OCDE AVID Update

AVID Website

https://tinyurl.com/ocdeavid

AVID Scholarships

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AVID EVENTS & DEADLINES

Oct. 6 – UCI-Collaboration Meeting for AVID Senior Teachers

Dec. 4 – Senior Scholarship Applications Due

Jan. 10 – Senior Scholarship Teacher Recommendations Due

Feb. 6 – Senior Standout Scholarship Applications Due

Feb. 25 – 8th Grade Scholarship Applications Due

AVID Events

Unfortunately, due to current circumstances and directives from OCDE, we will not host live events for the 2020-21 academic year. These include: AVID Night at Knott's Berry Farm, 9th Grade AVID Leadership Conference, and our AVID Awards nights. We are sorry about these changes, but the safety of our students, teachers and their families are important to us. We hope to return to these traditions in the 2021-22 school year.

Sun Scholars

We regret to announce that the Sun Family Foundation will no longer offer AVID scholarships for our AVID seniors. They have decided to shift their giving in hopes of working with students for a longer period of time. They have decided to partner with Simon Scholars to offer more scholarships and expand to eight additional high schools. We are sad to see these scholarships leave us, but we are working to find new partnerships to help support our Orange County AVID students.

Student Leadership Conference

Concordia LatinX Leadership Conference

On October 24, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Concordia University is offering a virtual LatinX Leadership Conference for students, parents, educators. For information and registration, please visit www.cui.edu/latinx.

Senior Scholarships

Due December 4, 2020

The AVID senior scholarship application template, descriptions, and link to the AVID Community Scholarship online system will be posted on the OCDE AVID Scholarships page by October 6, 2020. To ensure more equitable access to scholarship funds, there have been changes to the scholarship submission process. Rather than doing a broad-based application invitation, the change we are asking AVID Senior Class Teachers to nominate 1 applicant for every 15 AVID students, plus their Senior Standout. Please see the template for further details

8th Grade Standouts

Due February 25, 2021

The AVID 8th Grade Standout application will be online. AVID 8th Grade Teachers will be invited to the scholarship portal. Teachers will invite the AVID 8th Grade Standout to the portal. Students will complete the online application, upload their essay, signed authorization, and picture. Teachers will upload the recommendation letter and student transcript. We hope to have the online application posted by October 30 and template posted on the OCDE AVID Scholarships page by mid- October. Use the template as a tool for all students to practice completing a scholarship application. Practice ensures the standout will have a draft to use when the online application opens.

Financial Aid Workshops

The California Student Aid Commission and the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators are virtually hosting the 2020 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops (formerly known as High School Counselor Workshops). These _free_ workshops will assist in providing information and updates on state funded financial aid programs and provide a comprehensive overview of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For information and registration information, please visit https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/2020-annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops-virtual.

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FREE ACT College & Career Readiness Workshop

ACT offers state-specific ACT College and Career Readiness Workshops, which have been moved to online webinars for 2020. In addition, ACT offers two National ACT College and Career Readiness webinars, and several product webinars that will dive deeper into a single specific solution that can assist with academic skills, social emotional learning, career navigation, and all the additional resources ACT provides. CA specific webinars occur October 1, 21 and 22. Register for these or other webinars at https://pages2.act.org/ccrw-2020.html.

Teacher Grant Opportunity
Fedco Teacher Grant Program
Due October 14, 2020
Apply at https://www.oc-cf.org/grants-scholarships-overview/grants/available-grants/.
FEDCO grants are available to K-12 public and charter schools in Orange County, California. Grants support hands-on learning projects, either in the classroom or through off-site field trips.

Student Search Services

Student Search Services is a tool used to help colleges and scholarship partners find students. Typically students may opt in to this service via the SAT. Given the SAT will not occur for many, students can sign up at https://studentsearch.collegeboard.org/. Student Search Services offers opportunity for colleges and scholarships to connect with students. When opting in limited student information is shared in an encrypted form with colleges and scholarships that match their interests.

Article: Print Texts
Take to read, "Show & Tell: A Video Column / For Complex Texts, the Brain Prefers Paper" from *Educational Leadership* at
http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/may20/vol77/num08/For-Complex-Texts,-the-Brain-Prefers-Paper.aspx

Student Opportunity College Board Scholarship Program

Applying to college is a complicated process, so College Board created a program that guides students through it. This scholarship program is open to all students and it doesn't require an essay, application, or minimum GPA. Instead, it rewards your effort and initiative. Complete key steps along your path to college for a chance to earn scholarships. The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Class of 2021 students, complete five of the six actions (Build, Practice, Strengthen, Complete and Apply) and you're eligible to earn $40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action.
For information, please go to
https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/

The Scholarships

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Class of 2021 students, complete five of the six actions (Build, Practice, Strengthen, Complete and Apply) and you're eligible to earn $40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action.

1. Build Your College List: $500 ▶
Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in. Learn More

2. Practice for the SAT: $1,000 ▶
Use Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® to get ready for test day. Learn More

3. Improve Your Score: $2,000 ▶
Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score. Learn More

4. Strengthen Your College List: $500 ▶
Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, match, and reach schools. Learn More

5. Complete the FAFSA: $1,000 ▶
Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid. Learn More

6. Apply to Colleges: $1,000 ▶
Apply to the schools you want to attend. Learn More

Complete Your Journey: $40,000
Complete five of the six steps (Build, Practice, Strengthen, Complete and Apply) to be eligible for a $40,000 scholarship. Learn More

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