

# Senior Newsletter

*Ponderosa High School Class of 2020*

[www.CALocalScholarships.org](http://www.CALocalScholarships.org)



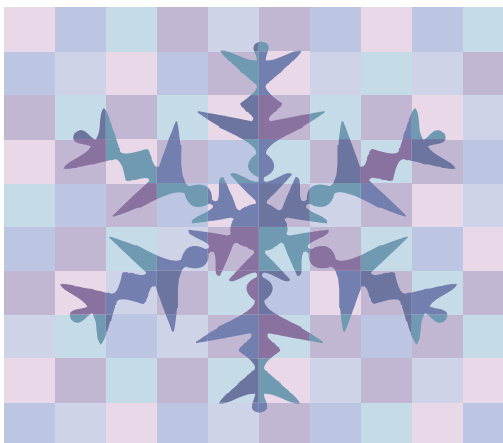
**Will you be attending Sierra College in the Fall 2020?**

- \* Complete the **application** [Sierra College Application](#) beginning **NOW!**
- \* Complete the **online orientation** (thru MySierra) once you have received your MySierra user name and password.
- \* Call for a **counseling appointment** in Feb to see a counselor in March/April.
- \* Incoming freshman **register** for classes beginning in April 2020.
- \* RSVP for the **Spring Parent Information nights** (to be posted on the PHS College & Career Center page).

## Folsom Lake College/Los Rios Community College District

If you are planning on attending Folsom Lake College or any of the Los Rios Community Colleges, you **MUST** complete an application for Fall 2020. The Fall application is open NOW. Mark your calendar for the dates listed below.

- \* **Feb 3rd @ Lunch:** Folsom Lake College Application Workshop in the CCC
- \* **Feb 4th @ 6:30pm:** Folsom Lake College Information Session at Folsom Lake College
- \* **May TBD: @ Lunch:** Folsom Lake College Registration Workshop in the CCC



Begin applying online for Sierra College Fall 2020	NOW
Apply online for all Los Rios Community Colleges Summer/Fall 2020 Application	NOW
File a FAFSA application <a href="http://fafsa.ed.gov">fafsa.ed.gov</a>	Oct. 1-Mar. 2
Military Recruiters on campus at lunch	Jan 15 & 29
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Jan. 20
Community College Fair during lunch and 7th period in the CCC	Jan. 22
Folsom Lake College Application Workshop 12:15pm in the CCC	Feb. 3
Folsom Lake College Parent –Student Information Night <b>at FLC @ 6:30pm</b>	Feb. 4
Lincoln Holiday	Feb 10
President's Holiday	Feb 24
ASVAB	Feb 24
Most CALocalScholarships Due	Mar. 2
<b>EDUHS Career Expo &amp; Job Fair</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>

## Community College Fair

When: January 22nd @ 12:00pm

- American River College
- Butte Community College
- Feather River College
- Folsom Lake College
- Lake Tahoe Community College
- Sierra College



## Scholarship Information

- \* Local scholarships are being offered through the community website [www.CALocalScholarships.org](http://www.CALocalScholarships.org).
- Complete the **User Profile** on-line (this is the general or “CaLocal” application). Not every scholarship will use the User Profile as their application so pay attention to each scholarship's specific requirements.
- Once the User Profile is complete, click on a scholarship title to see that scholarship's requirements and due date. Click the PDF icon in the top left to print out the User Profile.
- Staple the User Profile together with the other documents that scholarship is requiring (most scholarships require a statement of your educational and career goals, a student resume as well as letters of recommendation).
- Some scholarships are due prior to March 2—watch the deadlines!

## Check Out the Scholarships Available in the CCC:

### January

- \* Democrats of El Dorado County Essay Contest (CALocalScholarship)
- \* Intel Scholarship

### February

- \* El Dorado High School Alumni Association (CALocalScholarship)
- \* Schwab-Rosenhouse Scholarship (their website)
- \* CTA-Dependent Scholarship [CTA Scholarships](#)
- \* PG&E's Employee Resource Groups Scholarships (their website)

### March (Most local scholarships are due March 2, 2020!)

- \* CALocalScholarship Applications with the March 2nd deadline must be submitted to the Mrs. Escobar in the College & Career Center by **2:00 p.m. March 2, 2020—No Exceptions!!!**

***Need help on scholarships?  
Come to the College & Career Center***

## Letters of Recommendation

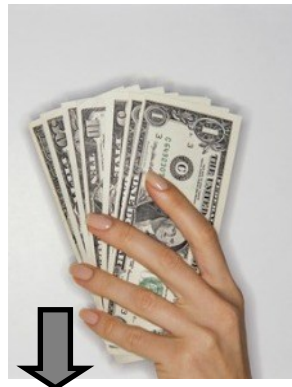
**REMINDER:** Do not wait until the last minute to request a letter of recommendation. When you ask someone to write a letter, give them your resume or a personal data form and allow 3 weeks to complete. Follow up with a written thank you note!

Letters of recommendation are often difficult to write and require a great deal of time, please show your appreciation!



## Semester Class Changes

If you have applied to any competitive four-year colleges and have made significant changes to your class schedule for the spring semester, you should notify the college(s) as soon as possible to determine if it will affect your chances of admission.



# Get Money for College!



## Federal Student Aid FAFSA

Seniors can submit the FAFSA beginning October 1, 2019 for the 2020-21 school year. The FAFSA enables students to start the financial aid process and tap into the many federal and state resources that make college affordable. These resources include student grants, work-study, and loans.

The FAFSA will use the 2018 tax return for the 2020-21 school year. Students need this tax information to answer many of the questions. At the same time, you'll learn the preliminary estimate of the amount your family is expected to contribute to your education. It is known as the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and helps to determine any aid awards you might receive.

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Not sure what career to pursue after graduation?

Take the **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on **February 24th 1-4pm.**

Scores may be used for military entrance—or not if you choose not to!