The Counselor
A College Counseling Newsletter for CVC Families: February 2022

Proverbs 19:21
“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

Juniors: Schedule your Junior Meeting with Mrs. Reeves at: signup.com (these meetings must be completed by the end of February).

All Students: If you earned any grade of “D” or “F” last semester, contact Mrs. Reeves asap at (lreeves@cvc.org) to re-visit your 4-year plan. Chances are you will need to repeat the class for one or both of the following reasons:
• To stay on track for graduation
• To meet the prerequisite grade requirement for additional math, science, or Spanish

Course Requests for 2022-2023: Watch for details & instructions about requesting classes soon!

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CSF Lifetime Members for the Class of 2022
These seniors will receive an Honor Cord to wear at graduation and be recognized at a luncheon hosted by the College of the Sequoias Foundation on April 26th.

Jacob Alzagatiti Zoe Ames Lily Bakker Alicia Bergman
Aubrey Bosma Evan Burton Lauren Christmas Connor Danell
Kathryn Dixon Audrey Dragt Carson Griffith Samantha Heeringa
Kenna Hiemstra Natalia Huntsman Parker Jones Darby Kroes
Kiera Lloyd Doretta McCully Riley McNiece Carter Moons
McKenna Phillips Alysha Rajskup Allison Reed Paige Roark
Carolina Ruiz Rivera Teddy Smalley Megan Staton Kendall Thomas
Bailey Van Velsen Maya Van Groningen Esther Vander Goot
Kara Verhoeven Tyler Verhoeven Jenna Verkaik
Anna Walhof Braden Winterowd

Seniors! File your FAFSA by March 2, 2022: https://fafsa.ed.gov/

My deep hope is that you walk boldly into the eternal life God has in store for you. That you have confident certainty the grace you cannot see is yours in Jesus Christ.
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

February is already half over and the Class of 2022 will be CVC students for only three more months. Please continue to cover them in prayer as they grow in their relationship with Christ. Pray they grow the wisdom and discernment that can only come from the Lord. With each day that passes, He is preparing them for the blessings, challenges and life experiences heading their way.

Below is an updated list of admission opportunities for the Class of 2022. **Seniors ~ If you haven’t added your colleges to the Counseling Center windows, stop in ASAP. Your peers and parents love seeing all of the names listed!**

Kenna Hiemstra: Calvin University
Ryan Bleeker: Dordt University
Esther Vander Goot: Dordt University
Owen Olson: College of the Sequoias
Lilly O’Dell: College of the Sequoias
Anna Walhof: Dordt University, Calvin University
Carter Moons: University of Oregon, Colorado State
Alicia Bergman: Colorado Christian, Biola University
Rhayana Atherton: Grand Canyon University, Dallas Baptist
Jacob Rip: Dordt University, Calvin, Azusa Pacific University
Landon Segler: CSU Humbolt, Chico State, Sac State, CSU LA
Samantha Heeringa: Dordt University, Dallas Baptist University
Bailey Van Velson: Cal Baptist University, Westmont University
Kathryn Dixon: Oklahoma State University, Texas Tech University
Josh Noeske: Carthage College, Northwestern University (iowa)
Riley McNiece: Montana State University, Kansas State University
Tyler Verhoeven: Kansas State University, Montana State, Chico State
Teddy Smalley: Cal Baptist University, Point Loma Nazarene University
Connor Danell: Oklahoma State University, Dallas Baptist University, Fresno State University
Rebecca Grimmius: Grand Canyon University, Calvin University, Seattle Pacific University, Biola, Concordia University
Audrey Dragt: Simpson University, Biola, Azusa Pacific University, Fresno Pacific University, Cal Lutheran, College of the Sequoias
Zoe Ames: Cedarville University, Palm Beach Atlantic, Grand Canyon University, Biola, Dallas Baptist, Cal Baptist, Point Loma Nazarene University
Kendall Thomas: Texas Tech University, Louisiana State University, Michigan State University, Clemson University
Lily Bakker: Grand Canyon University, Dordt University, College of the Sequoias, Cal Baptist, Calvin University,
Emma Allred: Oklahoma State University, Texas Tech, Montana State University
Evan Burton: University of Oregon, Cal Baptist University, Biola, Texas Tech University, Baylor, San Diego State, Fresno State University
Carolina Ruiz Rivera: UC Irvine, Cal Baptist, Azusa Pacific University, University of Arizona, St. Mary's, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego State, Texas Christian University
**Byron Victoriano:** Andrews University, Southern Adventist University, Cal Baptist University  
**Kyndall Schakekl:** Montana State University, Oklahoma State University, Kansas State, Texas Tech, Chico State, Abilene Christian University  
**Kara Verhoven:** Washington State University, Grand Canyon University, Cal Baptist University  
**Nathan Girard:** Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University, Calvin, George Fox, Biola, College of the Sequoias  
**Alysha Rajskup:** Dordt University, Montana State University, Cal Baptist University, Northern Arizona University, Calvin, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Westmont, Penn State, Arizona State  
**Aubrey Bosma:** Colorado State, Abilene Christian University, Cal Baptist University, Samford  
**Kara Verhoven:** Washington State University, Grand Canyon University, Cal Baptist University, Washington State University  
**Allison Reed:** Grand Canyon University, Concordia University, Biola University, Westmont  
**Carson Griffith:** University of Arizona, Colorado State University, Texas Tech University, Chico State University  
**Danna Staberg:** Montana State University, Ole Miss, Arizona State University, University of Alabama, Colorado State University  
**Megan Staton:** Oregon State, Chaminade University of Honolulu, University of Maine, Willamette University, University of Oregon  
**Maya Van Groningen:** Grand Canyon University, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Colorado State University, Colorado Christian University, Baylor University  
**Jenna Verkaik:** Grand Canyon University, Westmont, University of Oregon, Colorado State University, University of Redlands, University of the Pacific, CSU Fullerton, Fresno State, Cal Poly-Pomona  
**Luc Stubbs:** Carthage College, Graceland University, Judson University, Arizona Christian, Northwestern, Benedictine, South Dakota State, McPherson, Misericordia, LaVerne, Elmhurst, Pacific Lutheran University

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**Distinguished Scholar of the Year**

An additional recognition for a member of the Class of 2022 is the *Distinguished Scholar of the Year*. It is an opportunity for the high school staff to select a graduating senior for this honor based on the criteria below. Details and the application will be sent out soon.

A Distinguished Scholar who exemplifies academic excellence and the CVCS mission will be selected by the CVCHS staff at the midpoint of the second semester of the senior year. This student will deliver an address at commencement. The following criteria will be considered:

- A course load that reflects a high degree of academic rigor and challenge
- The weighted GPA of all classes taken for high school credit
- The student’s character and disciplinary record
- The level at which the student embraces our mission of being equipped and inspired to transform the world for Christ
- An application and/or interview process may be used
Graduating with Honors

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 who have already earned the recognition of graduating with honors. As a reminder, this recognition is based on your cumulative grade point average through the middle of your second semester of your senior year. We want to encourage you to stay focused, continue to work hard and give your best effort in all of your classes.

All students graduating with honors will receive a distinct honor cord to wear at graduation and the Latin Honor Designation will be listed on their diploma and transcript. These honors will be decided at the midpoint of the second semester of the senior year. The student must maintain the minimum cumulative GPA at the end of the school year in order for the Latin honor designation to appear on the diploma and final transcript.

Summa Cum Laude (With Highest Honor-GPA of 3.9 or higher):
Darby Kroes  Lily Bakker  Maya Van Groningen  Jacob Alzagatiti  Kiera Lloyd
Emily Medcalf  Doretta McCully  Ethan Lentzner  Audrey Dragt  Zoe Ames
McKenna Phillips  Allison Reed  Halle Medcalf  Evan Burton  Carter Moons
Anna Walhof  Teddy Smalley  Kendall Thomas  Kenna Hiemstra  Parker Jones
Carolina Rivera  Jenna Verkaik  Esther Vander Goot  Kathryn Dixon  Aubrey Bosma
Tyler Verhoeven  Samantha Heeringa  Carson Griffith

Magna Cum Laude (With Great Honor-GPA of 3.7-3.89):
Lauren Christmas  Kara Verhoeven  Grace VanDerKooi  Braden Winterowd  Riley McNiece
Paige Roark  Rhayana Atherton  Sydney Daily  Natalia Huntsman

Cum Laude (With Honor-GPA of 3.5-3.69):
Landon Segler  Alysha Rajsuk  Josh Noeske  Owen Olson  Connor Danell
Bailey Van Velson  Alicia Bergman  Megan Staton  Dominic Maxfield

Congratulations to our Academic Letter Recipients
for the 2021-2022 school year

An Academic Letter is earned by achieving High Honor Roll for 4 semesters and CSF membership for 3 semesters.

Spring Recipients:
Carolina Ruiz Rivera  Drew Bertussi  Caitlin Chea  Chapman Dunn
Bradley Hilarides  Jeffry Ritchie  Brooklyn Vander Tuig  Robyn Victoriano

Fall Recipients:
Katlee Altena  Jack Bothof  Caleb Callison  Angela Castillo
Annelise De Boer  Karlee De Groot  Grace De Jong  Mia Edwards
Isabelle Fisher  Eileen Fiss  Blake Gambini  Bennett Gann
Bella Keeley  Chandler Langmaack  Melody Miller  Andrew Morehead
Barrett Morris  Jon Oppedyk  Susan Phillips  Jenna Reed
Jordan Reynolds  Kenna Saltzman  Arthur Schaap  Preslee Schakel
Anthony Tartaglia  Kyle Taylor  Evan Unrath  Allie Van Hulzen
Maryn Van Woudenberg  Renee Vander Tuig  Erika VanderMaarl  Chloe Westra
Sierra Wilson  Zachary Zwart
Find and apply for as many scholarships as you can—
it’s free money for college or career school!

*Article retrieved on 2/14/2022: [https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships)*

Start researching early, and meet deadlines, and you may be on your way to scholarship success.

**What kinds of scholarships are available?**
- How do I find scholarships?
- When do I apply for scholarships?
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- How do I get my scholarship money?
- How does a scholarship affect my other student aid?

Scholarships are gifts. They don't need to be repaid. There are thousands of them, offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, and professional and social organizations.

**What kinds of scholarships are available?** Some scholarships for college are merit-based. You earn them by meeting or exceeding certain standards set by the scholarship-giver. Merit scholarships might be awarded based on academic achievement or on a combination of academics and a special talent, trait, or interest. Other scholarships are based on financial need.

Many scholarships are geared toward particular groups of people; for instance, there are scholarships for women or graduate students. And some are available because of where you or your parent work, or because you come from a certain background (for instance, there are scholarships for military families).

A scholarship might cover the entire cost of your tuition, or it might be a one-time award of a few hundred dollars. Either way, it’s worth applying for, because it’ll help reduce the cost of your education.

**How do I find scholarships?** You can learn about scholarships in several ways, including contacting the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend and checking information in a public library or online. But be careful. Make sure scholarship information and offers you receive are legitimate; and remember that you don't have to pay to find scholarships or other financial aid. Check out our information on how to avoid scams.

Try these free sources of information about scholarships:
- the financial aid office at a college or career school
- a high school or TRIO counselor
- the U.S. Department of Labor’s [FREE scholarship search tool](https://studentaid.gov/scholarships)
- federal agencies
- your state grant agency
- your library’s reference section
- foundations, religious or community organizations, local businesses, or civic groups
- organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest
- ethnicity-based organizations
- your employer or your parents’ employers

**When do I apply for scholarships?** That depends on each scholarship’s deadline. Some deadlines are as early as a year before college starts, so if you’re in high school now, you should be researching and applying for scholarships during the summer between your junior and senior years. But if you’ve missed that window, don’t give up! Look at scholarship information to see which ones you can still apply for now.

**How do I apply for scholarships?** Each scholarship has its own requirements. The scholarship’s website should give you an idea of who qualifies for the scholarship and how to apply. Make sure you read the application carefully, fill it out completely, and meet the application deadline.

**How do I get my scholarship money?** That depends on the scholarship. The money might go directly to your college, where it will be applied to any tuition, fees, or other amounts you owe, and then any leftover funds given to you. Or it might be sent directly to you in a check. The scholarship provider should tell you what to expect when it informs you that you’ve been awarded the scholarship. If not, make sure to ask.

**How does a scholarship affect my other student aid?** A scholarship will affect your other student aid because all your student aid added together can’t be more than your cost of attendance at your college or career school. So, you’ll need to let your school know if you’ve been awarded a scholarship so that the financial aid office can subtract that amount from your cost of attendance (and from certain other aid, such as loans, that you might have been offered). Then, any amount left can be covered by other financial aid for which you’re eligible. Questions? Ask your financial aid office.
WHY ATTEND A COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

There are lots of reasons to begin, continue, or complete your college education at a California community college. Here are some that may apply to you.

1. Increase Your Earning Power. College graduates make more money on average than high school graduates. In fact, many employers now hire only college graduates, even for entry-level positions. But that doesn't mean you need four years at a major university. Even if you plan to get a bachelor's degree, starting out at a community college may be your best choice for a number of reasons.

Salary Surfer, which can be viewed at salariesurfer.cccco.edu, displays median annual incomes for those who complete 179 of the most widely enrolled program areas and do not transfer to a four-year institution. The data show the median earnings for community college graduates two years prior to earning the award, then two years and five years after earning either a certificate or degree. An analysis of the data contained on Salary Surfer shows that students who complete an associate degree more than double their annual pre-degree earnings after two years in the workforce and nearly triple their pre-degree earnings after five years in the workforce.

2. Spend a Lot Less. Everyone knows that costs at four-year colleges are high and going higher. On the other hand, California community colleges have the lowest fees in the nation. Even if you can afford the cost of a four-year college, you've probably got other things you could spend that money on.

3. Take the Most Direct Route to the Job You Want. Spending four years getting a bachelor's degree may not be the route you want to take. Maybe you want to be a chef, a medical or dental assistant, or work in law enforcement. California community colleges offer lots of programs that can have you job-ready within two years or less.

4. Chart Your Educational Future. Some students enter college knowing exactly what they want to study, but many do not. If you're not sure about the educational path you want to follow, community colleges can help with career advisement and help you develop an education plan to assist you in reaching your goals on time.

5. Experience a Different Educational Environment. Even if your goal is a bachelor's degree, there are often good reasons for not spending four years at the same college. By first attending community college and then completing your degree at a four-year college, you'll have two college experiences instead of one. Your education will be broadened and enriched by two different student bodies, two different campuses, perhaps two different geographic regions—all of which will help prepare you for what comes after college.

6. Find Classes to Fit a Busy Schedule. Not everyone has the luxury of being "just" a college student. You may need to make college fit in with a job or family responsibilities. With classes in the evening, on weekends, and even online, community colleges offer the flexibility to help you proceed with your education while doing the other things you need to do in your life.

7. Go to College without Leaving Home. Almost anywhere you live in California, you'll find a community college within commuting distance that reflects the diversity of your community. If you're going directly from high school to college, community college gives you the option to continue living at home. This can help lower the cost of college, as well as let you focus on education rather than the lifestyle changes that come with going away to college.

8. Learn in Smaller Classes from Experienced Instructors. At four-year colleges, it's common for many of the classes you'll typically take in your first two years to be huge (sometimes more than 300 students), relatively impersonal, and conducted by teaching assistants rather than professors. At a community college, class sizes will be much smaller, and classes are taught by experienced instructors who can give you personal attention when you need it.

9. Get a Second Chance at Your Four-Year Choice. If, coming out of high school, you were not accepted by your chosen four-year college, that doesn't mean you can never go there. Find out from the four-year college or your community college transfer center what you can do to strengthen your admission application. Then prepare yourself at a community college for a successful admission application as a transfer student.
10 TIPS ON HOW TO STAY FOCUSED IN HIGH SCHOOL

Focusing on high school classes can be difficult if you don’t love every class, and you might find that it’s more interesting to talk with friends or keep up with your favorite television shows and social media accounts. Focusing at all right now, during a global pandemic, can also feel impossible.

However, it’s important to stay focused in high school so that you can learn what you need and graduate with the credentials you want to help you reach your future goals. Whether you are learning in person this year, online, or some hybrid of both, here are 10 tips on how to stay focused in high school. And actually, these tips will also help you in college and beyond.

1. **Identify your learning style.** One of the first steps toward knowing how you can stay focused in high school is to identify your unique learning style: auditory, visual, tactile/kinesthetic. Are you a more auditory learner and prefer to hear a lesson out loud? Or are you a more visual learner who needs to see words on a page or screen to understand a concept? Alternatively, do you learn better when you can apply lessons to hands-on experiences?

To identify your learning style, you can take an online quiz, ask your parents and teachers, or just sit with yourself and think about how you usually like to learn. If you notice that you have responded better to certain lessons in school, take note of how those lessons were taught. Making an inventory of successful learning moments will help you recognize your style of learning and also find ways to help augment your learning as a result.

Once you understand how you learn best, you can try to position yourself to learn this way. Even if your teacher doesn’t teach the way you like to learn, you can create ways to review material that activates this type of learning. For example, if you have to watch a lecture and hear a teacher’s words, make sure you also read the textbook or write notes as a visual learner to see the lesson’s content as well. You might also let your teachers know what you believe your learning style to be. They might not be able to accommodate you individually every time, but they will likely try to help however they can.

2. **Actively participate in class discussions.** Another great way to stay focused in your high school classes is to actively participate! This might seem obvious, but when you take an active role in class discussions, you will take more ownership over the material you’re learning. You will also be more likely to remember information and want to pay attention in class.

Some high school students will be in physical classrooms this year, while others will be online. Either way, make sure you take as many opportunities as possible to actively participate. This will likely help your grades, since participation is often part of those grades, but it will also help you stay engaged. As a result, you will enjoy your experience much more, and classes will speed by. Even if you’re normally shy, try to challenge yourself to participate however you can. Try writing down ideas that you think of while your teachers or classmates are speaking, so you can read your notes if you’re nervous about speaking in public. Writing notes will also help you remember material and make your own personal connections to it.

3. **Create a productive learning environment for yourself.** Whether you are at home, at a neighbor’s house, in a community center, or in a classroom environment to take high school classes this year, make sure to create a learning environment for yourself that will be productive. Of course, you don’t always have a lot of control over your learning environment, but exert whatever control you can. This might mean you sit near the front of the room in the classroom, make sure you aren’t sitting next to a friend who will distract you, or situate yourself in front of a window to make you feel more comfortable.

You can also keep inspiring quotes or photos around you to remind you to pay attention as you learn. Make sure that, even if you’re at home, you have a chair that allows you to sit upright and is comfortable but not so comfortable that you want to nap. Do whatever you can to keep your learning area clean and organized. All of these tactics will help you to be more productive and pay attention in high school, either in an in-person or online format.

4. **Take notes.** As previously mentioned, taking notes will help you to remember material and also allow you to connect personally to the material. However, don’t just take notes to take notes. Find a way to take notes that makes sense to you so that you can read them later and understand what you’ve written. Make diagrams, write in bullet points, or use color-coded pens. You can even draw pictures if that helps you understand and remember content.

However you take notes, you should find a way that works best for you and will allow you to use your notes to review material for tests at a later date.

5. **Preview and review material.** Previewing material before class and reviewing material after class will also help your focus in high school. If you know what your lesson is going to be about, consider looking over any classroom material prior to your class or even doing some of your own research online. This will prime your brain to learn and understand the material and might even give you some talking points for class discussions.
Another strategy is to review material you've learned right after class is over. This tactic will help you solidify that information in your mind and allow you to process what you've learned. This doesn't have to take long, just five minutes or so after a class, but you'll be surprised how effective it can be.

6. Keep a calendar for assignments and deadlines. While you're in high school, it's easy to rely on parents or teachers to help you remember important deadlines. But you will focus much better if you keep track of all of that information on your own.

Keep a calendar, whether on an electronic device or in a physical planner, to help you remember when assignments are due. This will train you for your future as a college student and/or employee and will help you take control of your own destiny while in high school.

If you use your phone to keep track of deadlines, you can even set reminders to study or review material. These reminders will help keep you on the right track while you're wading through your high school lessons.

7. Eliminate distractions. In a digital society, eliminating distractions seems impossible. However, if you want tips on how to focus in high school, this is probably the most important one to consider as a starting point.

Though you might think you’re multitasking when you text a friend or check social media while learning, studies have shown that you can’t actually multitask.

Instead, you can only focus on one task at a time. So, if you receive a text or social media notification during class, your attention will inevitably be diverted to that notification.

To avoid these types of distractions, keep your phone out of your learning space. Turn off social media notifications during class. You can even download anti-distraction apps to block distractions from ever getting to you in the first place.

8. Practice healthy habits. Keeping up with your health is an important area of focus no matter how old you are or in what year of school. When your body is functioning properly, your mind will focus better, and you will be better equipped to stay on task during your high school classes.

Get plenty of sleep, drink water, and eat healthy meals. Take time in hours when you’re not in classes or other activities to exercise. Meditate if you need to quiet your mind.

Essentially, follow all the healthy habits that you’ve heard about over time. Though making healthy choices does not always feel fun, your body and brain will thank you. And, you will definitely be more focused in high school.

9. Make connections. You will also stay more focused in high school if you make connections.

Make connections between your lessons and the world around you. Find ways to relate class concepts to your own life or examples in the news. This will help you remember material and also likely spark your passion for a topic. Learning should not just be about getting high grades and preparing for a future in college or the workplace; learning should also be fun.

Make connections with your teachers and classmates as well. Especially during a global pandemic, personal connections are important. Remember that your teachers and classmates are human beings with feelings, fears, and goals as well. This will help you enjoy the high school experience much more and allow you to lead with empathy as you participate in your classes.

10. Keep your future goals in mind. Finally, you will inevitably focus much more in high school if you keep your future goals at the forefront of your mind. Why does doing well in high school matter to you? What do you hope to achieve when you graduate? Do you have a target college or internship?

Write down your future goals and keep them close to your workspace during classes. These goals will remind you why you want to focus on high school, even when that can feel difficult.

All the work you’re doing now will be worth the effort in the future when you reach your goals! That should be motivation enough to stay focused. You’ve got this!
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS

- **Flavorful Futures**: Sparkling Ice is providing five-$5,000.00 scholarships for students who are graduating seniors, US citizens, and have a GPA of at least a 2.5. **The deadline to apply is March 15, 2022 and the application is available at**: https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/flavorfulfutures

- **Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California, Inc.**: A scholarship opportunity for a high school senior who is of Portuguese descent, has a minimum, cumulative GPA of 3.5, and is planning to attend a community college, four-year college or trade school. **The application is available at**: http://www.cabrillocivicclubs.org/scholarship.asp and is due by March 15, 2022.

- **California Women for Agriculture Scholarship**: Two scholarship opportunities-A $1,000.00 scholarship for 4-year university bound students and a $500.00 scholarship for a community college bound student. Students applying for one of these scholarships must have a minimum 3.4 GPA. **Access the current application at**: https://www.centralvalleycwa.org/scholarships. **The deadline is March 11th.**

- **P.P.A.V. Scholarship**: Scholarship for a senior who is of Portuguese decent and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Application is attached and **due by March 31, 2022.**

- **Sons of Italy Scholarships**: Scholarship applications are attached, and the deadline is February 28, 2022.

- **Tulare County Cattlemen’s Association Scholarship**: This scholarship application is attached and is due by March 1, 2022.

- **Tulare County Dairywomen Scholarship**: Scholarship application is attached and due by March 1, 2022.

- **Italian Catholic Federation**: Scholarship available for students who are either 1) Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent or 2) Roman Catholic-but does not need to be of Italian descent. The application can be found at: http://www.icf.org/scholarships/ and is **due by March 15, 2022.**

- **Ruiz 4 Kids Scholarship – it’s finally open!**: This scholarship is available for a graduating senior and is due by **Friday, March 19, 2022.** The application must include a copy of your transcript, letter of recommendation, resume, essay and a signed consent form. You can find the application at: http://ruiz4kids.org/scholarships/.

- **Tos Family Foundation Scholarship** is offering a scholarship opportunity for a student who will be attending Calvin College. (Those attending another Christian college that also teaches from a Christian Reformed perspective may be considered to receive this scholarship.) **Apply for this scholarship asap**: http://www.bltosfoundation.org/apply_now.html

- ****Scholarship is also available for student who will be pursuing a degree in Agriculture at one of the following colleges: Fresno State, U.C. Davis, or Cal Poly (SLO)

- **Tulare County Farm Bureau** is offering multiple scholarships available for students pursuing an ag-related major at a 2-year or 4-year college. Applications are **due by March 1, 2022** and can be found at http://www.tulcofb.org/index.php?page=formScholarshipIntro

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:

**Career Cruising’s Financial Aid Search:**
www.careercruising.com (Username: cvc Password: cavaliers)
- Then log onto your account with your own Username and Password.
- Click on the Financial Aid tab and complete the Financial Aid Selector to begin looking for scholarships to apply for. You can also search for scholarships by using the **Keyword Search.**

**Fastweb’s Scholarship Directory:** https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/fastweb-scholarship-directory?utm_source=solo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20210217_EDU

**Collegeboard:** https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER ADVENTURES!

UCLA Summer Programs: [https://summer.ucla.edu/student-types/high-school-students/](https://summer.ucla.edu/student-types/high-school-students/)

UCSC Summer Sessions: [https://summer.ucsc.edu/how-to-enroll/high-school-summer-start.html](https://summer.ucsc.edu/how-to-enroll/high-school-summer-start.html)

USC Summer Programs: [https://summerprogusc.edu/rams](https://summerprogusc.edu/rams)

Berkeley Summer Sessions: [https://summer.berkeley.edu/student-types/high-school-students](https://summer.berkeley.edu/student-types/high-school-students)

UCSB Pre-Colleges Summer Program: [https://summer.ucsb.edu/programs/pre-college](https://summer.ucsb.edu/programs/pre-college)

UCSD Pre-College Summer Programs: [https://extension.ucsd.edu/courses-and-programs/pre-college](https://extension.ucsd.edu/courses-and-programs/pre-college)

Summer Programs in California: [https://www.teenlife.com/category/summer/summer-programs-california/](https://www.teenlife.com/category/summer/summer-programs-california/)

Free Summer Programs for High School Students: This list includes dozens of different opportunities to research! [https://xscholarship.com/free-summer-programs-for-high-school-students/](https://xscholarship.com/free-summer-programs-for-high-school-students/)

2022 Guide to Summer Programs for High School Students: Article can be retrieved here: [https://www.collegetransitions.com/blog/summer-programs/](https://www.collegetransitions.com/blog/summer-programs/)

**STEPS TO APPLY TO COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS**

(Concurrent High School Student)

If you are planning to stay close to home this summer, you could get a jump-start on earning college credits through CÔS! If you are interested in this and want advice on which class to take, please schedule an appointment with me soon.

1. Create an account at: [https://www.opencccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=561](https://www.opencccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=561)
2. Once your account is created, you will then complete the application to COS for Summer/Fall 2022 as a concurrent high school student.
3. After you submit your application, you should receive a confirmation email that your application was received. Then within a day or so, an email that you have been accepted.
4. You will need a *Concurrent High School Permission Form* from me showing which class(es) you are hoping to enroll in - which I will have available for you after the above steps are completed by you and we know which class(es) you hope to register for.
5. The permission form will need to be completed by you and one of your parents - then taken to the Admissions office at COS. When the form is dropped off, make sure to ask when you would be able to attempt to register as a concurrent high school student.
6. Once your date of registration comes around, you should be ready to log into your MyGiants account and attempt to enroll in a class.