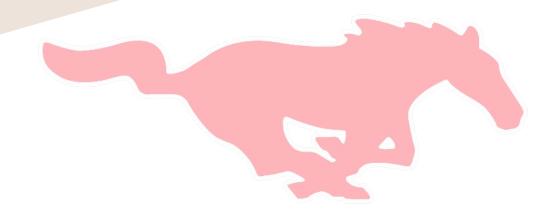
Where does your path lead?

While it may appear like the stampede is headed in one direction, it's important for each Mustang to forge their own path!



Optional Pathways

Many students pursue a traditional 4-year college path after high school. However, that is not the only option available to high school graduates. Choosing a path that's right for you is important and this information was gathered to share the various options. This is a small collection of resources to help you learn more. Please speak to your alpha counselor or the College & Career Counselor if you have additional questions after reviewing these slides.

- Community College
- Military
- Trade Schools
- Apprenticeship Programs

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Workforce
- Gap Year
- Specialty Programs @ 4 year schools

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

There are 1.8 million students attending 116 California community colleges.

Advantages to choosing a Community College

- Close to home/live at home
- Lighter coursework especially compared to quarter system at 4 year universities
- Smaller class sizes than big colleges/universities
- Flexible scheduling allowing for work or other commitments
- Students may earn an associates degree in 2 years
- Students have the option to earn certificates within some fields
- Options to transfer to a 4 year school through Transfer Agreements (see slides 7 & 8)
- Ease of applying no ACT/SAT, application essays
- Cost California College Promise Program provides free tuition to students who are California residents, first time students, and attend California community colleges for the first two years of their education and maintain a C average. Not all community colleges provide free tuition as part of the California College Promise Program. Check the school's website.

For more information, check out the California Community College website.

https://www.ccco.edu/

Local Community Colleges

Diablo Valley College

https://www.dvc.edu

6,700 students 100% acceptance rate

Apply to DVC

- Submit application online using CCCApply at least 2 weeks prior to registration.
- 2. Submit official transcripts to the Admissions and Records Office.
- 3. Register for classes through InSite on or after your assigned registration date.
- 4. Pay fees.
- 5. Obtain a DVC student identification card.

Steps after applying

https://www.dvc.edu/future/steps/high-school-senior.html

Check out DVC Learning Communities https://www.dvc.edu/current/learning-community/index.html

Las Positas College

http://www.laspositascollege.edu

8,000 students 100% acceptance rate

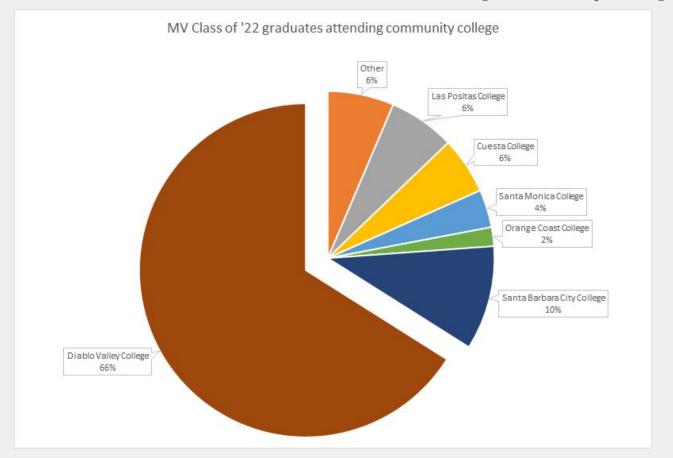
Apply to Las Positas

- 1. Apply for admission
- 2. Login to Class Web and active mail
- 3. Complete online orientation
- 4. Take assessment/placement
- Meet with counselor to complete student education plan
- 6. Register for classes & pay fees

Steps after applying

https://www.laspositascollege.edu/stepstosuccess/newstudent.php

109 students from MV Class of 2022 are attending community college



4 year school still a goal? Approx 80,000 community college students transfer to UCs or CSUs each year.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) Program

The TAG program offers California Community College students guaranteed admission to participating UC campuses. Students can apply for TAG one year prior to admission if they meet the following criteria:

- Completion of 30 UC transferable units by end of the summer prior to the fall semester when you will be filing an application.
- Meet English and Math requirements as indicated in the TAG matrix (requirements may vary by campus)
- Meet GPA requirements as indicated in the TAG matrix (requirements may vary by campus)
- Have at least 60 UC transferable units completed by the time you would start at the UC

Six of the UC schools participate in the TAG Program:

UC DAVIS
UC RIVERSIDE
UC IRVINE
UC SANTA BARBARA
UC MERCED
UC SANTA CRUZ

Tag application can be submitted to only 1 UC school.

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-admission-quarantee-tag.html

CCC-Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT or Degree with Guarantee)

Students who meet the CSU's minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed priority admission to a CSU campus (though not necessarily to a particular campus or major) Requirements include:

- have earned or be completing an approved Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) at the time you apply;
- have completed a minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis and an approved set of general-education requirements;
- submit your application for admission to CSU campuses for an open term by the published deadline;
- submit all requested transcripts and documents by published deadlines;
- meet CSU admission eligibility requirements for the programs to which you are applying; and
- comply with any other prescribed admission requirements.

https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/pages/ccc-associate-degree-for-transfer.aspx#:~:text=When%20you%20earn%20an%20Associate.or%20major%20is%20not%20quaranteed).

Requirements for STEM majors vary. Refer to website link to the left.

U.S. MILITARY

Enlisting in the military right after high school is an option for 18 year olds, or 17 year olds with parental consent.

Pros to joining the military after high school

- Improve your leadership and teamwork skills
- Provide a structured and disciplined way of doing things
- Build character in a real world setting
- Gain hands-on education and job training in areas a classroom can't provide
- Access money for college tuition, supplies, textbooks and housing through the Post-9/11 GI Bill®

Learn more about joining the military. https://www.usa.gov/join-military#item-214225

Branches of the U.S. Military



U.S. AIR FORCE (USAF) https://www.airforce.com/



U.S. MARINES (USMC) https://rmi.marines.com/



U.S. ARMY(USA) https://www.army.mil/



U.S. NAVY (USN) https://www.navy.com/



U.S. COAST GUARD (USGC) https://www.uscq.mil/



U.S. SPACE FORCE https://www.spaceforce.mil/

Military recruiters visit the Monte Vista campus. Check Naviance for dates of those visits. Or search for a recruitment office nearby. https://usmilitary.com/military-recruiter-near-me/

U.S. Navy Experience of Class of 2021 Graduate

In the Fall of my son's senior year, he decided he wanted to enlist in the Navy. With an uncle in the Army and grandfather having served in the Coast Guard, my son was familiar with the military and felt it would be the best path for him. He went to the recruiting center in Livermore to discuss his options and the training programs available. The recruiter also gave us an overview of the program.

During his senior year, my son participated in the pre-boot camp program that helped him physically prepare for boot camp. After high school graduation in June 2021, he went to boot camp for 8 weeks. After the successful completion of boot camp, he went to additional training and graduated from both Rescue Swimmer School and Flight Crew School. He is now doing his Air Rescue training and will graduate this Fall. His goal is to be stationed in Japan as an Air Rescue sailor.

I noticed a change in his voice the moment I heard him on the phone during his first phone call home after being at Boot Camp for three weeks. I could hear in his voice how much more mature he sounded and happy. It has been a year and a half since he left home for Boot Camp. He is definitely not the same person that left here. He is so much more mature and responsible for his actions. He has accomplished so much in the short time that he has been in the military. He continues to progress in the challenging air rescue training, when so many others have moved to alternative areas for training. He is so determined and he is very happy. This was the right path for him.

Dr. Ahern's Experience

My second oldest son enlisted in the Navy directly out of high school. Six weeks after his graduation, he was off to Boot Camp in Great Lakes, Illinois which he followed up with an additional ten weeks of specialized training. To our surprise, he opted to become a corpsman in the Marine Corps.

Our son was then stationed at Camp Pendleton where he received combat medic training. Next, he headed to Iraq where he served in his capacity as a Navy Corpsman in a MASH unit. After his tour, our son returned to Camp Pendleton where he finished out his military career after four years.

He received a significant amount of money for college, so he was quickly able to enroll in a college and obtain his medical assistant certification. He has now worked in several hospitals in the Sacramento area and settled into the Kaiser system as an ER Tech. In addition, he was able to purchase a home using his VA loan.

Our son's willingness to serve in the Navy and Marine Corps gave him a pathway into college and home ownership. We are so proud of him and all of the great things he has accomplished.

TRADE SCHOOLS

Trade schools provide an option for students to focus on a specific skill or trade. The programs, which are typically 2 year or less, provide lots of hands-on training and practical skills.

Trade schools offer programs in the fields of healthcare, technology, legal services, and professional trades like construction, plumbing, welding, and electrical.

Benefits of Trade School

- Lower cost
- Faster graduation timeline
- Streamlined training
- Fewer admission requirements
- Small class sizes
- Real-world experience
- Job assistance
- Preparation for in-demand careers

Trade Industries

Some common trade occupations and industries include the following:

- Computer and Information Technology
- Construction
- Radiation Therapist
- Electrician
- Elevator Installation and Repair
- Air Traffic Controller
- Home Inspector
- Dental Hygienist
- Licensed Practical Nurse

In Demand Trade Skills

	Average salary
Residential electrician	\$60,040
2. Plumber	\$59,880
3. HVACR technician	\$48,630
4. Construction/carpentry	\$48,260
5. Industrial engineering technician	\$60,220
6. Auto mechanic	\$46,880
7. Diesel mechanic	\$48,690
8. Landscape designer	\$51,857

California has some of the highest-paid tradespeople in the nation. Additionally, growth within some trades is expected to be as much at 19% from 2020 to 2030 based on projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

California Department of Industrials Relations list of approved schools for the electrician and building industries. https://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSE/ECU/ListOfApprovedSchoolsDetail.html#135

Learning Trades While in High School

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Classes are designed to help students learn about career choices, develop job skills, and gain skills useful in college. Most classes can be taken for one or two periods, and some include internships.

SRVUSD students have options while in high school to explore specific trades or career fields through the CTE courses offered at each of the four high schools. Check out the district information about CTE or the course catalog to learn more.

CTE link

https://www.srvusd.net/Students-and-Families/Student-Resources/College--Career-Readiness/Career-Technical-Education/index.html

High School Course Catalog

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dMu0l83xBMfkPS_2D-BW54yKCggNwd2Tg4rp6b6tfKY/edit

Additionally, SRVUSD has formed a partnership with Las Positas College to offer the **Welding Certificate Program**. 11th and 12th grade students may apply for this dual enrollment program which would allow them TO earn a general welding certificate by the time they graduate from high school.

 $\frac{https://www.srvusd.net/Students-and-Families/Student-Resources/College--Care}{er-Readiness/Las-Positas-College-Welding-Program/index.html}$

Trade Unions

There are many trade unions to support workers through the process of ensuring on-the-job safety precautions and pay and benefit negotiations. Below is a list of the local trade unions.

Electrical Workers, Local 6 - https://ibew6.org/index.cfm

Elevator Constructors, Local 8 - https://www.iuec8.org/

Teamsters 856 - https://teamsters856.org/

Department for Professional Employees (DPE) -

https://www.dpeaflcio.org/about

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace

Workers - http://local1781.org/index.php/contactabout/

Bricklayers, Local 3 - http://www.bac3-ca.org/bac3ca-team/

California Building Officials - https://www.calbo.org/contact-us

Carpenters and Joiners of America Local Union No. 22 -

http://www.local22.org/contact.html

Professional Finishers, District Council 16 -

https://www.dc16iupat.org/

Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons, Local 300 -

http://www.opcmialocal300.org/

International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers,

Local 21 - https://ifpte21.org/contact/

Ironworkers, Local 377 - https://www.ironworkers377.com/

Operating Engineers, Local 3 -

https://www.oe3.org/california-contact/

Piledrivers, Local 34 - https://piledriverslocal34.org/contact

Plasterers and Shophands, Local 66 -

https://www.pl66.org/office-locations/contact-us/

Roofers and Waterproofers, Local 40 -

http://www.rooferslocal40.org/

Sheet Metal Workers, Local 104 -

https://www.smw104.org/contactUs/

Stationary Engineers, Local 39 - www.local39.org

United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 38 -

https://www.ualocal38.org/

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

An apprenticeship is a career path that combines paid employment with classroom instruction. You'll 'earn while you learn' new skills through on-the-job training and coursework at a community college or trade school. Apprentice programs can last from 1-6 years and provide a nationally-recognized credential upon completion.

Apprenticeships can be found in the following industries:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- ► Agriculture
- ► Care Economy (including Social Services and Education)
- ▶ Construction
- ► Cybersecurity
- ► Energy
- ► Financial Services

- ▶ Healthcare
 - ▶ Hospitality
 - ► Information Technology
 - ▶ Public Service
 - ▶ Telecommunications
 - ► Transportation

To learn more or search for apprenticeships, check out the following: https://www.apprenticeship.gov https://www.apprenticeship.gov https://www.apprenticeship.gov

Internships While in High School

Monte Vista College & Career Counselor

Monthly newsletters provide a list of available internship opportunities.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xALhzQWjN2BSGQ02ffOtmJyEizE4dwul

Monte Vista iQuest course

The goal of the iQuest program is to create a meaningful educational experience that enables seniors in high school to explore an interest or passion. Students have the option of participating in an internship, work experience, or a project that will provide practical experience to enhance their high school education beyond the traditional classroom. This course also helps students with career planning, resume writing and interview skills.

For more information about the iQuest program, view this video:



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering allows people to gain new experiences and skills while also helping worthwhile causes or people in need. There are volunteer opportunities within the US and around the world which provide an opportunity to gain transferable skills employers value, such as teamwork, leadership, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

Peace Corp

The Peace Corps provides a service opportunity for motivated changemakers to immerse themselves in a community abroad, working side by side with local leaders to tackle the most pressing challenges of our generation. https://www.peacecorps.gov

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects over 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet community needs in education, the environment, public safety, health, and homeland security. https://americorps.gov

WORKFORCE

There are many entry level jobs available for individuals with a high school diploma. A few industries that don't require a college degree but do require specific training, certification or specialized licensing are:

- Firefighter
- Police officer
- Airline Pilot
- Insurance Agent
- Pharmacy Technician
- Real Estate Agent
- Positions with the State of California

https://www.calhr.ca.gov/Documents/wfp-recruitment-flyer-high-school-diploma-jobs.pdf

Many community colleges offer certificate programs including Contra Costa College. https://www.contracosta.edu/classes/degrees-certificates/

Fire Fighting

San Ramon Valley Fire District

https://www.firedepartment.org/our-district/human-resources/becoming-a-firefighter

Basic requirements for becoming a firefighter:

- possess a valid State of California Paramedic license with ACLS certification
- be 18 years old
- received a high school diploma (or GED)
- be a citizen of the United States
- possess a valid California driver's license

Associate of Science Degree Fire Service Technology

http://www.laspositascollege.edu/FST/index.php

Chabot College Fire Technology Program

https://www.chabotfire.com/

Police Officer

Contra Costa County Sheriff Dept

https://www.joincocosheriff.org/deputy-sheriff-recruit?useYB=1,3&cam=ppc-g-mi 34018-c796768-g2573951-&ClickAttributionId=CjwKCAjw5dqgBhBNEiwA7PryaA, Si_4QjU-xTbEPTLiYxNb2e1EMt2RKuQksJC_72330k3qCqdR3ShoCaZ0QAvD_BwE

California has 509 law enforcement agencies across the state. Most require a candidate to be 21 years of age to apply.

Requirements to apply for a position with Contra Costa County Sheriff Dept

- Valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License
- High school diploma, G.E.D. equivalency, or California high school proficiency certificate.
- 21 years of age or older at time of appointment
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law.
- 20/20 uncorrected each eye; corrected to 20/30 each eye.
- Must not have suffered a hearing loss of over 25 decibels in the 500, 1000, and 2000 frequency ranges for each ear.
- Ability to meet such health standards established by the County Medical Consultant.

A thorough background investigation including a polygraph examination, a medical examination, and psychological testing shall be conducted according to the specifications of the State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Once a candidate is accepted, they must complete the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) approved police academy, which involves 26 weeks of intensive academic instruction combined with rigorous physical fitness training.

GAP YEAR

"A semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one's practical, professional, and personal awareness." Gap Year Association

While a gap year may be expensive, especially if significant travel is involved, it can also provide one with an experience that may not be found in college. It may include volunteering, participating in an internship, exploring new countries and cultures, or gaining experience that may lead to the field of study in college.

There are a significant number of resources available about taking a gap year. Below are a few that we suggest. You can also find companies that provide gap year services and experiences.

https://www.gapyearassociation.org/what-is-a-gap-year-2/

https://blog.collegeboard.org/what-gap-year

https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/what-a-gap-year-is-and-how-it-prepares-students-for-college

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS

Specialized schools are those that focus on a particular field such as art, music, film, business, or a particular sport. The schools listed to the right are exampleS of the variety of specializations.

<u>Academy of Art University</u> – San Francisco, California. Specialization: **Art and design**

<u>Berkeley College</u> – New York, New York. *Specialization:* **Business and professional studies**

<u>Bishops Gate Golf Academy</u> – Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. Specialization: **Advanced junior and college golf training**

<u>Green Mountain College</u> – Poultry, Vermont. *Specialization: Environmental, social and economic sustainability*

<u>Hult International Business School</u> – San Francisco, Boston and New York. *Specialization: Global business school*

Menlo College – Atherton, California. Specialialization: Business education with a strong liberal arts emphasis

<u>Musicians Institute</u> – Hollywood, California. *Specialization:*Contemporary music and entertainment related programs

New York Film Academy – New York, New York. Specialization: Film and acting school

Focusing on the Arts

You can find many art based programs at both specialty schools or conservatories, as well as traditional 4 year colleges. An important piece when researching schools is for the student to know what their main concentration will be. For music, is it vocal music, instrumental music, music composition, musical theater, sound recording technology, etc.? For art, is it drawing, sculpting, graphic design, painting, etc.? Depending on the chosen concentration, you can narrow the list to schools that meet that focus or rank highly within that concentration.

One of the most common recommendations is that students wanting to focus on pursuing the arts after high school is to start early. Ideally, start researching during sophomore year to understand what the application requirements will be. Many programs are small and can be very competitive, so just like other students applying to 4 year colleges, select a variety of reach, target and safety schools.

Another recommendation is to consider using social media to build up and showcase your skill and talent. Make sure it reflects your best work as this may be a way you share content with summer camp instructors or individuals providing feedback for portfolio submissions.

Music Schools and Programs

This is only a small fraction of music schools in the US. It is recommended that you create a list of desired schools based on your intended music concentration.

- School of Music Belmont University
- Berklee School of Music (MA)
- Blair School of Music Vanderbilt University
- Boston Conservatory
- CSUF School of Music
- CSU Long Beach Conservatory
- Curtis Institute of Music
- Eastman School of Music-University of Rochester
- Jacobs School of Music University of Indiana
- Juilliard School
- Los Angeles College of Music
- Mannes College-The New School for Music
- Manhattan School of Music
- New England Conservatory of Music
- Oberlin Conservatory of Music
- <u>Peabody Conservatory-Johns Hopkins University</u>
- S.F. Conservatory of Music
- Shepard School of Music at Rice
- UCLA School of Music
- University of Michigan School of Music, Theater & Dance
- USC Thornton School of Music

More Info about Music Schools

Applying to a music school may involve several steps as part of the application process. Be sure to learn about the deadlines and all the steps involved in applying to each of the music schools you are considering.

- Application
- Essays additional essays may be required outside of a personal essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- CV/Resume
- Prescreen may be live or recorded, depends on school
- Auditions mostly live, and some schools offer regional audition options
- Interviews
- Music theory exam may be required
- Repertoire list keep a list of all music you have performed or hold onto all those Monte Vista performance programs to easily remember

Consider pre-college programs. Many schools have summer programs that allow high school students to live on campus and take classes to get a feel for that music school. This is also a chance to get to know the city and state where the school is located and also a chance to build confidence in your performance. You can find programs that are typically 1-6 weeks. Boston Conservatory at Berklee is an example of one such program, but many of the schools offer similar summer programs. https://bostonconservatory.berklee.edu/summer

Art & Design Schools

This is only a small fraction of art schools in the US. It is recommended that you create a list of desired schools based on your intended concentration.

- Academy of Art University
- ArtCenter College of Design
- California College of the Arts
- California Institute of the Arts
- Design Institute of San Diego
- Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
- <u>Laguna College of Art & Design</u>
- Maryland Institute of College & Art
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- NewSchool of Architecture & Design
- Otis College of Art & Design
- Parsons the New School for Design
- Pratt Institute
- Rhode Island School of Design
- San Francisco Art Institute
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- School of Art Institute of Chicago
- School of Visual Arts

More Info about Art Schools

Check out National Portfolio Day, annual one-day events when art schools admission officers visit cities around the country and allow students to show their portfolio for feedback. https://nationalportfolioday.org/

If required portfolio items for a desired school have not be completed during high school course work, make time to complete these items over the summer.

Be aware that individual schools are willing to meet one on one with prospective students in person or virtually to review portfolios - in case you missed National Portfolio Day in the city closest to you or the line was too long. You can search the art school and contact admissions for this purpose. In this example link, SAIC invites you to meet with an admissions counselor for this purpose by clicking on "Chat with an Admissions Counselor".

https://www.saic.edu/admissions/freshmen/events-visit

Consider pre-college programs. Many art schools also have summer programs that offer the same benefits as mentioned for students attending a music program over the summer. Some art schools offer classes or workshops on weekends to high schoolers during the school year. Ringling is just one example of the many art schools that offer such programs. https://www.ringling.edu/precollege/?utm_source=Q1Media&utm_medium=Search&utm_campaign=PreCollege&gclid=EAlalQobChMI1tXZ5cz1_QIVMRB9Ch3XSwfTEAAYASAAEgJFsPD_BwE

More Info Available

Additional information is routinely posted in the MV bulletin, MV website, College & Career Counselor newsletter and Naviance. Additionally, emails are sent out to announce various speakers, events or opportunities. Below is an example of one such email sent out to our community this year.

Note: dates of events in the email have passed, this is only an example of communication.

Hi MVHS Community (cc'ed your parent to encourage your student to attend these events!)

Chabot College | Apprenticeship Informational Session

Event Date: Wednesday, March 22nd @ 10:15-11:15 (During Student Support)

Location: Workday Student Center, 118

Students, interested in hearing more about apprenticeship opportunities? We will have two instructors from Chabot College - Jim Baum (Automotive Technology instructor). The Chabot Automotive program provides hands-on learning for anyone interested in pursuing a career in the automotive industry. Our partnerships with industry, and ASE Master Accredited program, prepares students for the ever-changing automotive industry, including Hybrid, Electric Vehicles, Advanced Drivers Assistance Systems (ADAS), and Service Consulting. Click here to learn more about the Automotive Technology program.

We will also have Jessica Vile (Public Safety - Sheriff & Fire Academy Lead). The Chabot College Administration of Justice Department is pleased to announce a collaborative partnership between Chabot College and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center. This partnership will benefit recruits, ADMJ students, and support continuous improvement in policing – something we embrace and commit to in order to continue to advance policing, protect officers, and serve our community. Click here to learn more about the Public Safety program.

SRVUSD Vocational Education & Career Opportunities Fair

Event Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 @ 3:00-6:00pm

Location: California High School

The fair is geared towards Students planning to attend community college students interested in exploring alternatives to the traditional 4-year college path, Students interested in exploring careers in the trades, service industry, or public safety, Students looking to explore post-secondary programs for Adult Transition students. Click here to view the flyer.

To discuss these various options, please reach out to your alpha counselor or the College & Career Counselor.

