



# RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

## COUNSELOR CONNECTION

FEB/MARCH  
2019

**COUNSELORS:** Jessica Colt A-C, Sarah Bleich D-H, Kristen Piña I-L,  
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**Career Technician:** Colleen Williams

**Registrar:** Carmen Kash

**Counseling Secretary:** Carol Haro

### What's Happening in Counseling?

Hello Rancho Families!

Time to start planning for next year. Starting March 4, we will be meeting with all students grades 9-11 to discuss course selection for next year. We will be handing out graduation and a-g requirements to each student and will give presentations to students in the next week.

Some of our seniors have heard back from universities and some are still anxiously awaiting their acceptance letters. Palomar came to our campus to help register seniors for this fall. If you missed it, don't delay! In order to receive the Palomar Promise and grants from the FAFSA, you must submit by March 2. The Palomar Promise is first come, first served this year. MiraCosta is offering a workshop Feb 8 (sign up [here](#)).

**And don't forget—the FAFSA/DREAM Act Apps are due March 2!!**

### UPCOMING DATES

- ◆ **Feb 8-March 3:** Online Course Selection Open
- ◆ **February 25:** Elective Fair (Per 1-6)
- ◆ **March 2:** **FAFSA/DREAM App Deadline (Don't forget to file!!)**
- ◆ **March 2:** **Deadline for PALOMAR PROMISE**
- ◆ **March 4-8:** 11th Grade Course Selection Meetings
- ◆ **March 11-15:** 10th Grade Course Selection Meetings
- ◆ **March 18-22:** 9th Grade Course Selection Meetings
- ◆ **March 23-March 31:** **Spring Break! Be safe and have fun!**
- ◆ **April 4:** PLUS Forum
- ◆ **April 16:** College Readiness Night
- ◆ **April 26:** Trade and Career Fair in the Gym
- ◆ **May 27:** Memorial Day, No school



### Need Help with Financial Aid?

**Check out these free resources:**

**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

[Palomar Promise:](#) **FREE Tuition for 1 year** **Deadline: 3/2**



### 2019-2020 Course Selection Info!!

1. Students will submit their course selection ONLINE through March 3, but will also need to keep their PAPER course selection form.
2. Students will meet one-on-one with their counselor in March to go over individual transcripts and grades and have any questions answered. Students will turn in PAPER course selection forms.
3. Students will be able to make changes to their schedules when they pick up their schedules in the summer and also during the first 2 weeks of school (4 weeks for Honors/AP/IB courses)
4. All info is on our [WEBSITE](#)

For even more helpful information, please visit our [Counseling Website](#).

## PERSONAL/SOCIAL SUPPORT

**PLUS FORUM:** The next open forum is April 4 (it's the last one open to all students)

**PLUS Team Applications:** Applications for the 2019-20 PLUS Team are now available. See your counselor or Ms. Piña to pick up an application or for any questions. If you're interested in applying for the team, you must complete an application, participate in an interview and audition in a PLUS Forum.

**Peer Counseling Applications:** Peer Counseling Applications are now available, see Ms. Piña in the counseling office to pick an application. Students interested in becoming a Peer Counselor must complete an application, and participate in an interview. Students who want to apply for Peer Counseling AND PLUS, will only need to complete the Peer Counseling Application, this will count as your application for the PLUS Team.

## FAFSA & DREAM APP DEADLINE INFORMATION

It's important for students to understand the difference between state and federal deadlines. As long as your FAFSA is submitted by the federal deadline of **June 30**, you may be qualified to receive federal loans, grants and other financial aid. However, if you file **after March 2**, you have missed the deadline for the Cal-Grant. Next year, you can reapply to be considered for the Cal-Grant.

The **FAFSA & DREAM App** asks for financial information reported on your federal tax return. Now, you can base your answers on your return from the previous year. This new policy is referred to as "prior-prior year" and should make it easier to answer the questions. You'll be able to use your 2017 federal tax returns this year, and you won't have to go back and update your form next spring when you file taxes again.

\*\* Use the handy [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) [here](#)

## CAREER CENTER NEWS

### MiraCosta Application Workshop—Feb 8

**MiraCosta Ambassadors are holding application/orientation sessions at RBV throughout the next couple of months. Sign up in the Career Center.**

**Upcoming SAT Test Dates** ([sign up](#))

Date	Reg Deadline	Late Dead-line
3/9/19	2/19/19	2/27/19
5/4/19	4/5/19	4/24/19
6/1/19	5/3/19	5/14/19

**Upcoming ACT Test Dates** ([sign up](#))

Date	Reg Deadline	Late Dead-line
4/13/19	3/8/19	3/25/19
6/8/19	5/3/19	5/20/19

## \$SCHOLARSHIP\$

Last year, RBV students won nearly \$700,000 in scholarships!

That could be you—[apply now!](#)