

# **PLANNING YOUR FUTURE:** **HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS**

## **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

**www.collegeboard.com** : College guide, profile form, and other resources for planning

**www.csumentor.edu** : Website for the Cal State system (apply, plan courses, get answers to your questions, take virtual campus tours)

**www.ucop.edu/pathways** : Website for the UC system (comprehensive info about undergraduate education, admission, and financial aid)

**www.doorways.ucop.edu** : Type in high school name for UC approved A-G courses (for college admission eligibility)

**www.cccco.edu** : Website for the California Community College system

**www.assist.org** : Website for how to transfer from a California Community Colleges to a 4-year university

**www.CacollegeGuide.com** : Information about all 5 college systems (UC, CSU, CCC, Independent, Private post-high school and career education)

**www.aiccu.edu** : Website for Private Colleges in California (explore campuses/majors, apply, gain financial aid information)

**www.careersandcolleges.com** : General information about colleges and financial aid

**www.collegeview.com/index.jsp** : Search for both public and private colleges in the U.S.

**www.makingcollegecount.com** : Information about all aspects of college life, study skills, etc.

## **FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

**www.fafsa.ed.gov** : Information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (application, eligibility requirements, how funds are awarded). **Priority deadline is MARCH 2 for both California college and federal aid so be sure to apply early!**

**www.pin.ed.gov** : Pin number registration in order to submit the FAFSA electronically (online)—the fastest way to apply

**www.studentaid.ed.gov** : Student Guide for financial aid from the US Department of Education

[www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) : Information about federal and state financial aid programs provided by the California Student Aid Commission

[www.latinocollegedollars.org](http://www.latinocollegedollars.org) : Scholarship links for Hispanic students

[www.fastweb.org](http://www.fastweb.org) : Create your personal mailbox for scholarship information

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) : Smart guide to student financial aid including questions answered by an aid advisor and links to free scholarship searches

[www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org) : College financial planner, loan information, and links

[www.littleafrica.com](http://www.littleafrica.com) : Scholarship resources for African American students

[www.fatomei.com](http://www.fatomei.com) : Many links to scholarships/grants offered by the U.S. government for students of diverse backgrounds/cultures-- HIGHLY recommended

## **COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING INFORMATION**

[www.testpreppractice.net](http://www.testpreppractice.net) : FREE practice tests for the SAT or ACT exams

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) : SAT testing information and registration (Note: taking the test in the **spring of your 11<sup>th</sup> grade year** is recommended, and you may re-take the test several times, if necessary)

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) : Information about the ACT test and registration

## **CAREER EXPLORATION**

[www.californiacareers.info](http://www.californiacareers.info) : Explore many career fields, take a self-assessment/ interest profiler, have fun with the Reality Check game

[www2.assist.org/exploring-majors](http://www2.assist.org/exploring-majors) : Explore public and private college majors that lead to rewarding careers

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) : The Occupational Outlook Handbook lets you research different career fields (education, training, earnings, job outlook, working conditions)

[www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com) : A site for career assessment and exploration of college majors

[www.whodouwant2b.com](http://www.whodouwant2b.com) : A fun, interactive site where you can take a quiz that matches your personality with an industry sector; gain more information about particular jobs