

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

### **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY EXPLORATION**

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

**www.anycollege.com** : Explore any college/majors in the United States

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

**www.makingcollegcount.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** : Information about federal and state financial aid programs provided by the California Student Aid Commission

**www.latinocollegedollars.org** : Scholarship links for Hispanic students

## **FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION (Continued)**

**www.fastweb.org** : Create your personal mailbox for scholarship information

**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** : College financial planner, loan information, and links

**www.littleafrica.com** : Scholarship resources for African American students

**www.fatomei.com** : Many links to scholarships/grants offered by the U.S. government for students of diverse backgrounds/cultures

## **COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING INFORMATION**

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

**www.actstudent.org** : *ACT* testing information and registration

**www.studyguidezone.com** : FREE online SAT practice and study guides

**www.testpreppractice.net** : FREE practice tests for the SAT or ACT exams

## **CAREER EXPLORATION**

**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** : Explore public and private college majors that lead to rewarding careers

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

**www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp** : A comprehensive site for self-assessment, college/career exploration

**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