

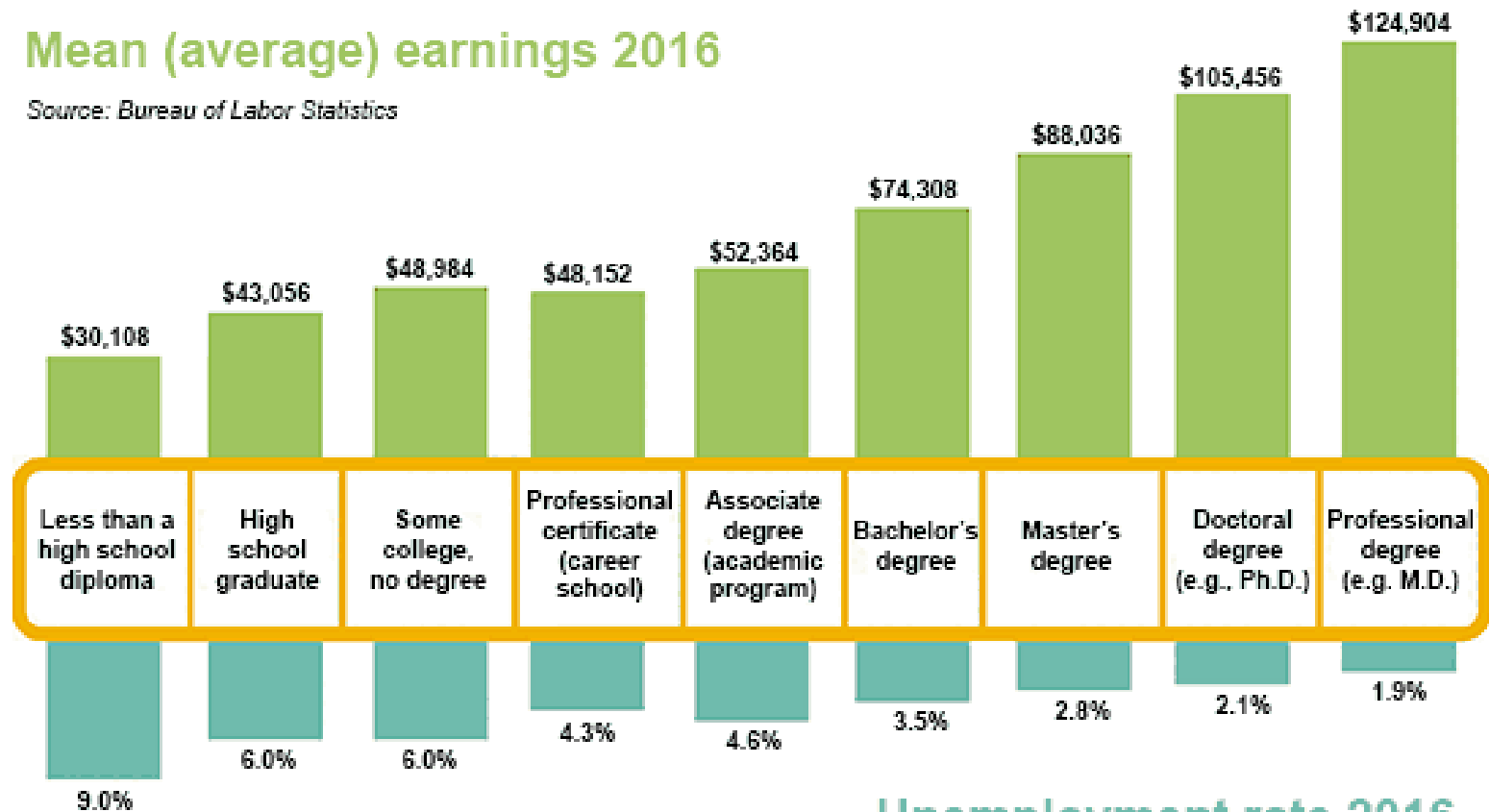
PREPARING: How To Get To College



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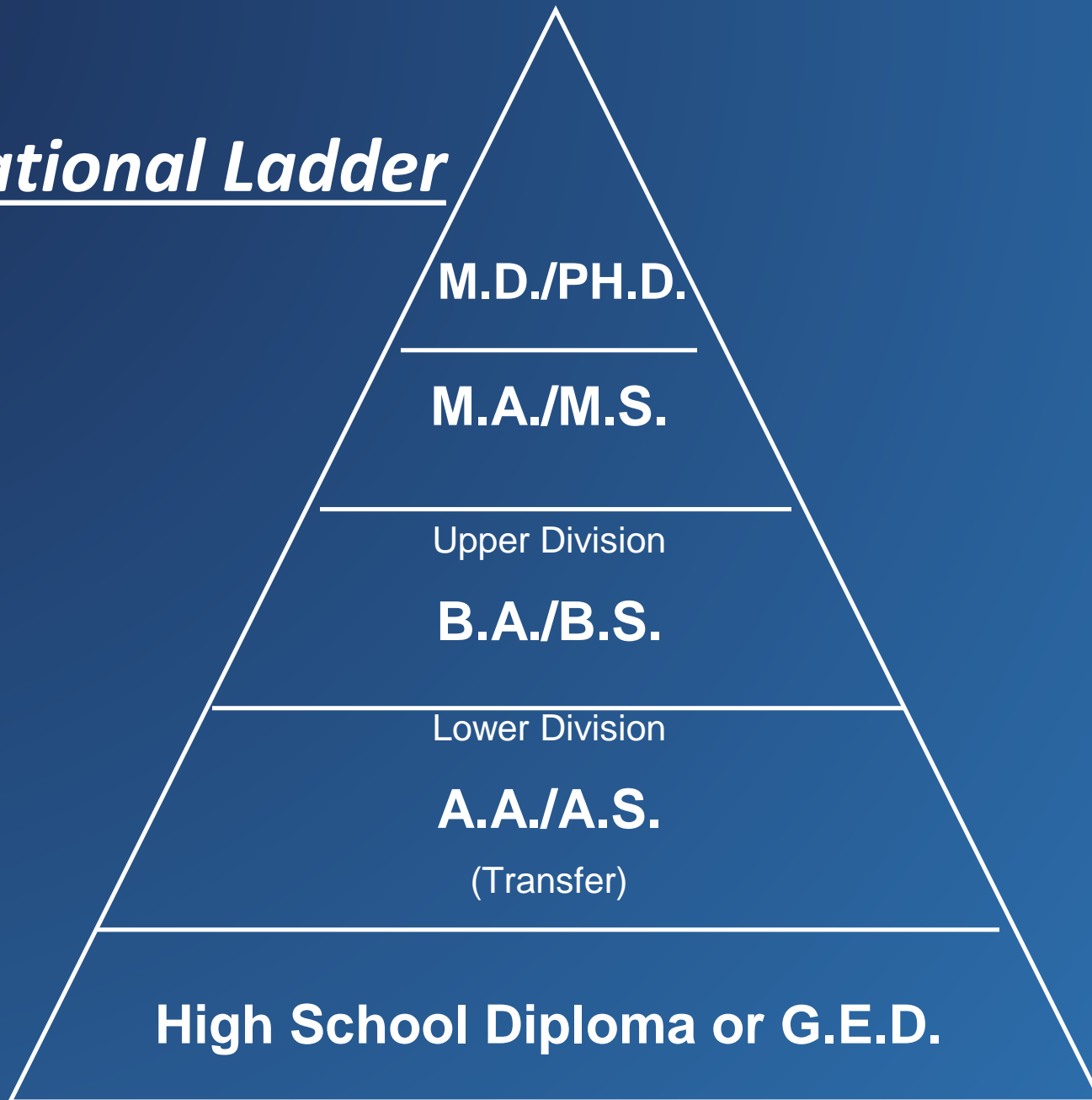
Mean (average) earnings 2016

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Unemployment rate 2016

Educational Ladder



EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER PATHWAYS

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

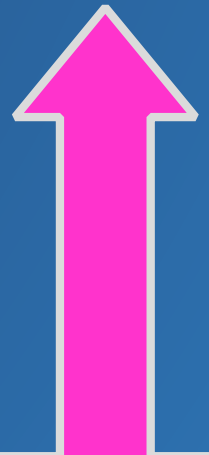


Systems of Higher Education

Career & Tech
Education

Community
College

4 Year Universities / Colleges



Vocational

Community
Colleges

CSU's

UC's

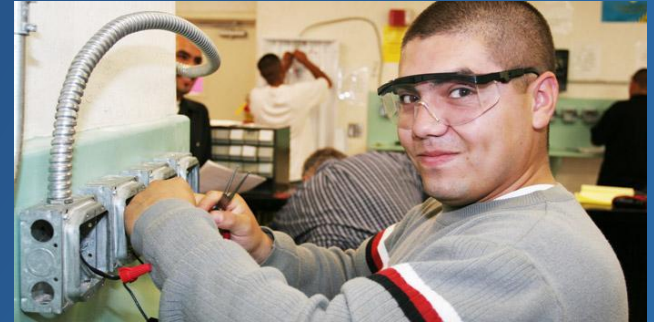
Private
Colleges

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

A program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers.

Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCPs): career and workforce preparation for high school students and adults, preparation for advanced training, and the upgrading of existing skills

Silicon Valley Career Technical Education courses are offered 11th and 12th grade



California Community Colleges

- 113 campuses
- Open to any students pursuing higher education
- Provide Transfer Options for students seeking a bachelor degree.
- Offer Career/Technical training (Vocational)
- **Cost – Local CC are now tuition free the first two years!**

APPLY ONLINE

www.cccapply.org



Chancellor's Office
California Community Colleges
1102 Q Street Sacramento, California 95814-6511 www.cccco.edu

State of California

ASSOCIATE DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

- Art/Graphic Design
- Automotive Technology
- Fire Science
- Cosmetology
- Engineering
- Dental Hygiene
- Accounting
- Dental Assisting
- Nursing
- Radiology
- Veterinary Science
- Administration of Justice
- Business Administration
- Civil Surveying
- Construction Technology
- HVAC
- Paralegal Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Fashion Design
- Sound Engineering
- Massage Therapy



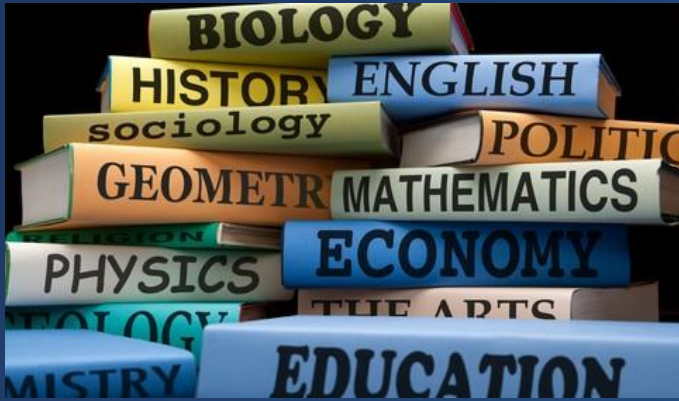
For a complete list of all degrees and certificates offered at all 7 Santa Clara County Community Colleges, please visit their websites.

Community Colleges

Santa Clara County

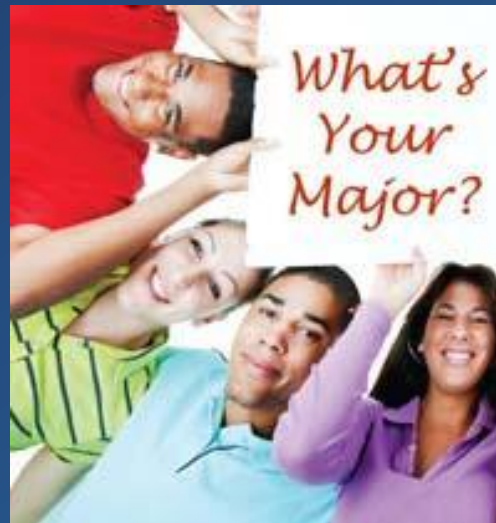


Lower Division General Education
College freshman/sophomore



+

Lower Division Major Prep
and electives



=

60 semester or 90 quarter
Transferable units and
you're a college JUNIOR!



WHAT YOU NEED TO TRANSFER

- Units – 60 semester/ 90 quarter transferable consisting of LOWER DIVISION classes
- General education requirements, MAJOR PREREQUISITES
- GPA
 - CSU: 2.0
 - UC: 2.4

NOTE: These are MINIMUM GPA requirements for eligibility.
The key to acceptance into the university of choice is a **COMPETITIVE GPA**.

Degrees With A Guarantee!

Associate Degree for Transfer = CSU System

TAA/ TAGs with UC System



The Four-Year University



California State University (CSU)

- 23 CSU's in California
- Four-year school with graduate programs
- Teaching/ Practical Focus

University of California (UC)

- 10 UCs in California
- Four-year school with graduate programs
- Research Focus

Private Universities

- Over 70 universities in California
- Two and four-year programs with a wide range of focuses

CSU

The California State University

- 23 Campuses in CA
- Eligibility Requirements:
 - ✓ A-G Courses
 - ✓ 2.0 GPA Minimum
 - COVID update: 2.5 GPA minimum
 - ✓ Testing (ACT/SAT) is not required Fall of 2021. TBA for future per CSU
- Applications accepted from **October 1st to November 30th**
 - Fee Waiver = 4 FREE APP'S
- Impacted Campuses will be more competitive





- **Cumulative Cost** - estimated average of \$18,000/year living at home
 - **CSU Cost** [Calculator](#)
- Incorporates the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) application, eliminating the need to file a separate EOP application
 - More information about EOP click [Here](#)
- Automatically calculates the overall GPA for first-time freshman applicants

[APPLY ONLINE](#)

<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

University of California

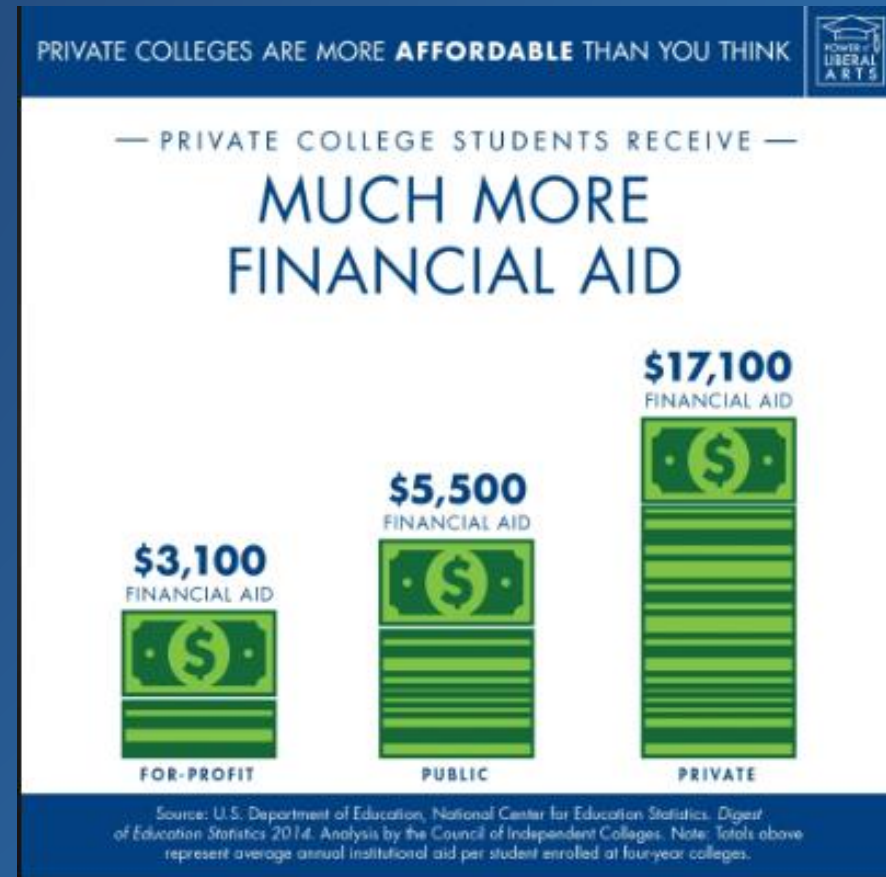
- 10 campuses in CA – only 9 open for undergraduates <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html>
- Minimum GPA is 3.0
- Application is based upon:
 - ✓ A-G Courses and GPA
 - ✓ Complete any 11 UC-approved “a-g” courses by the end of junior year with a grade of “C” or better
 - ✓ COVID update: SAT Reasoning or ACT with Writing are test blind/optional for 2021-2022
 - ✓ Extracurricular Activities and Involvement
 - ✓ Personal Insight Questions
- Applications accepted from November 1st to November 30th
- Fee Waiver = 4 FREE APP'S



Cost - estimated average of \$34,000-\$36,000/year

Private Colleges and Universities

- 74+ Campuses throughout California
- Provide large scholarship/financial aid packages
- Smaller class size and faster graduation rates
- Applications usually through Commonapp.org
- Requirements and Deadlines will VARY
- **Cost - estimate of \$35,000 to \$60,000+/year**



www.aiccumentor.org



NAVIANCE

<https://student.naviance.com/ph>

Naviance is a great tool for students to utilize for college and career research.



How Can I Help My Student Get To College?



Know The College and University Requirements

A-G Requirements

The courses needed for college eligibility

Letter	Area/Subject	Years Required	Years Recommended
A	History/Social Sciences	2 years	
B	English	4 years	
C	Math (Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, Math Analysis)	3 years	4 years
D	Laboratory Sciences (Biology & Chemistry)	2 years	3 years
E	Language Other Than English	2 years	3 years
F	Visual and Performing Arts	1 year	
G	College-Preparatory Electives	1 year	

ESUHSD Grad. Requirements

Courses needed for high school graduation eligibility

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Credits</i>
<i>English</i>	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 years of English 	40
<i>Social Science</i>	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 year of World History ▪ 1 year of United States History ▪ 1 semester of Economics ▪ 1 semester of American Government 	30
<i>Mathematics</i>	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Algebra 1 or CCSS Math 1 ▪ Geometry or CCSS Math 2 (or higher level courses) 	20
<i>Science</i>	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 year of physical and 1 year of biological college prep lab science that satisfies the University of California a-g course sequence 	20
<i>Fine Arts or Foreign Language</i>	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>1-year course</u> in Fine Arts <i>or</i> Foreign Language 	10
<i>Physical Education</i>	Students must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 years of Physical Education (1 year must be taken in grade 9) 	20
<i>Electives</i>	Students must pass elective courses chosen in the following areas: Art, Business, Home Economics Careers and Technology, English, Foreign Language, Math, Music, Industrial Technology Education, P.E., Reading, Science, Social Science, Safety Education, and Work Experience/ SVCTE (CCOC)/ROP.	80
<i>Total Credits Required for Graduation</i>		220

Eligible vs. Competitive

ELIGIBLE

- Minimum A-G Completion
- Minimum GPA
- Easy 12th grade schedule w/ few A-G courses
- Few extracurricular or community activities

Does not mean that a student will be accepted to their 1st choice campus

COMPETITIVE

- Taking A-G courses beyond the minimum
- Higher GPA
- Competitive 12th grade schedule w/ A-G courses
- Several, recurring extracurricular or community activities

Better chance for students to be accepted to highly competitive or impacted majors



Preparing your Student for College

Step 1: Complete A-G high school requirements – 9th thru 12th grades

Step 2: Create a College Info e-mail account – 10th grade

Step 3: Choose your colleges – 11th grade

Step 4: Apply to your college. Some colleges may actually come to your high school to do early admissions – FALL of 12th grade

Step 5: Attend college fairs, visit college campuses, talk about college options-11th & 12th

Step 6: Attend counselor parent nights at your school site.

Step 7: File your FAFSA by March 2nd – 12th grade

Step 8: If planning on attending Community College, meet with their counselor and create an educational plan.



How to create a college list



- SAFETY schools: your academic credentials exceed the school's average range for the most recently accepted class.



- TARGET/MATCH schools: your academic credentials fall well within the school's average range for the most recently accepted class.



- REACH/DREAM schools: your academic credentials (grades, SAT/ACT score, class rank) fall in the lower end, or even below, the school's average range for the most recently accepted class.

How To Help Your Student

1. **Communicate with your son/daughter** – make sure they are maintaining their grades in their senior year.
1. **Communicate with teachers and counselors** – see how your child is doing and what they need to be doing.
1. **Take your student to visit potential campuses** – it is assuring to parents and students to see and experience the campus.
4. **Provide your student with the necessary information** to complete financial aid.
4. **Continue to show interest and support** them as best as possible.



Other Factors That Impact College Admission

- ✓ GPA: Students should aim for As and Bs and take advance placement courses for a higher GPA
- ✓ Ranking: UC guarantees a space to a student if he or she is in the top 9% of their class
- ✓ Extra Curricular Activities: universities want to admit students that are going beyond the academics and are involved in their community
- ✓ Volunteer Service

Seniors! After You Apply . . .

DON'T RELAX

TO DO LIST:

Financial Aid (October 1st – March 2nd)

Scholarships (All Year- Start Now!)

Housing Applications (January – May)

Placement Tests (January – May)

Transcript Submission (January – May)

INTENT TO REGISTER FORM (March – May 1st)

Colleges will often request extra forms and documents from students – CHECK EMAIL

Do's and Don'ts of Parent Support

*Parents and students must be on the same page.

- DON'T tell your child to apply to a school just to see if they'll get in.
- DO: Help your student clarify what's important to THEM in a college. Is cost the most important factor? Is prestige? Graduation rates? Sports?
- DON'T: Force them to choose a school or a major that only you want
- DO: Help your student clarify what's important to THEM in a major/career. Money? Security? Fulfillment? Growth? Environment?
- DON'T fill out your child's application for them.
- DO: Help your child stay organized and keep track of deadlines.
- DON'T encourage your child to go to a University if they are not eligible or prepared to attend a 4-year university.
- DO: Encourage them to prepare for college-level work in English/Math. Community college is always a great option!
- DO: Talk about what living at home as a college student will look like. Help with siblings? Pay rent? Curfew? Family dinners?
- DO: Have honest conversations re: money. How much will parents help?
- DO: Help them manage stress: Sleep, food, exercise, fun

Closing Remarks

- Set clear and realistic goals for the future.
- Choose a college/program/major that fit your student's goals.
- Take a tour of a college campus and the city itself. You can start the process early!
- Keep copies of ALL applications and documents.



**KEEP
CALM
AND**

**TALK TO YOUR
SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

Thank You!

