



# Poway High School Welcome

Back to School Night  
Class of 2010

“College is a match to be made, not a race to be won”  
-Anonymous



# Agenda

- Counselors as resource
- Senior Calendar: month by month
- College application process
- College testing
- Financial aid/scholarships
- Helpful resources



# PHS Counselors

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# Counselors as a Resource

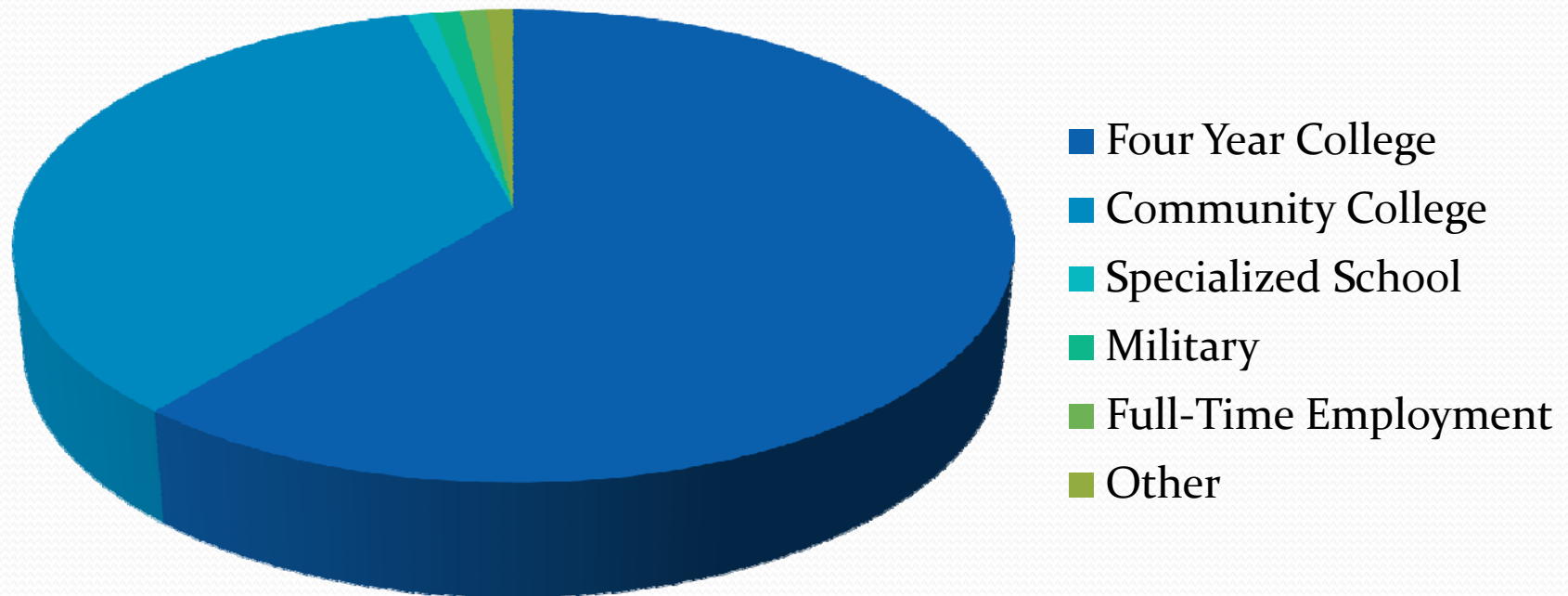
- Support students in their post secondary plans throughout senior year
- Open office hours before/after school, at lunch, and during break
- Appointments available upon request
- Provide information through: PHS website, Titan Times, E-weekly update, mail, daily announcements, and Naviance
- Titan Center- College Reps.
- Parent Information Evenings
- Month to month senior activities and classroom visits
- Naviance/Choices planner

# Current Counseling Projects With Seniors

- Wrapping up schedule adjustments
- Preparing credit deficiency letters and graduation plans
- Classroom visits Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
- Attending UC/CSU conferences
- Beginning to write letters of recommendation
- Finalizing calendar of activities

# Class of 2009

## Where Are They Now?



# Senior Monthly Calendar

## September

- Register for SAT/SAT Subject Tests and ACT (December last test date for Seniors, October for select campuses including SDSU, Cal Poly, SLO)
- Send scores to colleges
- Finalize 3 tiered list of colleges (reach, probable, and safe)
- Request letters of recommendation for private colleges (not necessary for CSU/UC)
- FERPA/Naviance account



# October

- Sign up for UC/CSU application workshops
- Request private school applications/common application
- Early decision/early action applications
- CSS/Financial aid profile (supplemental application to FAFSA)
- Begin personal essay (be sure to use examples!)
- Begin submitting CSU applications online/onsite CSU admissions
- Request letters of recommendation by Nov. 1st



# November

- CSU/UC applications due Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>
- Last chance to register for Dec. SAT/SAT II
- Establish Personal Identification Number (PIN) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)



# December/January

- Pick up Free Application for Federal Study Aid (FAFSA) for pell grants, work study, loans, and scholarships
- Attend Financial Aid Night
- Apply for \$\$\$- loans have low interest rates, flexible repayment plans, and can be deferred until graduation
- FAFSA due Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, no later than Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Research local/institutional scholarships
- Deadlines for private college applications and scholarships



# February/March

- Continue researching scholarships at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and the Titan Center
- Send in new/missing info immediately (email, phone, postcard)
- Send official transcript if requested
- Avoid “dumbing” down schedule and “senioritis” - college acceptances are PROVISIONAL
- GPA verification sent automatically
- CSU/UC acceptance letters arrive by Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>
- Take Palomar Collge EAP assessment tests/community college registration



# April

- Visit colleges you have been accepted to
- Financial aid award letters arrive
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- Appeal letters-provide new and compelling information
- Return student intent to register (SIR) by May 1<sup>st</sup> with deposit
- Research housing IMMEDIATELY
- Continue community college applications and testing



# May/June

- Take AP exams
- Continue focusing on academics (remember acceptances are PROVISIONAL)
- Request a final transcript from the registrar to be mailed to college of your choice
- GRADUATION!!!



# Additional Resources

- Call a counselor at: (858)748-0245 Ext. 5137 or 5138
- Email at: first initial last name @powayusd.org
- Check information resources
- Refer to suggested websites
- Additional handouts
- Come to future parent information nights
- Do not hesitate to ask for assistance!