



# **Paly's Senior Parent Night**

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September 21, 2011



# WELCOME!

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- Kim Diorio, Assistant Principal - Guidance
- Jennifer Jones, ACS Coordinator
- Susan Shultz, Guidance Counselor
- Charles Taylor, Guidance Counselor
- Christina Owen, Career Advisor
- Arne Lim, Teacher Advisor
- Ann Deggelman, Co-coordinator of TA program
- Sandra Cernobori, College Advisor
- Alice Erber, College Advisor



# Thank You PiE and PTSA!

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Special thanks to the parents who support **Partners in Education** funding. Your contributions enable Paly to offer many of the unique services we provide:

- A significant percentage of college, career & guidance counseling staffing
- Naviance site license renewal
- Career/technical education courses that meet UC A-G approval



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Special thanks to the parents who support Paly's **PTSA**. Your contributions support the C&CC and our students by funding:

- Travel and related costs for advisors' professional development, including College Counselor Tours.
- A percentage of costs associated with Career Day
- Fund PSAT, EXPLORE and PLAN



# Understanding Your 17-year Old

- Jennifer Jones -

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Adolescent Counseling Services is an on-campus counseling program that provides adolescent individual or group counseling. Services are provided by therapists to help with a wide range of issues.

- [www.acs-teens.org](http://www.acs-teens.org)
- Contact: 650-833-4244 (on campus)  
650-424-0852 (off campus)





# Guidance Counselors

- Charles Taylor -

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Paly's Counselors are available for student drop-in or parent appointment for any social/emotional or academic need

- Support and Collaborate with teachers, parents, and students
- Hold Student Progress Meetings for students
- Make referrals to other professionals and services
- Monitor academic progress
- Consult with students about course selection and scheduling

# Graduation Requirements vs. 4-yr. College Min. Eligibility Reqs.

- Susan Shultz -

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<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Graduation</u> D- or better req'd.</b>	<b><u>CSU/UC (a-g)</u> C- or better req. U.C. approved</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>4 years</b>	<b>4 years</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>4 years</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>2 years</b>	<b>3 (4) years</b>

( ) = recommended

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<b>Lab Science</b>	<b>2 years</b>	<b>2 (3) years</b>
<b>Phys. Education</b>	<b>2 years</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Visual/Performing Arts</b>	<b>1 year</b>	<b>1 year (semesters in sequence)</b>

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Career/Tech. Ed.	1 year	None
Living Skills	1 sem.	None
World Language	None	2 (3) years same language
Electives	To <u>215</u> units	1 year

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**CAHSEE**  
**First Aid and CPR**  
**5 class minimum**



# Support For All Students

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- Tutorial
- Academic Resource Center (ARC)
- Math Resource Center (MRC)
- Ways to make up deficiencies – Off-Campus  
classes require prior-approval from I.S.
- See Paly Handbook for more details at [www.paly.net](http://www.paly.net)



# Post High School Options, Other than College

-Christina Owen -

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- Gap Year
- Specialty Schools
- Military
- Work



# Community Colleges

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- Community Colleges (apply in Spring)
  - Certificate Programs
  - Associate Degrees
  - Transfer Agreements
  - Honors Programs
  - Some offer on-campus housing
- Community College Forum  
(held in the Spring)
- Apply in Spring

# Role of the Teacher Advisor in Post-High School Planning

- Arne Lim -

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- Primary contact person
- Conduct weekly advisories
- Facilitate academic planning
- Monitor graduation requirements
- Discuss college requirements
- Write letters of recommendation
- Advisory Calendar:  
[http://www.paly.net/guidance/advisoryCalendar10\\_12.pdf](http://www.paly.net/guidance/advisoryCalendar10_12.pdf)



# Student Preparation and the College Application Process

- Ann Deggelman -

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- Preparation
- Application Process
- Attend College rep visits
- Attend College Fair (Oct. 10 @ Paly, 6:30 pm - Gyms)

# Student Preparation and the College Application Process

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## **CSU:**

- Application
  - Apply online (Fall 2012 apps available Oct. 1): [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- Test Scores (students request from testing agency); check campuses for deadlines
- NO transcripts or letters of recommendation accepted

# Student Preparation and the College Application Process

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## UC:

- Application
  - Apply online (Fall 2012 apps available Oct. 1):  
[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions)
- Test Scores (students request from testing agency)
- Deadline: Nov. 30
- NO transcripts or letters of recommendation accepted

# Student Preparation and the College Application Process

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## **Private Colleges & Out of State Publics:**

- Applications
  - Apply online
  - Some require supplements
- Order transcripts online at [paly.net](http://paly.net)
- Secondary School Report (SSR)
  - Common App. or Individual college
- NACAC (Paly's SSR)
- Teacher Letter of Recommendation
- Test scores (students request from testing agency)

# PALY DEADLINES: 2011-2012

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<b>If application is due to college by:</b>	<b>Submit paperwork to Paly by:</b>
October 15	September 12, Monday
November 1	October 3, Monday
November 15	October 17, Monday
Nov. 30/Dec. 1	October 24, Monday
December 15	November 7, Monday
January 1	November 14, Monday
January 10	November 28, Monday
January 15	December 5, Monday
February 1	January 2, Monday
February 15	January 9, Monday
March 1	February 6, Monday



# Just A Little Advice

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- Athletes and coaches
- Independent Counselors



# Parental Role in The College Process

- Alice Erber -

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- Model good decision making and how to handle acceptance and rejection
- Discuss expectations and limitations
  - college selection
  - number of applications
  - financial restrictions

# Ways to Support Students in The College Process

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- Be informed:

- Viking Guide
- College Application Summary & Paly Deadlines
- Naviance
- [www.paly.net/college](http://www.paly.net/college)
- Paly Link (subscribe)



# Ways to Support Students in The College Process

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- Application requirements & deadlines
- Materials
- Help with financial aid applications (info on [www.paly.net/college](http://www.paly.net/college) and to come later in advisory and presentation at college fair)



## Ways to Support Students (cont.)

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- Discuss the NACAC Students' Rights and Responsibilities (handout)
- Review applications before submittal
- Remind them to stay on track with schoolwork
- Be sensitive to student behavior and choices during this stressful time



# Role of College and Career Advisors

- Sandra Cernobori -

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- Meet with students to guide them through the college search process
- Direct students to resources
- Support with application and essay review
- Ask questions to help students reflect, assess, and make choices



# How are college applicants evaluated?

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- Course Requirements
- Course selection & GPA
- SAT/ACT scores
- Personal Essays
- Teacher Recommendations
- Teacher Advisor Letter (aka School Report or Counselor Letter)



# Selecting Colleges

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- Look for schools that **fit**
  - Academically
  - Socially
  - Financially
- Develop a balanced college list  
(see handout)

# Reminders

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- Any changes made to course schedules after sending applications must be communicated by student to colleges
- Senior year grades are important; more colleges are asking for quarter grades as well as mid-year grades
- Encourage “thank-yous” to teachers/advisors

# Other

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- Some colleges have earlier application deadlines
  - For scholarship consideration
  - Art Supplements
- Remember much useful information can be found in the Documents Library on Naviance



# Financial Aid & Scholarships

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## ○ Information:

- <http://www.paly.net/college/FinancialAid.php>
- Presentation at College Fair at Paly
- FAFSA presentation in January

## ○ Resources

- [http://www.paly.net/college/scholarship\\_resources.php](http://www.paly.net/college/scholarship_resources.php)
- Naviance > About College > Scholarship List

# Upcoming Events

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- **UC Virtual College Fair:** Thurs, October 6, 12pm–12am PDT, at [www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com).
- **College Admissions A Perfect Storm of Expertise:** Authors of *College Admission: Step by Step* (former head of Admissions at Stanford & a Palo Alto journalist) Thurs, October 6, 2011, 7:00pm in the Haymarket Theater
- **College Fair:** Mon, Oct 10, Paly, 6:30–8:30pm & Financial Aid presentation 7:30 in Dance Studio
- **College Awareness Day – Oct. 12**
- **NACAC Visual & Performing Arts College Fair:** Sun, Oct 23, Nob Hill Masonic Center, 3 pm
- **Essay Writing Workshops:** signup in C&CC
- **Many CSU and UC will attend this fair:**  
<http://www.canadacollege.edu/student/collegenight.html>



Thank You!  
Join us in the C&CC  
for an Open House  
from 8:30 – 9pm!

Please send feedback regarding tonight's  
presentation to [palyguidance@gmail.com](mailto:palyguidance@gmail.com)