

DHS Counselor Corner



FAFSA/CADAA WORKSHOPS

WORK ON YOUR APPLICATIONS IN PERSON

EVENT WILL BE HELD:

JANUARY 29TH & 30TH 📅

4 PM - 5 PM 🕒

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER - A201 📍

@DHS_CCC 📷

- PLEASE HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AVAILABLE, IF APPLICABLE
- BRING DEVICE
- BRING PARENT'S 2023 TAX INCOME INFORMATION

FAFSA / CA Dream Act

The College & Career Center will be hosting additional FAFSA/CADAA application workshops on Wednesday, January 29 and Thursday, January 30 from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM in Room A201. Students and parents/guardians are invited to get one-on-one assistance with the financial aid application. Students and their parents/guardians must have their personal email addresses readily available, along with their SSN (if applicable). If you have any questions, please visit our College & Career Center in Room A201.

Counseling Highlights

On Thursday, January 9 and Friday, January 10, school counselors conducted transcript evaluations for over 4,000 students. Counselors reviewed students' final Semester 1 grades, updated their graduation checks accordingly, determined their A-G eligibility, and made appropriate updates to students' schedules to keep them on track.

Important Dates

- ☒ 9th Grade Registration Presentations: Jan. 17
- ☒ One-on-One Freshman Evaluations: January 21-30
- ☒ 11th Grade Registration Presentations: Feb. 4
- ☒ One-on-One Junior Evaluations: February 5-19

Senior Scholarships

Edison Scholars: Deadline is January 23.

Stauffer Community College Scholarship:
Deadline is January 30.

Betty & Joe Zupancic Memorial Scholarship: Deadline is January 31.

To apply for local scholarships, students must complete an essay, résumé, and online application, which can be found at <https://localscholarshiponline.dusd.net/>.
Deadline is January 31.



EDISON SCHOLARS
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Edison International is awarding \$50,000 college scholarships to 30 high school seniors to help them follow their dreams in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) and empower them to change the world.
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- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Live in Southern California Edison's service area
- Plan to attend a four-year college or university and pursue studies in science, technology, engineering or math.

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“Top Teacher Tip”
from Ms. Carbajal



In art and outside of it, focus on a growth mindset. To be successful, you don't have to be perfect--you just need to do your best and improve over time. Be persistent, but also be patient. You're not always going to see immediate success, and that is okay! High school is just the jumping-off point. I hope you stay curious and willing to learn long after graduation.

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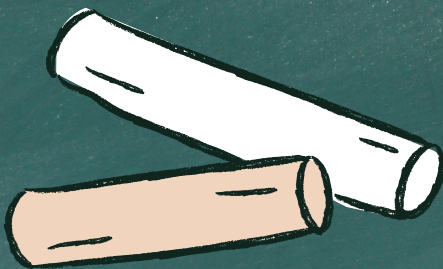
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#iApplied Week

#iApplied Week was a huge success! Thus far, 498 seniors have submitted applications to at least one 4-year university! During our lunch-time activities, we raffled off a Prom ticket, a Grad Nite ticket, a 2024-25 Yearbook, a Winter Formal ticket, and 2 extra graduation tickets. We also delivered #iApplied t-shirts to students in their classes. Congratulations to all!



Counseling Highlights

On Friday, November 15, school counselors went into 10th-grade English classes to conduct Sophomore Spotlight presentations. These lessons included information on A-G vs. graduation requirements, Honors & AP classes, and State Weighted GPA. Students also completed a Career Interest Survey through their California Colleges accounts and wrote summaries about 4 occupations they selected.

Important Dates

- ☒ ASVAB Test: December 11
- ☒ Finals Week: December 16-19
- ☒ Local Scholarship Application: Open Until January 31, 2025
- ☒ FAFSA: December 1, 2024 - March 3, 2025

Cerritos College Liaison

Every Friday, from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, the College & Career Center will be hosting a Cerritos College liaison in room A-201. Teachers are welcome to contact Tina, Rudy, Maria, or Jackie to schedule an in-class presentation. Our Cerritos representative, Mr. Santos Nuñez, will be here to assist with 2-years-for-free applications, career exploration, and financial aid workshops.



<https://linktr.ee/cerritosliaison>

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Contact Info

Ways you can contact me:

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📷 Cerritoscomplete

Downey High School

Fridays
12:40 PM - 4:10 PM
College and Career center (A201)



"Top Teacher Tip" from Mr. Dunn



Maintain your passion and perseverance for long-term goals, and strive to complete them. Invest in others and build meaningful relationships; don't chase the things the world deems important, as they often fail to bring true happiness.

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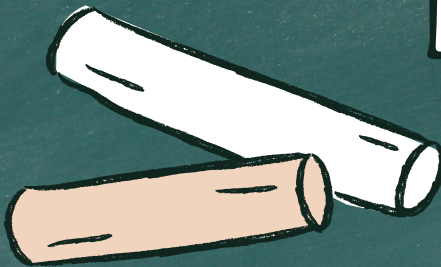
COLLEGE APP & FSA ID WORKSHOPS

11/6	3 - 5 PM LIBRARY
11/13	3 - 6:30 PM C BUILDING
11/14	3 - 6 PM LIBRARY
11/16 SATURDAY	9AM - 12PM WRITING CENTER
11/18 - 11/22	4 - 7 PM LIBRARY

College App Workshops

College & Career Advisors and School Counselors will be hosting College Application & FSA ID workshops on November 6 from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM in the Library; on November 13 from 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM in the C building; on November 14 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM in the Library; on November 16 (which is a Saturday) from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Writing Center; and the week of November 18 - November 22 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Library.

You can receive assistance with your CSU, UC, community college, and Common App applications, and also set up your FSA ID for financial aid.



Counseling Highlights

During the weeks of October 10 - October 24, counselors went into 12th-grade English classes to guide students through completing college applications. For the first time, Downey High School students launched their community college, CSU, and UC applications through the CaliforniaColleges.edu portal. Counselors discussed students' high school coursework and A-G matching, and also encouraged students to research the majors they're interested in. Students were told to have their counselor review their applications before submitting them.

Important Dates

- ☒ CSU & UC Applications: October 1 - December 2
- ☒ Junior Journey Class Presentations: November 4
- ☒ Sophomore Spotlight Class Presentations: November 15
- ☒ #iApplied Week: November 18-22

#iApplied Week

Are you a senior who has applied to a CSU, UC, private, military, or other 4-year university? If so, then complete the #iApplied Google Form and upload proof of your submitted application. You can scan the QR code on the flier to the right, or you can visit the following link: tinyurl.com/iapplied24

You will receive an #iApplied t-shirt and can also enter yourself into drawings for the chance to win awesome prizes, such as Prom tickets, Grad Nite tickets, a 2025 Yearbook, and more!



“Top Teacher Tip”
from Ms. Barbeau

You don't have to be the smartest person to get good grades and be successful; you just need to put in the time and the effort—and do so consistently!

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College Fair 2024

On Wednesday, October 16, from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, the Downey Unified School District will be hosting College Fair 2024 at Warren High School. Students will have the opportunity to learn about 50+ colleges! This free event is open to students of all grade levels. Students and families in the community will be able to explore college options and majors, meet one on one with college reps, learn about important college deadlines, and connect with college advisors. CSUs, UCs, private schools, out-of-state schools, and even international schools are expected to be in attendance. Check it out!

Counseling Highlights

On Monday, September 23, school counselors went into 12th-grade Economics and American Government classes to review graduation requirements, A-G four-year college requirements, community colleges, trade/vocational schools, and financial aid. During the weeks of September 24-October 4, counselors met one-on-one with seniors to share their official high school transcripts, review credits, determine A-G status, discuss progress toward graduation, and explore post-secondary plans.

Important Dates

- ☒ CSU & UC Applications:
October 1 - December 2
- ☒ College Application
Classroom Visits:
October 10, 16, 23, & 24
- ☒ DUSD College Fair 2024:
October 16 @ Warren
- ☒ Junior Journey
Class Presentations:
October 28

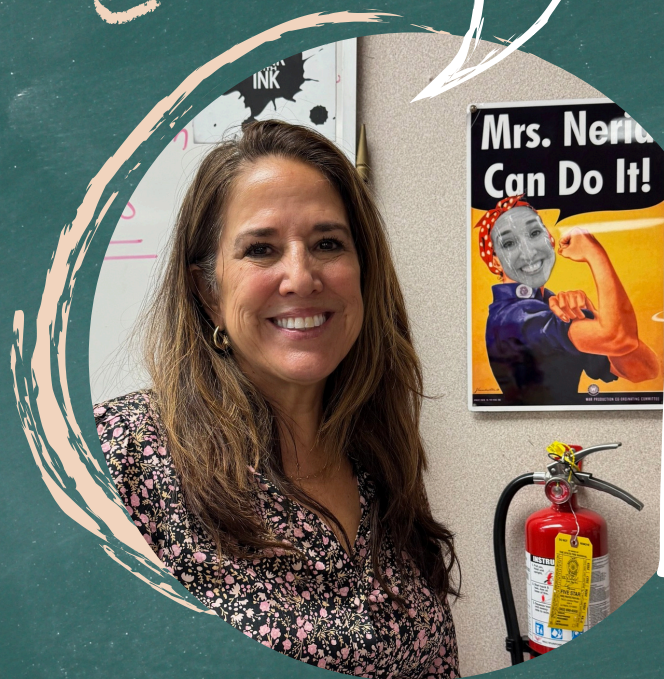
Local Scholarship Application

To apply for local scholarships, students must complete an essay, résumé, and online application, which can be found at <https://localscholarshiponline.dusd.net/>.

The deadline is Friday, January 31, 2025. This one application gives students the opportunity to be considered for multiple scholarships. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Campos at tcampos@dusd.net or stop by the College & Career Center in Room A201.



"Top Teacher Tip" from Ms. Neria



Take advantage of what Downey High School has to offer, whether it's science, psychology, art, or volunteering to discover what you love. Find your passion. Use your passion to give you energy when times get difficult. Incorporating passion in life can bring you joy and purpose in what you do. Perhaps you can impact others or become an inspiration. I believe it can lead to true happiness.

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Counselor Caseloads

Did you know that counselor caseloads were recently updated based on student last name? Check out the changes below:

Mr. Cooke: A - Beni
 Mr. Toledo: Ber - Cortez
 Mr. Marshall: Cos - Foley
 Ms. Curiel: Foot - Haynes
 Ms. Loyarte: Hel - Lopez, D
 Mr. Evans: Lopez, E - Monroe
 Ms. Acosta: Monroy - Perez, B
 Ms. Murillo: Perez, C - Rod
 Ms. Ruiz: Rojas - Teuner
 Mr. Zakour: Th - Z

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Counseling Highlights

Throughout the end of July and the month of August, school counselors worked tirelessly to schedule over 4,000 students into their classes. This included our incoming group of freshmen, the Class of 2028, who totaled over 1,100 students! School counselors have also collaborated to balance class sizes. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and support throughout the process!

Important Dates

- ☒ Back-to-School Night:
September 11
- ☒ Freshman Focus
Class Presentations:
September 13
- ☒ Senior Success
Class Presentations:
September 23
- ☒ One-on-One
Senior Evaluations:
September 24 - October 7

College Visits

Several universities will be visiting Downey High School throughout the month of September. Stop by the College & Career Center in A201 to learn more information.

University of Southern California (USC):
September 4

California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH): September 5

California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB): September 25

Also, on Tuesday, September 24, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, CSU College Night will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center. You can RSVP at www.calstate.edu/collegenights.

College Visits

PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF YOUR DREAMS!

9-4 USC VISITS DOWNEY HS AT 3PM IN A201
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

9-5 CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS VISITS
DOWNEY HS AT 3PM IN A201

9-25 CAL STATE UNIVERSITY MONTEREY BAY
VISITS DOWNEY HS AT 3PM IN A201

10-2 UC SANTA BARBARA VISITS DOWNEY HS
AT 3PM IN A201

10-9 DUKE UNIVERSITY VISITS DHS AT 3PM
10-10 FULLERTON STATE VISITS 3PM IN A201

10-16 DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLEGE
FAIR AT 5:30PM AT WARREN HS

"Top Teacher Tip" from Ms. Ramirez



My best advice for students to succeed in high school and beyond is to get involved and actively participate in your life. Join clubs and organizations that are meaningful to you and allow you to make a difference. This will also provide you with opportunities to make connections and meet new people, which can further your career and future endeavors.

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