

# SENIOR 2020

## Notes

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### I decided to go to the Community College, how do I sign up?

- If you have not yet signed up for the community colleges, there are many schools that are still accepting applications and you can still qualify for the Promise Program and receive free college tuition and textbook support if you do this right away!! Two things you must do first: Apply to the college and apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA.

- **Orange Coast College**- Still can apply and receive free tuition until the money runs out.

Apply at:

<https://www.opencccapply.net/uPortal/f/u6311s1000/normal/render.uP>

**Promise (Pirates) Program:**

[http://www.orangeoastcollege.edu/student\\_services/student-equity/Pages/pirates-promise.aspx](http://www.orangeoastcollege.edu/student_services/student-equity/Pages/pirates-promise.aspx)

- **Santiago Canyon College**- Still can apply and receive free tuition.

Apply at:

<https://www.sccollege.edu/StudentServices/Admissions/Pages/apply.aspx>

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**Promise Program and Registration Steps:**

<https://webmail.svusd.org/owa/#path=/attachmentlightbox>

**Irvine Valley College:** Can still apply but free tuition ended.

**Apply** at: <https://admissions.ivc.edu/apply>

**Saddleback College:** Can still apply but free tuition only for seniors who

Are taking Counseling 100 class.

**Apply** and follow the steps at:

<https://www.saddleback.edu/admissions/New-Students>

## I have been accepted by 4 year Universities, how do I decide?

- This year in particular, choosing whether or which university to attend has become more difficult. Here are some helpful hints:
  - **Virtual College Tours** are very important. Most universities you have been accepted to would have sent you information on taking a virtual college trip or emailing specific departments to ask questions. This is very important in deciding which college would be a great fit for you.
  - **May 1st Deadline:** While most universities tell you to put down a deposit by May 1st to save you a space, please reach out to the admissions office to see if they can give you more time. A lot of universities are waiting until June 1. Remember, all colleges want you to pick them so they will make everything as easy as possible for you. You are now in the driver's seat!
  - **Financial Aid** is extremely important! If you applied for financial aid or you didn't but now your family income has changed drastically due to the Coronavirus, please contact the financial aid office of the college and see how they can help you monetarily. If you applied for financial aid, make sure you look on your student portal to see your financial aid award letter. This will tell you how much you qualified for in grants, scholarships (free money) or loans. If you don't understand your award letter, reach out to

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your school counselor for an explanation. We also post scholarships on the El Toro high school website under guidance, so please take a look.

<https://www.svusd.org/schools/high-schools/el-toro/guidance/college-planning>



## Miscellaneous Information:

- **Final Transcripts and Waitlists**
  - **Transcripts-**At the moment our school district has not decided on how grading will look like this semester, but be confident that colleges are all cognizant of the difficulties schools and students are having with distance learning and are taking all this into account. To order a final transcript please order one on [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) and “hold” until final grades are posted.
  - **Waitlists-** If you are on a waitlist for a college you really want, then contact the admissions office and tell them you would still like to remain on the list. This year schools may wait until July or August to see who comes off the list. Be sure to have an alternate plan if you do not make it off the waitlist. Remember that if you put a deposit to another school they may or may not refund you the money.

**We hope the following provides clarity, answers, and reassurance to everyone facing this crisis. Email us, check the guidance website, and Instagram for up to date information and contact us with any questions you may have.**