

Poway Unified School District

COLLEGE FAIR

OCTOBER 23, 2007 at Mt. Carmel

High School Q&A

Sponsored by PUSD and Palomar Council PTA

What is a College Fair? It is an opportunity for students and parents to meet with College Reps to answer questions and gather information about colleges they may be interested in.

How is the College Fair different than the college visits to my high school that we have scheduled throughout the year?

This is an opportunity to talk with College Reps from many colleges all on the same evening. Typically at the school visits, students can only hear from one college representative at a time. These usually occur during lunchtime and sometimes during class time.

What is the date of the PUSD College Fair?

It will take place on Tuesday, October 23rd from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Workshops will take place from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The workshops will be about financial aid, community colleges and pathways to four-year colleges, highly selective colleges, colleges in western states with financial allowances, and athlete information. From 6:30pm to 8:30pm, students and parents will be able to meet with the College Representatives from 100 colleges.

What is the location of the College Fair? It will take place in the Mt. Carmel High School Gymnasium. The workshops will take place in the classrooms near the gym.

Who is invited to the College Fair? All PUSD high school and middle school students, as well as their parents, are invited to attend the College Fair.

If I am a senior in high school and will be completing my college applications in the Fall, won't this College Fair be too late to help me? This Fair is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors to narrow down their list of colleges that they will apply to. Talking with the college representatives may answer questions that seniors have and help to pinpoint the colleges to which they will apply.

How will this College Fair be pertinent to 9th graders or 8th graders who really don't have any idea what college they would like to attend? This Fair will be a good start for 8th and 9th graders and their parents to see the various types of colleges and opportunities there are. You won't leave this Fair knowing exactly what college you wish to attend (that is a much longer and complex process), but it will give you some options and expose you to some colleges you aren't familiar with.

What if a 4-year college isn't for me? Representatives from community colleges, technical, and vocational schools will also be attending. Palomar College, Marymount College, National Polytechnic College, California School of Culinary Arts, ITT Technical Institute SD, and Les Roches Swiss Hotel School of Hotel Management are sending representatives to our College Fair.

What is the best way to visit a College Fair? Review the list of colleges that will be represented at the Fair (the list is on the PUSD website). Choose the colleges you want to find out about the most. If you have time, research the schools before attending the Fair. Write up a short list of questions to ask the college reps. If you are attending the Fair with a family member, talk about developing a plan ahead of time. Will you be splitting up so you can visit more College Reps or staying together to talk to the Reps (parents may ask different questions than students do)?

Are these College Reps really College Admissions personnel?

Some of the schools are sending personnel from their Admissions Office while other schools are sending Alumni representatives. Alumni reps receive training from their college, before representing their alma mater at College Fairs.

For more information or if you have questions not listed here: Contact College Fair Coordinator, Colleen Salzetti, at pusdcollegefair@san.rr.com