



RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

COUNSELOR CONNECTION

APRIL/MAY
2019

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What's Happening in Counseling?

Hello Rancho Families!

Prior to Spring Break, we met with all students grades 9-11 to discuss course selection for next year. This week we went out to the middle schools to register incoming 9th graders. It was fun to see so many excited future Longhorns!

We will be hosting **College Readiness Night** on Tues, April 16 at 5:30pm. We encourage freshmen, sophomore and junior families to attend. You will get an overview of the 2-year and 4-year application process, financial aid, NCAA requirements and a chance to meet with the counselors one-on-one for additional questions.

Seniors have now heard back from many colleges or have decided to attend one of our two awesome community colleges—Palomar or MiraCosta. Each community college has hosted application workshops on the RBV campus to assist seniors with applying for next year.

Juniors will be taking the SBAC test in Math and English starting this week. AP and IB exams will be taken in May. We wish all of our students luck on their exams!

UPCOMING DATES

- ◆ **April 16: College Readiness Night 5:30pm in the PAC**
- ◆ **April 18: [NACAC College Fair](#)**—Free at SD Convention Center 6pm
- ◆ **April 26: Trade and Career Fair in the Gym Per. 2-4**
- ◆ **May 1: Senior College Signing Day**
- ◆ **May 3 : PLUS & Peer Counseling Applications Due!**
- ◆ **May 6-May 23: IB/AP Testing**
- ◆ **May 11: 9am-11am Rapid Registration and orientation at [MiraCosta](#)**
- ◆ **May 12: Mother's Day**
- ◆ **May 23: Final PLUS Forum**
- ◆ **May 27: Memorial Day, No school**
- ◆ **May 29: Senior Scholarship Night @ 7pm**
- ◆ **May 31 & June 1: [Discover Palomar](#) Freshman Orientation**
- ◆ **June 6: Graduation**



Curious About Dual Enrollment?

What are the benefits to Dual Enrollment?

- Earn college credit for free
- Make up lost credits
- Gain college experience
- Save time and money
- Classes are conveniently located at RBV after school

Course Offerings for 2019-2020

- COUN 110 College Success Skills
- COUN 148 Managing Stress and Well Being
- Math 60 Intermediate Algebra
- Math 100 Exploring Mathematics
- SPCH 100 Oral Communication
- BUS 136 Personal Finance

If you are interested in taking Dual Enrollment next year, please stop by to tell your counselor ASAP!

[Visit our website to learn more information.](#)



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

LONGHORNS

SENIORS PLEDGE THEIR COLLEGIANCE

The College Board's #Collegiance challenge is back! Between now and May 15, students can [pledge their #Collegiance](#) on Instagram with a video or photo. Film and media professors from College Board-member institutions will select the most creative submissions, with 10 winners receiving cash prizes of up to \$5,000 for college. View the [Collegiance video](#) for inspiration and more information. Make sure to also tag @SanDiegoCOE so we can see and share the great videos!

Keep an ear out for how RBV will be celebrating all the different post-secondary options for our 2019 grads! RBVTV will be making an announcement in the next few weeks.



DID YOU MISS THE FAFSA DEADLINE?

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, 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

SAT/ACT Testing Information: Fee waivers are based on eligibility for the National School Lunch Program (free/reduced). See Mrs. Williams if you think you qualify.

Saturday, May 11th - Rapid Registration at [MiraCosta College](#)! For students who would like to find out what MC offers and to meet with a counselor to register early, take advantage of this day! Click [here](#) for more info.

May 31st and June 1st - Discover Palomar! Students can get registration assistance or help with any enrollment step. Check it out at: www.palomar.edu/discoverpalomar

\$SCHOLARSHIP\$

Last year, RBV students won nearly \$300,000 in scholarships!

That could be you—[apply now!](#)

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