange Coast)
- 4-Year Public or Private College or University (In-State or Out-of-State)
- Apprentice or Trade School
- Enter the Workforce
- Enlist in the Military
- Gap Year

Let's review the options above!



Community Colleges

Benefits of attending a Community College

- Only requirement to enroll in a Community College is a high school diploma
- Transfer programs to Four Year Universities
- Certificate Programs (2 or 3 semesters to complete)
- Tuition is free if school is part of the California Promise Program
- Close to Home (i.e. save money on travel and other costs)

Apply to Community College

- Saddleback College (<http://www.saddleback.edu>)
- Irvine Valley College (<http://www.ivc.edu>)
- Orange Coast College (<http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu>)

Saddleback 1:1 Counseling

Saddleback Counselor available for:

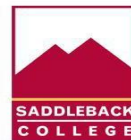
- **SENIORS:** Freshman Advantage, Counseling 100 & Promise Program
 - **ALL GRADES:** dual enrollment in Saddleback courses
 - Career Technical Education and Associate Degrees
 - Bachelor Degrees and University Transfer
 - CSU/UC/Private and Out of State Transfer Information
 - Career Counseling

To set up an appointment with Arleen Palafox, scan the QR code



(Counselor available by appointment only, beginning Wednesday September 11th)

Parents can attend via Zoom



FRESHMAN ADVANTAGE 2026

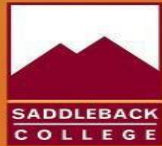


- High School Seniors who complete Matriculation Process by **January 31, 2026** will receive priority registration for the 2026-27 school year including summer.

Please visit the Freshman Advantage Page on the Saddleback website for up to date information. Click [here](#).



COUNSELING 100 CLASS

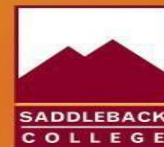


Spring 2026 C100 Classes at DHHS:

One Day a Week in the Spring Semester

- ✓ Transferable to CSU
- ✓ 1.5 unit college success class for seniors only
- ✓ Taught by a Saddleback College Counselor
- ✓ Free dual enrollment class/buy textbook
- ✓ Will walk you through the application, matriculation, and registration process.
- ✓ Great bridge class between high school and college so you know exactly what to enroll in and the resources available to you.

PROMISE PROGRAM



Eligibility Requirements

- Be first-time college students; this program is for students who have never attended college (Dual/Concurrent enrollment students, Special Admit students, and other high school students who took college classes while still in high school are still eligible for the Promise Program)
- Be California residents or be eligible by AB 540/Dream Act status
- Register for Saddleback College courses and identify Saddleback as “College of Record”
- Complete the 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by May 1, 2026
- Enroll in 12 units or more each semester of enrollment to include enrollments in:
 - Math and/or English during the first semester and both completed by the end of your first year



Questions about the Promise Program:

Student Services Office 949-348-6882



Applying to a 4-Yr College/University

We will cover:

- Application process
- Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Testing
- Support for students and families
- Financial Aid



Applying to a CSU or UC Campus

CSU - California State University

[Application](#)

Submit App: October 1 - December 1

- Application Fee: \$70.00 per campus
(Fee waiver available based on eligibility)
- CSU does not require letters of recommendation
- No college essay

UC - University of California

[Application](#)

Submit App: October 1 - December 1

- Application Fee: \$80.00 per campus
(Fee waiver available based on eligibility)
- UC does not require letters of recommendation
- UC requires completion of four Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)

Information for both California public university systems

DHHS High School

CEEB code is 050729

Self Report Grades

Unofficial Transcript





Applying to a Private/Out of State

Application Process

- Complete application for specific private/out-of-state public university online
- Watch for deadlines, which includes campus specific scholarship deadlines
 - Check your personal email and/or college portal daily



Use the specific school website to apply if the university does not participate in one of the above online forums



College Applications

CSUs	UCs	Private/Out of State
Apply online starting Oct.1 - Dec.1	Apply online starting Oct.1 - Dec.1	Deadlines vary—earlier deadline if applying for scholarships
One application	One application	Common App/Separate Apps
\$70 per school	\$80 per school	Cost varies
Send transcript only if requested and to final school selected	Send transcript only if requested and to final school selected	Transcripts must be included in application
No essays (Unless applying for honors)	4 personal insight questions (PIQs)	One essay and supplemental essays (depends on college)
No letters of recommendation needed	No letters of recommendation needed	Letters of recommendation (typically 1-2 teachers, one Counselor)



College Rep Visits

Why should I attend a college rep visit?

- Many of the reps that speak are the actual individuals who review your application. This is a great way to make a personal introduction.
- Colleges like to see dedicated interest. Attending a visit shows a student is genuinely interested.
- Great way to learn about special programs and scholarship opportunities.
- Visits may help a student determine if he or she wants to actually visit a campus in person.
- There are so many great colleges in addition to the top 25 everyone wants to go to. This is a great way to learn about schools that students may not have previously considered.

Visits available online through Zoom or in person. Check the link below for specific days/times/locations.



<https://danahills.capousd.org/Guidance/College--Career-Information/College--Visitor-Schedule/>



Official and Unofficial Transcripts



Unofficial Transcripts

- Student will need a copy of their unofficial transcript to complete your application to CSU and UC and private universities
- Available in your Aeries Student Portal

Official Transcripts

- Private/Independent Universities will require an official transcript as part of the application process.
- Must be ordered online through [PARCHMENT](#).

Matriculation

- Once you commit to a university (CSU, UC or private) you will be asked to send your final official transcript which includes your graduation date. **When ordering before graduation, request to hold for FINAL GRADES.**



Letter of Recommendation - Counselor

In order to get a Letter of Recommendation (LOR) from your counselor, you must:

- Invite us to your application as a **COUNSELOR** recommender. This can be found on the individual school tab under FERPA/ Recommender. Counselor emails can be found on the Guidance Staff page on the website.
- Complete the Student LOR form. This is meant to be used as a bragging board so please include any and all details of everything you have participated in and achieved so we can highlight them in your letter.
- Complete the Parent LOR form.
- For college applications with a November or December deadline, LOR app due October 3rd
- For college applications with a January or later deadline, LOR app due December 1st

<https://danahills.capousd.org/Guidance/Letters-of-Recommendation/index.html>



Letter of Recommendation - Teacher

- Select teachers that you feel know you best and can speak to who you are as a student.
- Each teacher may vary on what they need from you in order to write a quality letter. Meet with your teachers individually to determine exactly what they need.
- Do not wait until the last minute; students need to contact the teacher as early as possible. Provide at least 3 weeks notice to your first application deadline.
- Be sure to THANK them. Teachers write these letters on their own time.



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Should you register for the

ACT[®]

or

SAT[®]



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- For Fall 2026 applicants, many universities/colleges are no longer requiring students to take the SAT or ACT exam.
- [Fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org) : Testing Policy Information
- Please verify with each individual college/university where you are applying to determine if a test is required for admissions or scholarship opportunities.
 - Some merit scholarships may require you to take an ACT/SAT test, as your scores may be used for awards.



Register for the

or



SAT Registration Dates for 2025-2026

Register at www.collegeboard.org

SAT Test Dates & Deadlines

SAT Test Dates	Deadline
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026

ACT Registration Dates for 2025-2026

Register at www.act.org

ACT Test Dates & Deadlines

ACT Test Dates	Deadline
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026

Verify the last test sitting date accepted by the colleges you are applying to.



Futureology Counselor
Mrs. Rengifo is available for
appointments in Room 501
Monday through Friday!



**NEED HELP NAVIGATING
YOUR COLLEGE & CAREER
OPTIONS?**

Futureology - a FREE College & Career Counseling Program. Designed to help you
and your family make informed choices through personalized guidance.

Futureology's Mission:

Futureology aspires to empower our lifelong learners to be agents of their own futures. Futureology works collaboratively with CUSD families and stakeholders in facilitating learning opportunities which include: exposure, exploration, planning, and implementation.



College and Career Counselor



Mrs. Nicole Rengifo

nlrengifo@capousd.org

**Schedule a 1:1
Appointment!**

Monday-Friday

8:00-3:30pm

**Drop in at breaks, lunch, or after
school**

Make an appointment or visit the
College and Career Center (Room 501)



MEET YOUR
COLLEGE AND CAREER
COUNSELOR:

MRS. NICOLE RENGIFO



 nlrengifo@capousd.org
www.cusd-futureology.org/

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HELP COLLEGE AND CAREER INTERESTS

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

LOCATED IN ROOM 501

Get support with:

Best College Fit Search
Financial Aid Scholarships
ACT/SAT Planning
College Applications and Essays
Major Exploration
Interviewing and Resumes
Career Exploration

Drop in during lunch or after school
with questions!

HOURS:

M, T, W, F: 8-3:30pm
Thursday: 9:30-5:00pm

Appointments Available Online and In-Person
at DHHS



Scan here to
schedule an
appointment!



Attend a Workshop!



**DHHS
COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

FALL 2025 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

GET SUPPORT WITH COLLEGE/CAREER PLANNING!

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER IN ROOM 501

DURING FLEX TIME (SCHEDULE IN ENRICHING STUDENTS)

► **WORKSHOPS**

- **How to Select a Major (All Grades)** - September 10th
- **College List Building (Juniors/Seniors)** - September 16th
- **UC Application Overview (Seniors)** - September 24th
- **College Essays 101 (Seniors)** - September 25th
- **CSU Application Overview (Seniors)** - October 1st
- **Career Exploration (All Grades)** - October 2nd
- **Building Your College Resume (Seniors)** - October 16th
- **Common App Overview (Seniors)** - October 17th
- **Future Ready with CTE (All Grades)** - October 23rd
- **Community College 101 (All Grades)** - October 30th
- **Building a Resume for a Part-time Job (All Grades)** - November 6th
- **How to Take Community College Classes in HS (All Grades)** - Nov 13th
- **Financial Aid 101** - December 4th

Check Canvas
and Enriching
Students for
more events!

► **FUTURE READY FRIDAYS**

- **Get support with:** Career/college exploration, Resume/interview support, College Apps, CTE classes/programs, College/Scholarship essays & more

SAVE THE DATE!



**2025 CUSD
COLLEGE FAIR**

**SAN JUAN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025
11:00AM-1:00PM**

Information & Registration:

**100+
Colleges &
Universities!**



**College
breakout
sessions!**



Questions?
collegefair@capousd.org

www.cusd-futureology.org/college-fair

 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE PANEL:**
Transfer Pathways and Career Education



Date: Wed, November 12th, 2025
Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
Location: Microsoft Teams (link available after registration)

Highly recommended for 12th graders but open to all students! Registration is required.

WHAT WE WILL COVER:

- ✓ Community College Application
- ✓ Transfer Pathways
- ✓ Career Education Programs
- ✓ Promise Program
- ✓ and more!



SCAN HERE

  www.cusd-futureology.edu



Career Guidance Specialist



Mrs. Marissa Arevalo

mnarevalo@capousd.org

Every other Monday,

Thursday and Friday

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Drop in at lunch or after school

Make an appointment or visit the
College and Career Center (Room 501)



COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER
DHHS - ROOM 501



Career Guidance Specialist:

Marissa Arevalo



Every other Monday &
Thursday & Fridays
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Drop in at tutorial, lunch or after school

Make an appointment
or visit the
College and Career Center
(Room 501)

mnarevalo@capousd.org
www.cca.capousd.org

Get support with:

- Career Technical Education (CTE) courses & pathways
- Interviewing & Resumes
- Career Exploration
- Career presentations
- CTE Programs after High School

Email to book a
1-on-1 appointment!
mnarevalo@capousd.org



CTE Adult Program



Interested in touring
the Adult Programs?

Email

Mrs. Marissa Arevalo

mnarevalo@capousd.org

OPEN HOUSE

October 11, 2025

10:00AM – 2:00PM



CCA
COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVANTAGE

TUITION-FREE JOB TRAINING

Cybersecurity

Dental Assistant

Emergency Medical Technician

Medical Assistant

- Also offered for EL students

Pharmacy Technician

Surgical Technologist

Veterinary Technician - Alternate Route



**For more
information:**

www.CCAAdvantage.org

949-234-5994

Luholguin@capousd.org

CCA Training Center (upper parking lot)
Capistrano Valley High School
Portables 13 through 20
26301 Via Escalar, Mission Viejo CA 92692



Spring 2026 College @ Capo



Fall 2025

Crs #	Course Name	IGETC	High School	Days	Start Date	End Date	Start Time	End Time
BUS 1	Introduction to Business	No	DVHS	T/Th	8/26	12/4	1:30pm	3:20pm
MUS 28	History of Rock	Yes	ANHS	T/Th	8/26	12/4	1:35pm	3:15pm
BUS 125	Human Relations in Business	No	SCHS	T/Th	8/26	12/4	1:38pm	3:20pm
CIMP 8A	Programming with Python	No	THS	T/Th	8/26	12/4	1:35pm	3:15pm
BUS 1	Introduction to Business	No	SJHHS	Tu/Th	9/11	12/4	7:00am	9:20am
HSC 104	Medical Terminology	No	Online	Async	8/26	12/4	Async	Async

Start and end dates subject to change.

Students can sign up for any class that is offered in the district, but students need to have their own transportation. Students may sign up for 2 classes if counselors approve that they can handle the workload and the times above do not conflict.

Use the QR Code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/fall25CollegeatCapo>

to complete the College @ Capo Interest Form.

After you complete the College @ Capo Interest Form, you will be contacted by your Career Guidance Specialist with next steps on how to enroll.



Updated 5/12/25

**Spring Schedule to
be released soon**

For more information, please contact:
Mrs. Marissa Arevalo
College and Career Center (room 501)
mnarevalo@capousd.org



Career Speakers



**PARENTS YOU
ARE INVITED!**

Share Your Career Experience

AT A CUSD HIGH SCHOOL



Please fill out the
Interest Form



Questions? Contact:

ANHS & THS – Samantha Ferlic, scferlic@capousd.org
CVHS – Summer Yim, sjiyim@capousd.org
DHHS & SCHS – Marissa Arevalo, mnarevalo@capousd.org
SJHHS – Lynne Bell, Imbell@capousd.org

For more information, please contact:

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**Sign up to share
about your Career!**

- Flex Time Workshops
- Career Speaker Panels
- Job/volunteer opportunities
& More



Financial Aid

AB469 requires all high school seniors to submit the FAFSA or CA Dream Act, unless an opt out form is completed.

FAFSA

- Free Application For Federal Student Aid
- Apply online <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Apply for FSA ID numbers now! (parent and students electronic signatures)
- Counselors will be holding information sessions during tutorial - more info coming soon!

Cal Grants (California Schools)

- Information at www.calgrants.org
- All student GPA's will be sent to the California Aid Commission to determine Grant GPA eligibility
- California State deadline: March 2

College Campus Based Aid

- Must file FAFSA and CSS Profile (for some universities) to be considered.
- Check the financial aid page on the website of the college/university you are applying to.
- Adhere to deadlines as they will be different and sometimes earlier than the admissions deadline!

California Dream Act

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>

- Can begin applying on October 1st
- Must meet AB 540 requirements



Financial Aid Support

Saddleback Community College offers FREE [workshops](#) to help walk students through the FAFSA process.

Student **does NOT need** to be planning to attend Saddleback in order to attend. If parent chooses to attend, he/she **must be accompanied by the student as well.**

CONTACT SADDLEBACK COLLEGE FOR MORE INFORMATION
scfinaid@saddleback.edu



Successful Financial Aid Tips

- Apply Early!
- Ask Questions
- Financial Aid is available for all postsecondary plans
- FAFSA is required if seeking athletic or academic scholarships
- Visit the Financial Assistance and Scholarship Office of the University or College
- Get help filing your FAFSA/Dream Act Application
- Attend a FAFSA Workshop
- Financial Literacy (<https://www.cashcourse.org/>)

Financial aid professionals are here to help you succeed!



Scholarships

Scholarship Information can be found on the DHHS website at:

<https://danahills.capousd.org/Guidance/College--Career-Information/Scholarships/index.html>

- Fill out the DHHS Local Scholarship Application. It is a single application for just DHHS students. One application can put you in the running for multiple scholarships.
- Students are responsible for researching and applying to scholarships on their own - Start Early! There is a list of local and private scholarships provided on our guidance website.
- Follow deadlines and instructions for completing scholarship applications.
- Apply to as many as possible



Are Senior Classes Important?

YES!!!

- UC and CSU will look at final 2nd semester grades - your acceptance could be rescinded if your grades go down.
- Private Schools ask counselors for reports as the year goes on. Any changes could change their admission decisions.
- End of the year awards (based on Spring 12-week reporting period)
 - Scholar of Scholars
 - Valedictorian (GPA 4.0 +)
 - Academic Distinction (GPA 3.5 - 3.99)



We are here to help!

- The Guidance Office has many resources to help you complete your applications and reach your postsecondary goals.
- Do not hesitate to contact your Counselor with any questions. We can be reached the following ways:
 - Use the online Counseling Referral
 - Email us in Canvas to make an appointment
 - Drop-in during break, lunch, passing periods, or before/after school

Go Class of 2026!