

The background of the entire image is a dense, top-down view of various green leaves, likely from a tropical plant like a Philodendron. The leaves are in various shades of green, from dark forest green to bright lime green, and their veins are clearly visible. They are packed closely together, creating a textured, organic pattern.

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FAFSA/COLLEGE

PARENT NIGHT

(THE WHAT WHY AND HOW)

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Objectives

Parents will understand:



- the importance of FSA-ID and FAFSA, understanding why they are vital for college financial aid.
- how acquire the skills to create FSA-IDs and complete the FAFSA, enabling them to assist their children in accessing financial aid for college



Introduction

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**Seek to understand them to
try to figure out why they do what
they do.**

Father Forgets
By W. Livingston Larned



What

FSA-ID and FAFSA

FSA-ID



- Username and password combination
- Use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems
- Your legal signature
- No one created or used by anyone
- Use your FSA-ID every year



FAFSA



- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Used by the federal government to determine a family's eligibility for grants, work-study, and loans to pay for college.
- States, individual colleges and universities, and private scholarship programs also use information from the FAFSA to make financial aid decisions.
- Funding is often granted on a first-come, first-serve basis



Why

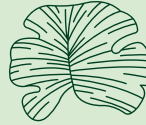
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OPM #1

Grants



OPM #2

Financial
Aid/Scholarships



OPM #3

Merit Based/Work
Study

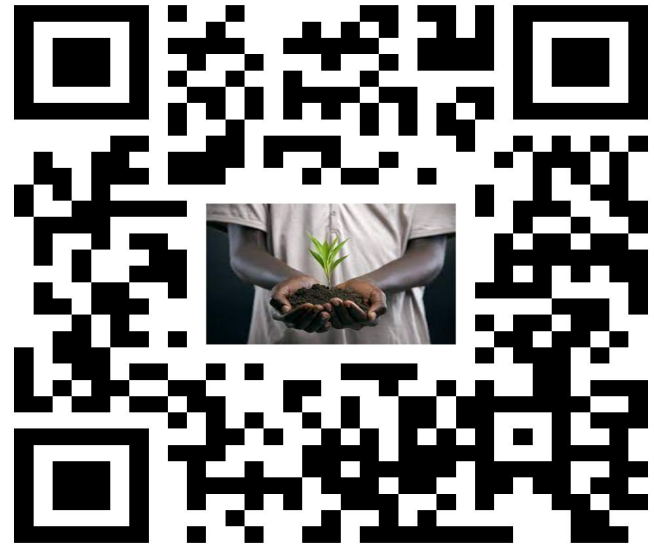




How

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Parent One-Pager



September

- Get familiar with Naviance
- Mark your calendar with registrations, admissions, and financial aid deadlines
- Individual Senior meeting with College & Career Counselor, Ms. Aldrete
- Complete letter of recommendation brag sheet
- 9/14- HARD DEADLINE FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS**
- Organize college application deadlines; continue to revise essays and supplements
- Register to retake the [ACT](#), [SAT](#) in October, November, or December. Confirm testing requirements via university websites. Keep in mind, UC/CSU are not requiring the ACT/SAT.
- Start working on Early Decision/Action Applications.
- Look at virtual tours of college campuses online or schedule a visit in-person.

October

- CSU applications are open on (10/1) - Begin application but don't press submit
- Begin filling out [CSS](#) profile forms, if applicable, (use 2022 tax information) and submit by college deadlines
- Senior Individual Meetings continue with Ms. Aldrete
- Retake [ACT](#), [SAT](#), if appropriate
- Complete college essays and writing supplements
- Finalize colleges on "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list on Naviance and move them over to "Colleges I'm Applying To"
- Begin working on Common App, Common Black College Application and out of state applications, if applicable
- Continue to work on UC and CSU applications
- Continue applying for scholarships
- Monday 10/23, Tuesday 10/24- Final Early Action/Decision app check**
- 10/25- UC Irvine Field Trip**

November

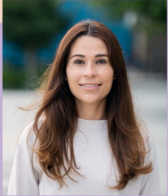
- EARLY DECISION /EARLY ACTION applications must be submitted by the November 1st or November 15th deadlines (includes application, supplements, tests and supporting credentials)**
- Retake [ACT](#), [SAT](#) and subject tests (if necessary)- do the best that you can!
- Check for emails and mail from CSUs and setting up portals and accounts
- Wednesday 11/15- "Press Submit Event": submit all your college applications during this event**
- Confirm with the testing boards (collegeboard.org or act.org) that all tests scores are sent to the colleges
- Follow up with colleges/check portals to verify that all applications and credentials have been received
- Continue to perform strong academic work! Colleges will be looking at semester and final year grades for admission
- CSU and UC application closing date (11/30)**

December

- Date TBD: FAFSA 2024-2025 application opens!**
- Da Vinci Schools Financial Aid Night Webinar: Information will be sent out via DVC blog**
- December 11th- Submit your 2024-2025 FAFSA application**
- If admitted Early Decision, withdraw all other college applications
- Finalize Common App applications and Common Black College Application
- Continue to check emails and mail from CSUs and set up portals and accounts
- Continue to research and apply for scholarships
- Report your best test scores to your colleges
 - o Private and out of state colleges – you must report individually

Stay Connected!

COUNSELOR APPOINTMENTS



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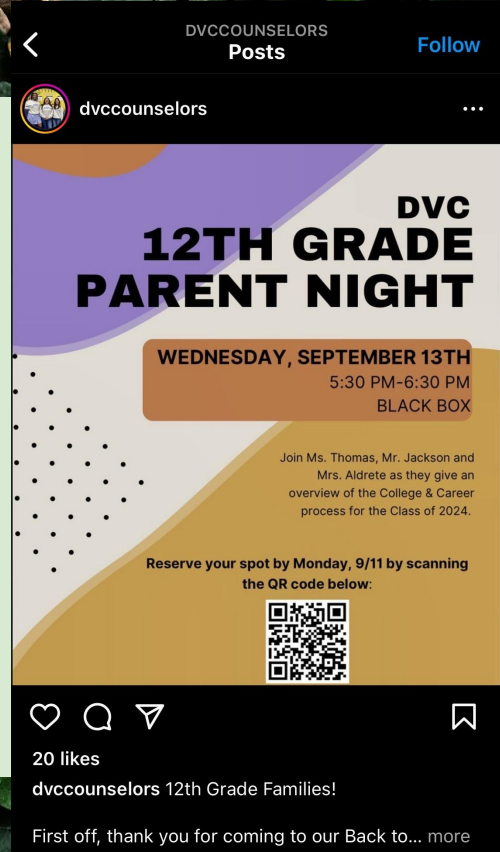
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Q & A