

# 9TH & 10TH GRADE POST SECONDARY PLANNING MEETING

**Spring 2025**



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High  
School's  
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# AGENDA

- Academic and wellness supports
- A-G & Graduation requirements
- Why are grades in High School different
- Types of Colleges
- College admission requirements
- SAT and ACT Testing
- CTE Pathway post HS
- RWL and LifeLaunch
- What College Reps are looking for?
- Next Steps: What should I be doing now?
- Questions

# ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

1. Attend your teacher's zoom office hours: Wednesdays 1pm-4pm and also on your asynch days- those hours and days varies by teacher- please check their Canvas pages for this info!
2. Sign up for your asynch days- you can come to campus for the day! Must sign up via the link sent out in the weekly newsletter from Tami & Robert. You must sign up by Sunday night before 6pm.
3. Talk to your teacher/email them to ask to meet in person and schedule a time! Counselors can also help you with this

# Da Vinci Connect Tutoring Club



**After School Individual Tutoring  
Monday & Tuesday**

**In Learning Space 2 from 3:15 - 3:45**



**SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO BE  
TUTORED!!!**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DIRECTORS**

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FOR MON-THUR**

Come get extra support in various subjects:

Algebra I

Geometry

Algebra II

Pre-Calculus

English (reading/writing)

World History/US History

Spanish 1

**MONDAY & TUESDAY**

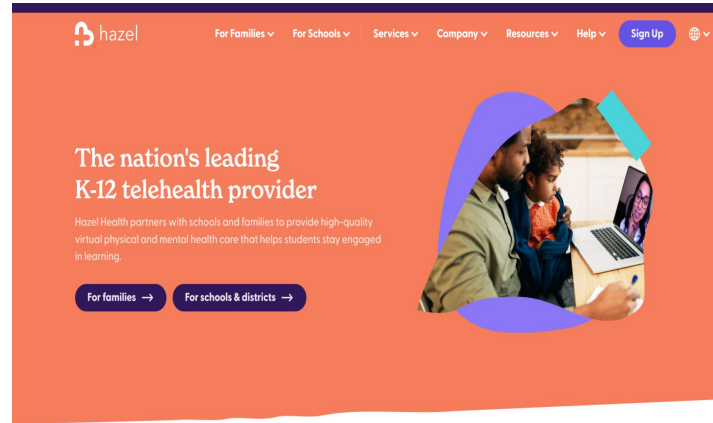
**LEARNING SPACE 2**

**3:15 - 3:45**

# WELLNESS SUPPORTS

care/solace

allcove



The screenshot shows the Hazel Health website. The header includes the Hazel logo and navigation links: For Families, For Schools, Services, Company, Resources, Help, and a Sign Up button. The main content area features the headline "The nation's leading K-12 telehealth provider" and a sub-headline: "Hazel Health partners with schools and families to provide high-quality virtual physical and mental health care that helps students stay engaged in learning." Below this are two buttons: "For families" and "For schools & districts". A circular image on the right shows a family interacting with a laptop displaying a telehealth session.



For all students



Care from diverse, bilingual providers



Convenient for families



\*If your student would benefit from therapy services, we partner with Antioch who can provide services on site free of charge.

# A-G COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**A: History/Social Sciences** - 2 yrs. required World History, US History, Econ/Govt

**B: English** - 4 yrs. required (English 9, 10, 11, 12)

**C: Mathematics** - 3 yrs. required *including a full year of Geometry, 4 yrs. recommended* (CHS gives you Alg 1, Alg 2, Geo, with options for more: Stats, Pre-Calc, Calc)

**D: Laboratory Science** - 2 yrs. required -Bio, Chem, Anatomy, Aviation) 3 yrs. recommended

**E: Language other than English** - 2 yrs. required, 3 yrs. recommended (Span 1 and 2) \*CHS students can obtain this req. with a community college: 1 sem=2 HS yrs\*

**F: Visual and Performing Arts** - 1 yr. required (Inter. Graphic Design, Choir, Studio Orchestra)

\*HS students can obtain this req. with a community college: 1 sem=1 HS yr\*

**G: College Preparatory Elective** - 1 yr. required (ASU Psychology, Inter. & Adv. Entrepreneurship, ASU Sociology, Adv. Graphic Design)

(Note: These are the minimum requirements to be "eligible" for UC's and CSU's with GPA requirements)

# WHY ARE GRADES IN HIGH SCHOOL DIFFERENT?

- PASS WITH A C- OR BETTER FOR HS DIPLOMA AND ALSO FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
  - A-G GPA REQUIREMENTS 10TH & 11TH GRADE CORE CLASSES
    - COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
      - UC: 3.0
      - CSU: 2.5
      - PRIVATE SCHOOLS - ALL 3 YEARS AKA CUMULATIVE GPA
- CHALLENGE YOURSELF
  - DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE COURSES
    - 1 BONUS POINT CALCULATED INTO CUMULATIVE GPA
- SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & CAL GRANTS
  - GPA MAY BE A REQUIREMENT



# TYPES OF COLLEGES

## Community Colleges

- El Camino College
- West LA College
- Harbor College
- 116 Community colleges in the state

## State Universities

- 23 **CSU** (California State University) Campuses
- 10\* **UC** (University of California) Campuses
  - \*UC San Francisco is for graduate programs

## Out of State & Private Schools

- HBCUs: ex: Howard, Morehouse, Spelman, Tuskegee
- In State Private: ex: LMU/USC/USF
- Out of state public and private: ex: Univ of Oregon, Univ of CO Boulder, Lewis and Clark College, Harvard, MIT

# Admission Requirements (What colleges are looking for)

	<a href="#">University of California</a>	<a href="#">California State University</a>	Private/Out of State Universities	California Community College
<b>GPA</b>	3.0 GPA Minimum* <small>And ALL classes must be passed with a C or better</small>	2.5 GPA Minimum* <small>And ALL classes must be passed with a C or better</small>	GPA varies	No GPA requirement
<b>Test Requirement</b>	None	None	Varies	None
<b>Essay</b>	<a href="#">4 Personal Insight Questions (PIOs)</a>	None	Varies	None
<b>Letter of Recommendation</b>	None	None	Varies	None

\* A-G GPA, 10th and 11 grade core classes

# STANDARDIZED TESTING: SAT & ACT

## Test Required

Colleges that require standardized test scores for admissions consideration

List of colleges and military academies that require standardized test scores

## Test Optional

Colleges that do not require standardized test scores, but provide the opportunity for students to submit scores.

List of colleges that are test optional

## Test Blind

Colleges that will not consider ACT or SAT scores during admissions decisions. Test scores can be used, however, as one of the measures to place students in the appropriate mathematics and English courses.

University of California and Cal State University

# CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION- "CTE"- AT EL CAMINO COLLEGE

- CLASSES YOU TAKE IN A SPECIFIC AREA OR SKILLS YOU LEARN TO BE IN A TECHNICAL FIELD OR SPECIFIC OCCUPATION
- ON THE JOB TRAINING
- TYPICALLY TAUGHT BY INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS
- CAN HELP WITH JOB PLACEMENT AFTER FINISHING THE COURSE/CERTIFICATE

<https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/career/index.php>

# LIFE LAUNCH

+ ATTENTION DA VINCI SCHOOLS GRADUATING SENIORS +

## LIFELAUNCH: HEALTHCARE

A new, **free**, full-time program designed for graduating seniors interested in high-demand careers in **Healthcare**.



SCAN TO SUBMIT YOUR INTEREST FORM



### Students will:

- Participate in a highly supported cohort
- Earn at least one valuable professional license or credential upon completion of this program
- Earn college credits through El Camino College
- Receive personalized coaching, academic and career support, all while staying connected to your community at Da Vinci Schools

## OVERVIEW

### PROGRAMS OFFERED:

- Certified Medical Assistant (CMA)
- Pharmacy Technician
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

### WHEN:

Full-time enrollment for the 2025-26 school year.

### WHERE:

Da Vinci campuses, local clinical/field sites. All programs are hybrid, combining classroom instruction, self-study, and hands-on training in real-world settings.

**LAUNCHING FALL 2025**

ATTENTION DA VINCI SCHOOLS GRADUATING SENIORS



## LIFELAUNCH: AVIATION

A new, **free**, full-time program designed for graduating seniors interested in high-demand careers in **Aviation**.



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## OVERVIEW

### PROGRAMS OFFERED:

- FAA-certified Remote Drone Pilot
- Progress towards Private Pilot License

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**LAUNCHING FALL 2025**

Reimagine a better college experience with

## Rivet School with Da Vinci

Through the Rivet School Program, Da Vinci seniors can continue their path toward earning a Bachelor's degree with Southern New Hampshire University in Business, Communications, or Healthcare Management.



**Rivet School has partnered with Da Vinci Schools to provide an online, tuition-free college degree program.**



### Community and support

Students work with motivated peers and a 1:1 personal coach - all in your local community!



### Deadlines set by students

Have a busy student? We'll work together to create a schedule that works with them.



### Earning a BA, at no cost

As a Da Vinci student, tuition will be 100% covered while enrolled with Rivet School.



### Regionally accredited

Da Vinci students can apply college credits earned during High School towards their bachelor's degree with our university partner, SNHU.

**"The academic support, flexibility and resources have been the most beneficial thing about joining Rivet School."**

Justin, Da Vinci Connect

### Why do Da Vinci families love Rivet School?

- ✓ Da Vinci students stay local as they join their coach and peers for weekly cohort meetings, study sessions, and more!
- ✓ Each student is paired up with a trusted College Coach, who supports no more than 50 students - providing academic and other support.
- ✓ Project-based curriculum allows students to learn at their own pace while building real-world skills.
- ✓ Rivet School is college for real life. If your student needs to work part-time, we'll work together to build a schedule around their needs.



Alanza Mirabella | Admissions Specialist  
bridge@rivetschool.org | @rivetschoolbridge

**Submit an interest form to learn more!**



# What are College Admissions Reps Looking For? “GREETED”

- Grades
- Rigor of courses
- Essay
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Testing (some colleges)
- Evaluation from teachers & counselor
- Demonstrated interest

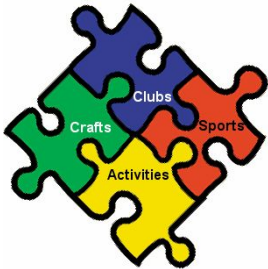


# Extracurricular Activities

Quality  
over  
Quantity

Passion and  
commitment

Leadership,  
responsibility,  
and growth





# More on extra-curriculars

- Look on the RWL Canvas page for opportunities now- Summer
- Talk to your counselor about dual enrollment community college classes
- Get involved in your own community and you school community in anyway that you are passionate about!
- Summer programs- as your counselor for more info!
- Fall- Club fair to learn more about the clubs on campus and you can sign up to join

# 9TH & 10TH GRADE NEXT STEPS

- Get involved! Join a new club, sport or something else that you are interested in
- Find somewhere to volunteer
- Keep track of all your extracurricular activities
- Introduce yourself/meet/get to know your school counselor and teachers!
- Begin researching post-secondary options and requirements (average GPAs, test requirements, etc.)
- Dual enrollment courses
- Do your best in all your classes! Finish strong, aim for As and Bs
- Take leadership roles in your activities
- Plan meaningful summer experiences
  - Summer programs, internship, job, dual enrollment college classes, volunteer

# INTERNSHIPS VOLUNTEERING

## COLLEGE/COMMUNITY EVENTS & MORE

For a Complete List of Spring  
and Summer Opportunities  
Scan Here:



<https://bit.ly/4288jAl>

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP:



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201 and RISE Students



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Connect High School Students

For questions, please  
visit our RWL  
coordinator, Evelyn!





# Career-Connected Learning Opportunities

## Spring 25 Portal @ Connect Workshops



**Fill out our interest form  
today!**

### **Take charge of your future!**

Our workshops are designed to equip students with essential personal and professional skills for tomorrow's workforce. These interactive sessions will help you build durable skills, expand your network, and become career-ready.

# 9th + 10th Grade Workshops

**1**

**Wednesday, April 23**

**Teamwork and  
Collaboration**

**2**

**Wednesday, April 30**

**Know Self: Identity and  
Reflections**

**3**

**Wednesday, May 7**

**Professional  
Communication**

**4**

**Wednesday, May 21**

**Mastering Feedback  
and Self-Awareness**

**Ready to build your future?  
Sign up today!**

# DON'T FORGET TO VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES

- ❖ ON-CAMPUS
- ❖ SELF-GUIDED TOURS
- ❖ VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS
- ❖ SO MANY IN THE LA AREA- YOU WILL GET A FEEL/VIBE IF YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF THERE OR NOT!



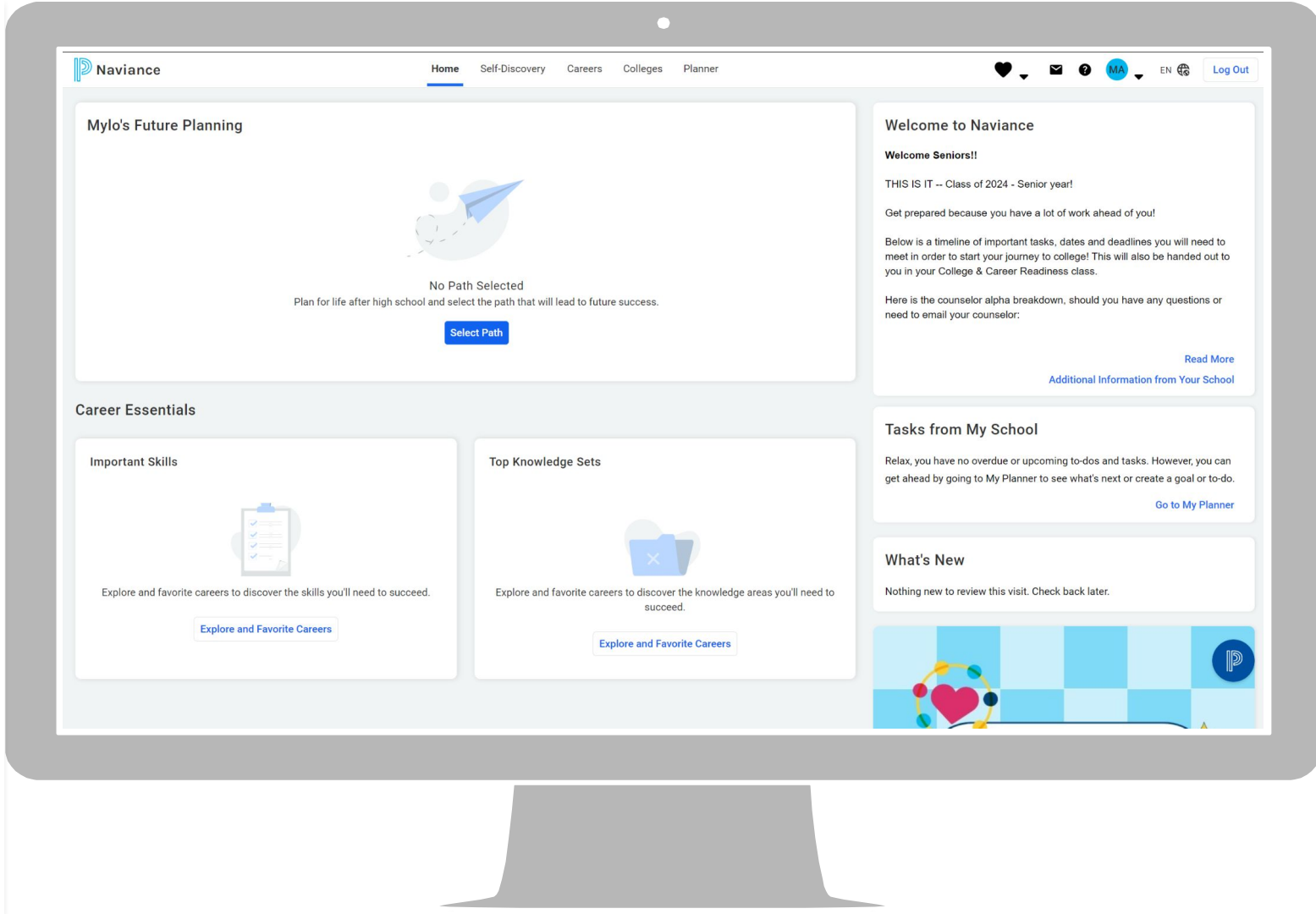


## CAREER EXPLORATION

- Identify interests and skills
- Explore careers & Summer Enrichment Programs

## COLLEGE PLANNING

- Research Colleges
- Track colleges
- Learn about acceptance rates
- Scholarships



THANK YOU!  
QUESTIONS?

