

COLLEGE RESOURCES

Paly's College and Career Center

Information about college search tools, scholarships, applications, testing, financial aid, the *Viking College and Career Guide* and more: www.paly.net/college/ Naviance's Family Connection with a calendar of on-campus and local events, admission stats, career search, résumé builder, scholarships, enrichment programs, a Document Library and more: <http://connection.naviance.com/pahs>. And, you can follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/palyccc

Exploring College

Interactive Search Engines:

Use your academic and extracurricular history, as well as your preferences, to suggest colleges that might suit your interests. -**College Navigator:** <http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

-**College Board's Big Future:** <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp>

-**College Factual:** <http://pages.collegefactual.com/students/>

-**College Reality Check** (from *Chronicle of Higher Ed*): <http://collegerealitycheck.com/en/>

-**Council of International Schools:** <https://www.cois.org/page.cfm?p=1884>

-**Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design:** <http://www.aicad.org/>

Books:

- *College Admission: from Application to Acceptance*, Mamlet & VanDeVelve (overview)

- *Admission Matters*, Springer, Reider, & Franck (overview)

- *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*, Fiske (reviews)

- *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*, Yale Daily Press (reviews)

- *Colleges That Change Lives*, Pope (www.ctcl.com) (reviews)

- *Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges*, Rugg (majors)

- *The College Finder*, Antonoff (majors and culture)

Testing

Overview: requirements, test-optional colleges, SAT Subject tests, SAT score choice, SAT-ACT score conversion, test prep, and more:

<http://www.paly.net/college/college-entrance-standardized-tests>

College Board Online: www.collegeboard.com and <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>

Information, registration, and preparation for SAT, SAT Subject, and AP tests.

ACT Online: www.actstudent.org

Information, registration, and preparation for the ACT test.

Majors & Careers

College Board's Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>

College Express ("lists and rankings" section): <http://www.collegexpress.com/lists/>

Alternatives to Rankings

National Survey of Student Engagement: <http://nsse.iub.edu/>

Information from hundreds of four-year colleges and universities nationwide about student participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and personal development

What Will They Learn: <http://whatwilltheylearn.com/>

"Exploring the state of general education, those courses designed to give college students a firm grounding in the areas of knowledge they will use for a lifetime"

The Alumni Factor: <https://www.alumnifactor.com/>

"What kind of person comes out of that college and what kind of success in life they can expect going forward."

The Outcomes Survey: <http://theoutcomessurvey.com/>

"Provides rich insights on how recent grads fare immediately after commencement and at three, six and 12 months after finishing their studies at specific schools"

Other Useful Websites

NCAA Eligibility Center: www.eligibilitycenter.org

Information about initial-eligibility at NCAA Division I and II member colleges and universities.

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program: www.wue.wiche.edu

Information about the WUE program in which students in Western states may enroll in participating institutions of higher education as a reduced tuition level.

National Collegiate Honors Council: <http://nchchonors.org/members-area/member-institutions-4/>

List of Honors Colleges located at larger public and private universities.

College InSight from Institute for College Access and Success: www.college-insight.org
A source of campus-level data on student income, race and ethnicity, and student loan usage.

College Application Information

University of California:

Information, planning, and applications: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/students
and <http://universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter>

CSU Mentor: www.csumentor.edu and www.calstate.edu

Information, planning, and applications for the California State Universities.

CA Community Colleges:

- Information: www.ccccu.edu - Online application: www.cccapply.org
- Exploration: www.bayareacareerguide.org and www.cccco.edu

Common Application: www.commonapp.org/

Application for over 300 private colleges.

UCAS: <https://wwwucas.com/>

Application and search tool for UK colleges and universities.

Financial Aid

- **Overview** (what is it, how to apply, etc.): http://www.paly.net/college/financial_aid
- **College Board's Net Price calculator:** <http://netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org/>
- **College Scorecard:** <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
- **College Reality Check** (from the *Chronicle of Higher Ed*): <http://collegerealitycheck.com/en/>

Scholarships

- **Overview:** <http://www.paly.net/college/scholarships-and-financial-aid>
- **Resources:** http://www.paly.net/college/scholarship_resources