Not the Senior Year You Signed up for.....

A Letter to the Class of 2020

-Chris Dier, 2020 LA Teacher of the Year
Now What?

There is a lot to think about when considering your plans for next year.

You’re not alone - Recent Poll found 1 in 6 seniors are re-thinking their plans!

Your counselor can help

Reach out to your counselor to talk through all of these good options:

- **Gap Year**
- Part-time 4-year college
- 2-year community college
- Certificate/training program
- Work full-time

![Bar chart showing options and their percentages:]

- Take a "gap year": 35%
- Enroll in bachelor's part-time: 35%
- Enroll in associate's degree or community college: 7%
- Work full-time: 6%
- Enroll in certificate or apprenticeship program: 4%
- Don't know: 13%

*Changed plans due to COVID-19, 17%*
Making Decisions

If you’re still looking at your admission offers, this article by Brennan Barnard recently published in Forbes highlights new factors worth considering.

As a service to students and families, the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is providing this online tool as a central resource for information about changes in college admission events, deposit dates, and more as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.
“Visiting” Colleges

Search this **AMAZING list** to find all of the virtual ways you can explore college campuses and programs.

Additional Websites where you can do virtual campus tours:

- YouVisit
- CampusTours
- YOUniversity
- CampusReel
Financial Aid

The financial picture for many families may have changed as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. We encourage you to contact the financial aid office at each of the colleges you are still considering.

Use this guide to understand your financial aid award letter and how to write a letter of appeal.

Recognizing that this is an uncertain time for students and their families, 100's of colleges have changed their deposit deadline from May 1st to June 1st.

Episode 9 of College Admissions Decoded podcast features NACAC member-experts in conversations that speak directly to parents and families to help understand their financial aid awards.
Taking this time to explore and apply for scholarships can also be a great reminder that there is much to look forward to in the coming months.

The first place to start your search is Naviance - use these step-by-step instructions to help with your search.

We also have taken a lot of leg work out of finding the best Scholarship Search Sites available, and have provided brief descriptions of each site.

If you used the Common Application you will see a new feature - Financial Aid Resources - where you can sign up for more scholarships.
Ready to Launch a Career Now?

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Automotive and Machine Repair
- Construction
- Finance and Business
- Healthcare
- Homeland Security
- Hospitality
- Information Technology
- Renewable Resources and Energy
- Transportation

Interested in any of these high-demand industries?

How about free training AND tuition-free housing, meals, basic health care, a living allowance, and career transition assistance?

JobCorps is a great option to position you for a high paying job upon completion of the program with no student debt. Contact your counselor for details.
MontcoWorksNOW

MontcoWorks promotes a thriving workforce system by ensuring that businesses have access to skilled workers and that job seekers obtain employment with a sustainable wage. Program offers:

- Career Readiness & Job Search Workshops
- PA CareerLink® Enrollment
- Targeted Recruitment Events and Job Fairs
- Career Counseling & Access to Career Exploration Data
- Career Interests & Skills Assessments
- Training Opportunities (based on eligibility)
- Information On Training Providers
- Access to the Career Resource Center
Careers in Demand

Technology

Healthcare

60 Companies Hiring Right Now

High Demand Industries
1,100,000

# of nursing professionals needed by 2022 according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
AP Exams - what to expect

The College Board continues to provide updated information on opportunities to prepare for the revised exams on their AP YouTube Channel.

Reach out to your AP teachers and counselor with any questions.