

Senior Newsletter

Ponderosa High School Class of 2019

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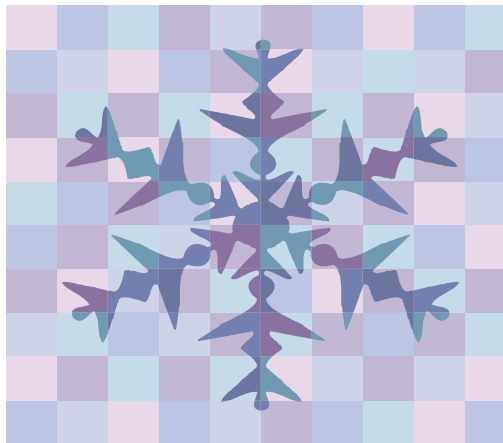
Will you be attending Sierra College in the Fall 2019?

- * Complete the **application** [Sierra College Application](#) beginning **NOW!**
- * Complete the **online orientation** (thru MySierra) once you have received your MySierra user name and password.
- * Complete **assessments** in Feb/March/April and call for a **counseling appointment** in Feb to see a counselor in March/April.
- * Incoming freshman **register** for classes beginning in April 2019.
- * 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 2019. The Fall application is open NOW. Mark your calendar for the dates listed below.

- * **Feb 1st @ 12:15pm:** Folsom Lake College Application Workshop in the CCC
- * **Feb 4th @ 6:30pm:** Folsom Lake College Information Session at Folsom Lake College
- * **May 2nd: @ 12:00pm:** Folsom Lake College Registration Workshop in the CCC



Begin applying online for Sierra College Fall 2019	NOW
Apply online for all Los Rios Community Colleges Summer/Fall 2019 Application	NOW
File a FAFSA application fafsa.ed.gov	Oct. 1-Mar. 2
Military Recruiters on campus at lunch	Jan 9 & 23
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Jan. 21
Community College Fair during lunch and 7th period in the CCC	Jan. 22
Folsom Lake College Application Workshop 12:15pm in the CCC	Feb. 1
Folsom Lake College Parent –Student Information Night at FLC @ 6pm	Feb. 4
ASVAB	Feb 11
Lincoln Holiday	Feb 15
President's Holiday	Feb 18
Most CALocalScholarships Due	Mar. 1
EDUHS Career Expo & Job Fair	Mar 13

Scholarship Information

- * Local scholarships are being offered through the community website www.CALocalScholarships.org. Complete your user profile on-line and scholarships will be listed matching your profile with the scholarship criteria. Most scholarships require a statement of your educational and career goals, a student resume as well as letters of recommendation. Applications must be submitted by the March 1, 2019 deadline. **Some scholarships are due prior to March 1—watch the deadlines!**
- * Many scholarships go unapplied for every year. There is a lot of local money to be awarded to YOU. Come see me in the CCC if you need any help with the scholarship process. Last year our PHS seniors were awarded over \$100,000 in local scholarships.

Not receiving **Bruin Texts**

from the College & Career Center yet?

- ◆ Class of 2018 Information text this number 81010 with this message @68037dd3
- ◆ Scholarship Information text this number 81010 with this message @2019schol

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 1, 2019!)

- * CALocalScholarship Applications with the March 1st deadline must be submitted to the Mrs. Escobar in the College & Career Center by **2:00 p.m. March 1, 2019—No Exceptions!!!**
- * Check "Scholarships for the week" posted on the PHS website and come into the College & Career Center and look through the "Other" drawer.

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

Letters of Recommendation

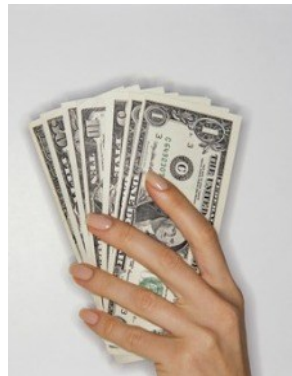
REMINDER: Do not wait until the last minute to request a letter of recommendation. When you ask someone to write a letter, give them your resume or a personal data form and allow 3 weeks to complete. Follow up with a written thank you note!

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!



ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Not sure what career to pursue after graduation?

Take the **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on **February 11th 1-4pm.**

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

Federal Student Aid FAFSA

Seniors can submit the FAFSA beginning October 1, 2018 for the 2019-20 school year. Although its length can be intimidating, it's a good idea to file the form as early as possible. Completing 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.

Parents no longer need to worrying about completing the current year's taxes ASAP, as the FAFSA will use the 2017 tax return for the 2019-20 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