We are so happy you are back!!!

As we embark on this journey together, please know that we are here for you!
Argonaut High School
Counselors:

Sarah Yonan (A–K)
sarah.yonan@acusd.org
(209) 257–7753

Clarissa Bellotti (L–Z)
clarissa.bellotti@acusd.org
(209) 257–7752
The Counseling Department Team also includes:

Jennifer Putnam, Career Technician
(209) 257-7757 e: jputnam@acusd.org
Local Scholarship coordinator, military liaison, career explorations, assistance with community college and FAFSA

Laura Larsen, Registrar
(209) 257-7751 e: laura.larsen@acusd.org
Work permits, transcripts, report cards, student records, Aeries account set up
Want to stay in the know???

Visit our Website for the most up to date information.
Topics that will be discussed during this presentation are:
- Resources for seniors and families
- Senior Letter
- College Application process
- Important upcoming dates and deadlines
- Other relevant information for seniors
IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND DATES

Argonaut High School Website

ACUSD District Website

Student and Family Resource Contact Information

★ October 1st - FAFSA submission
★ October 1st - November 30th: CSU Application submission period
★ November 1st - 30th UC Application submission period
★ March 2nd - Deadline to submit FAFSA for Cal Grant consideration
Parent/Guardian, please fill out the form and return to Laura Dillian in the Counseling Office by Friday, October 21st.
To apply for regular admission to a California community college, begin by selecting a community college from the dropdown menu in the 'Apply Today' tool.

When you click 'Apply' with a college chosen, you will be directed to that college's admission application process. Be sure to read through the admission application requirements carefully. Each college sets its own requirements.

https://www.cccapply.org/en/apply

Application time frame for Community Colleges in California are typically open beginning early January to right when school begins.

Requirements:
★ 18 years of age or high school diploma

Recommendations:
★ Apply early
★ Complete the FAFSA (October 1st- March 2nd)
★ Constantly check your email from the school you applied to for any updates or upcoming deadlines
★ Complete ALL the steps required by the college

Cost to apply is FREE!
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

- 23 CSU’s to choose from
- Submission Period: October 1st-November 30th
- Apply at https://www2.calstate.edu/apply
- $70+ application fee per school selected. For information on Fee Waivers, please click here.
- Self Reporting, no need to submit transcript until after you graduate.
- Useful Video on Tips for the Cal State Application: Watch Now!
CSU Updates for Fall 2023 Applications

★ The California State University (CSU) no longer uses ACT or SAT examinations in determining admission eligibility for all CSU campuses. If accepted to a CSU campus, ACT or SAT test scores can be used as one of the measures to place students in the proper mathematics and written communication courses.

★ Freshman application

★ *Pass ALL courses with a C- or higher.

★ Google Chrome recommendation when filling out application. October 1st-November 30th.
University of California

- 9 UC Campuses
- Submission Period: November 1st- 30th (You can work on App NOW)
- Apply at https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login
- $70+ application fee per school selected. Fee waiver offered through application
- Self Reporting, no need to submit transcript until after you graduate.
- Application Personal Insight questions, click here to watch a short video.
- SAT/ACT requirement has been suspended for Fall 2023 applicants
Independent California College and Universities

★ 70+ schools in California: examples: UOP, Stanford, Azusa Pacific, St. Mary’s, etc.
★ Admission requirements vary (check out website for more details)
★ Higher cost of admissions
★ [www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu) provides links to the individual colleges/universities
★ Common Application - With Common App you only need to use one system to apply to multiple colleges and universities. **You will need to input your counselor’s contact information for recommendations:**)
OUT OF STATE SCHOOLS

- Must pay out of state tuition
- Usually takes a year to establish residency
- Admissions requirements vary, check college website for more details
- Check out the “Western Undergraduate Exchange” (WUE) program
- Participating colleges in 16 western states offer discounted tuition for students. Visit the website link below for more details.
- [https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/](https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/)
SAT/ACT

The last Test date Most universities will accept is the December date.
Now Optional (but may be required) for all 4 year universities! Check with individual campus if it is required.
May be used for placement in college classes.
Not required for a community college.

SAT vs ACT

SAT— is critical thinking/reasoning scored (English and Math) 200-800
ACT— is more curriculum based, scored 1-36
Why fill out the application?

New this year for all seniors: **AB 469**

**FAFSA Process**: Make sure you fill out the 2023–2024 application beginning October 1st–March 2nd for Cal Grant consideration using “prior prior year” 2021

**Not sure what to do?**: Please attend our Financial Aid night presented by a member of the California Student Aid Commission.
Important FAFSA Dates

October 5th from 5:30pm–7pm: Argonaut High School will host a Financial Aid Night where a CSAC representative will explain the types of financial aid available to students who complete the FAFSA application.

October 12th from 4pm–7pm: Amador College Connect will be hosting a FAFSA application workshop. Financial aid experts will be there to help walk you through the application process and answer important questions.

Zoom Sessions from 5pm–7pm: October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

(Link posted on our website and provided in your Senior Parent Newsletter)
Cal Grant GPA Consideration

Cal Grants are for students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or vocational or career training, and do not have to be repaid. In addition to meeting the financial criteria and Cal Grant requirements, you must:

- submit the FAFSA or CADAA application and your verified Cal Grant GPA by the deadline
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen or meet AB540 eligibility criteria
- be a California resident for 1 year
- attend a qualifying California college
- not have a bachelor's or professional degree
- have financial need at the college of your choice
- have family income and assets below the minimum levels
- be enrolled or plan to enroll in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate
- be enrolled or plan to enroll at least half time
- have registered with the U.S. Selective Service, if required to do so
- not owe a refund on any state or federal grant or be in default on a student loan
- not be incarcerated
- maintain the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards as established by the school. Recipients who do not meet the standards are ineligible for Cal Grant payment and will not use eligibility during the terms they are ineligible for payment.
I’ve applied to college...What next???

- Colleges communicate via email. Check your email and student portal daily to not miss deadlines and important information on your admission.
- Set up your account.
- Students might consider creating an email account just for college.
- Fill out the FAFSA!
- Create a “College” Binder or folder to house all your college information ie. printout confirmations, important numbers and emails, passwords, etc.
- Do your absolute best and maintain good grades.
- Ask your counselor for help!
Interested in the following, contact Jennifer Putnam, Career Technician at jputnam@acusd.org or 257-7757 and join her google classroom:

- Scholarships
- Military
- ASVAB
- Career Inventory Assessments
- Assistance with FAFSA, community college applications
- And more!!!
QUESTIONS?

Please reach out to us via counselor request, or email!

Sarah Yonan (A–K)
sarah.yonan@acusd.org
(209) 257-7753

Clarissa Bellotti (L–Z)
clarissa.bellotti@acusd.org
(209) 257-7752
HANDOUTS!