

# SENIOR PARENTS! AN IMPORTANT INVITATION TO TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE AUDITORIUM ON:

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 7:00-8:30 Choosing A College/College Admissions/Cal State System Admissions

Getting Admitted to College - Steps in the college admission/application process – Learn how to successfully apply! Includes applications, test scores, transcripts, housing, recommendations, essays, interviews, notifications, wait lists, deposits.

Materials on factors to be considered in choosing a college will be provided. Emphasis on choosing the most comfortable, conducive atmosphere for satisfaction and success and a good match of school's academic profile and student's academic ability, achievements, motivation and work ethic. Guidance on admission to the recently much more competitive Cal State University system including San Diego State University. A bibliography of recommended resource materials will also be provided.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 7:00-8:30 University Of California and Highly Selective College Admissions

Provides a survey of the UC campuses and a step by step review of the UC application procedures. The scoring rubric for UC applications will be discussed to enable participants to maximize the impact of their UC application. This includes writing guidelines for the UC personal statement as well as how to best complete segments of the application on honors and awards, extracurricular activities, and volunteer work/ community service. Materials and presentation will enable participants to maximize their students' prospects of admission to each desired campus.

Only 100 colleges are in the MOST competitive category, (admitting less than a third of applicants) but top students nationwide are all applying to them making admission extremely selective. Presentation and materials focus on how to develop a winning strategy for admission to highly selective schools.

### ***BOTH NIGHTS WILL CONCLUDE WITH A BRIEF FINANCIAL AID***

***OVERVIEW*** If you are one of the many families wondering about how to pay for college ... Find out if you are eligible and how your eligibility impacts your choice of college. You will be given valuable handout materials that include internet resources to use in determining your eligibility for need-based aid. Topics included:

WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID? –

Two primary categories: Merit-based awards and need-based awards

The all-important Estimated Family Contribution –

**How to calculate it and how to use it in college planning**

Sample College Budgets    Financial Aid Packages    Financial Aid Websites