

# “Choose Your Path”

*Preparing 12<sup>th</sup> Graders for  
Life After High School  
Bonita High School*



# Your Options

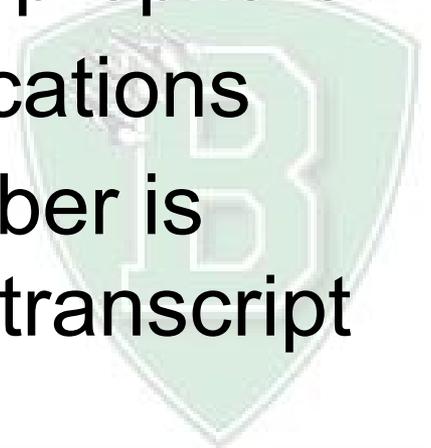
- Community College (116)
- “4-year” College/University
  - California State Universities (23)
  - University of California (9/undergrad)
  - Private/Independent (86) or Out-of-State Schools
- Vocational or Trade School
- Military
- Work





## Helpful Hints for Wherever You Go

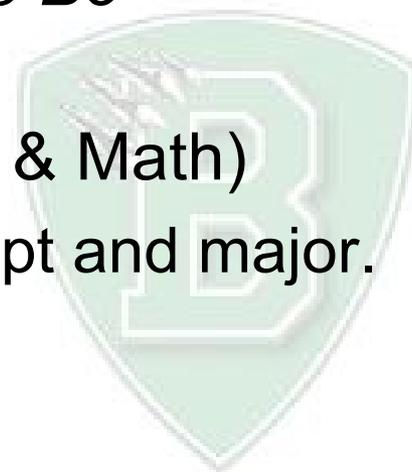
- Apply broadly: safety, target, reach
- Pay attention to deadlines
- Check your email/college portal often
- Keep social networking sites appropriate
- Create personal email for applications
- Your CA Student State ID Number is listed on the bottom left side of transcript



# California Community Colleges



- Different options at a Community College:
  - Vocational/certificate programs
  - AA/AS Degree / “A Degree with a Guarantee”
  - Transfer Major to 4-year College (*after 60 transferable credits are complete*)
- Mt SAC & Citrus College Workshops (*To Be Determined*)
- Community College Placement (English & Math)
  - Based on previous grades on transcript and major.



# The Cal States



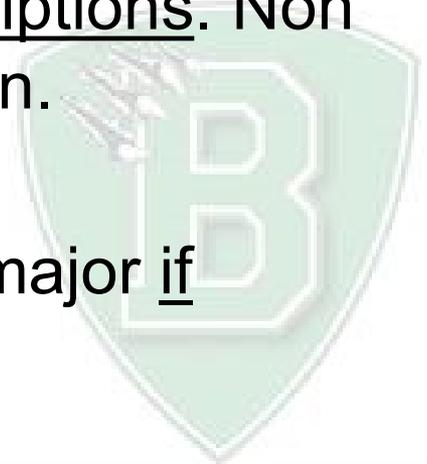
- Apply from October 1<sup>st</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup> on [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply)
- Report **all** your grades from your transcript for A-G courses including middle school Integ Math 1 & 2.
- \$70 per campus (*report accurate financial info— You could qualify for 4 fee waivers*)
- Apply for EOP (*Educ. Opportunity Program*), especially if you are prompted to do so before you submit.
- List a 1<sup>st</sup> choice major and alternate if applicable.



# The UC Schools



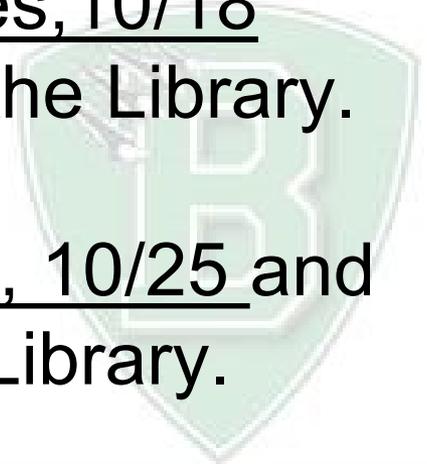
- Apply at [apply.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu)
- Application available to work on now: submit from October 1st- November 30<sup>th</sup> (*no exceptions*)
- \$70 per campus application; fee waiver within online application (*maximum of four*)
- Report **all** A-G grades; list your top activities, leadership, & service with detailed descriptions. Non A-G classes are listed in activities section.
- UC Personal Insight Questions
- Select a 1<sup>st</sup> choice major **and** alternate major if applicable.



# College Application Assistance



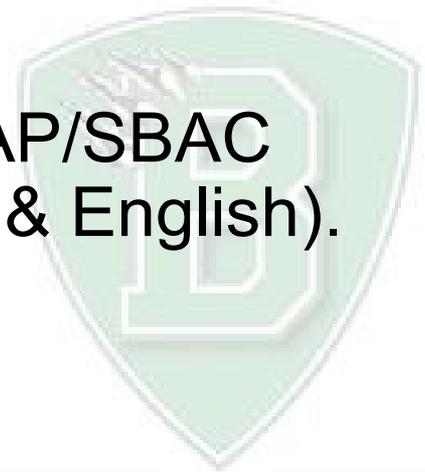
- The BHS Counselors will send Aeries notifications regularly during college application season with helpful resources and reminders about workshops.
- **CSU Application Workshops:** Tues, 10/18 and Thurs, 10/20 from 3:30-5pm in the Library.
- **UC Application Workshops:** Tues, 10/25 and Thurs, 10/27 from 3:30-5pm in the Library.



# Standardized Tests

## UC & CSU

- CSU and UC Schools are **not** utilizing tests this year and will not use scores for admission or scholarship purposes.
- Please reach out to your counselor if you need assistance or have questions.
- Some CSU's may still use SAT/ACT/AP/SBAC scores for placement purposes (Math & English).



# Independent/Private or Out - of - State Colleges

- Deadlines & requirements vary by school- visit each school's website
- Application Variations:
  - Common Application
    - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
  - Be mindful of “Supplemental Essays”
    - Teacher & counselor recommendations required
  - SendEDU or School-specific applications
  - *Other* transcript requests:
    - [www.bonitahigh.net](http://www.bonitahigh.net) under “Transcripts” for Parchment access (*need to create account*)



# Brag Sheets



- Please complete & submit “brag sheets” to teachers/counselors a minimum of two weeks before the due date and no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- UC & Cal States do not generally need a letter of recommendation (*UC Berkeley or any special programs will notify you if they want one*)
- Many scholarships and private schools require a letter of recommendation.
- Brag Sheet is available on school’s website and included in your handouts.



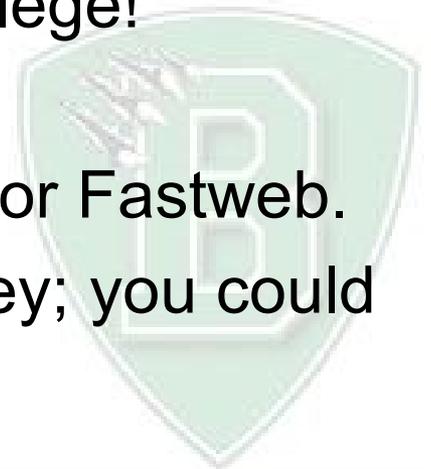
## SAT & ACT for Private & Out - of - State Schools

- Testing policies will vary with each private & out-of-state college and university.
- Some colleges may still require SAT or ACT; many colleges are now “test optional”.
- Please check on the testing requirements for each campus to be certain.
- Pay attention to testing deadlines for each campus.



# Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Submit the FAFSA after October 1<sup>st</sup> but before March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Don't delay!
- Check Counseling Dept. & Career Center updates via Aeries Communication and Daily Bulletin.
- Apply for Educational Benefit Program (the former Free/Reduced Lunch Program) if you think you could qualify- it could have perks for college!
- Look for institutional aid!
- Create a scholarship profile on Cappex or Fastweb.
- Indicate community service on the survey; you could be eligible for local scholarships. 😊



# Stay Focused and Finish Strong

- Senioritis is real!
- Don't procrastinate. Be accountable.
- Follow through with college correspondence. Watch for last minute deadlines in your email and student portals.
- Remember – colleges can rescind their acceptance letters.
- **Questions?** Your counselor will be meeting with you to individually review your Senior Survey.

- Best Wishes from the BHS Counseling Team 😊

