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Do you Need Money for College?

Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)

To apply for financial aid you must complete and submit an application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The first day to apply for Fall 2013 is January 1, 2013. Information is available on the website and in the College/Career Center.

CAL Grant

The CAL Grant is available to students who qualify financially and plan to attend college in California. To apply you must fill out the FAFSA form and submit a Cal Grant GPA Information Release Form to the College / Career Center. GPA verifications are submitted electronically by the school for the students who have submitted the release form. The deadline is March 2, 2013.

Scholarship Information

Scholarship information is posted in the College and Career Center where students may pick up applications and/or obtain further information. Scholarships (by title) are listed in the College/Career Center Bulletin, and posted on the LAUSD website at: www.losal.org

DO NOT DELAY

All scholarships have specific deadlines

Financial Aid Night

Seniors and their parents are invited to attend Financial Aid Night on January 10, 2013, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. A financial aid expert will explain the process involved to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and will answer questions regarding financing a college education.

Community College Information for Seniors

Applications for community college will be available online March 1, 2013 at the college of your choice. Math and English placement tests are required. The schedule will be available in the Career Center in the spring and you can find information online at www.cccapply.org.

Students may also sign up in the College/Career Center to attend Senior Preview Days at local community colleges in the spring. Bus transportation is provided. Watch for dates and times in the College/Career Center Bulletin.

ASVAB Test Results are available in the College and Career Center

Several juniors and seniors took the ASVAB test. This test provides a wide range of information on interests and aptitudes that can be very helpful in selecting a career pathway and college major. A debriefing of the student's results was held in the College/Career Center. If you have not picked up your results they are currently available in the College/Career Center. The ASVAB test is offered at Los Alamitos High School once a year in the fall.

Community Service Awards at Graduation

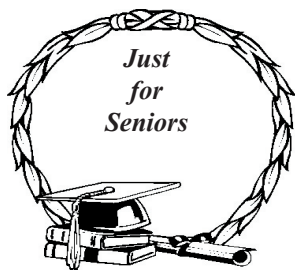
Community service logs for listing the hours completed by seniors who plan to earn the Community Service Cord will be accepted after spring break.

Pathway Cords for Graduation

Many seniors are projected to complete the courses required to wear a Pathway Cord at Graduation. In order to receive the Pathway Cord, students must complete the Portfolio Packet which includes documentation of job shadowing hours, a copy of their resume and a PowerPoint highlighting their experience. Copies of all Pathway Cord documents are available at www.losal.org/lahs or in the College/Career Center. Students are encouraged to contact the College/Career Center for any assistance needed in this process. All requirements must be completed by April 15, 2013.

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RECOGNITION AT GRADUATION

Award of Merit

This Award is presented to students who complete the sequence of high school courses required by the University of California and California State University systems to be minimally eligible for admission. Students must have a grade of 'C' or better in each semester of the required courses. Courses that meet the "a-g" requirements, as well as the minimum grade requirements, may be found in the Los Alamitos High School Curriculum Handbook and are marked "UC/CSU" (subject area). Students who achieve this honor are given a medallion attached to a gold ribbon to wear at graduation.

Gold Seal Bearer (CA Scholarship Federation)

CSF is a scholastic organization and membership is dependent upon grades and points earned in identified academic classes. Application for membership must be made each semester. Incoming freshmen, who qualify based on their eighth grade spring semester grades, are admitted on a probationary basis. Students who have been a member of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) at least four semesters during grades 10 (second semester) through 12, including one semester in their senior year, are awarded Gold Seal status at graduation. A gold seal is attached to the student's diploma and notation of this honor is made on the student's permanent transcript. Some universities and colleges recognize Gold Seal Bearers by offering special scholarships to these students.

To be eligible for semester membership, a student must earn a minimum of 10 CSF points. Of these 10 points, 7 points MUST be earned from the academic subjects: Math, Science, Social Sciences, Foreign Language, and English. The remaining points may come from other subject areas.

Presidents' Award for Educational Excellence

This award is based on a student earning Academic Honors status, as well as a score of at least 1950 on the SAT or 29 on the ACT college admission examinations.

Academic Honors

Students who excel in a rigorous academic program are awarded Academic Honors, which is the school's highest honor at graduation. Eligibility to earn Academic Honors at graduation will first be determined during the senior's second semester (at the 12-week progress report). If a student is not eligible at that time, a determination may be made upon final grades. The method of establishing Academic Honors encourages students to undertake a broader and more difficult academic program. This information can be found on the LAHS website at www.losal.org/lahs under 'Graduation' and then 'Graduation Recognition.'

National Honor Society

Membership in the National Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. Seniors are elected to membership first semester upon taking a college-prep program and earning an unweighted 3.8 cumulative GPA for six semesters, and having at least two faculty members attest to their citizenship, service, leadership, and work habits. Members are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership and character for their senior year and must maintain an unweighted 3.8 cumulative GPA for seven semesters. This society is recognized nationwide and membership is transferable on an interstate, interschool basis. Membership rolls will be made available to all local media and appropriate recognition given at graduation.

Pathway Cord

By completing six semester courses within a selected pathway, you may be eligible to wear a special colored cord at graduation. The three components are:

<i>Technology-Related Course</i>	<i>1 semester</i>
<i>Industry-Related Course</i>	<i>3 semesters</i>
<i>within pathway</i>	
<i>Subject-Related Course</i>	<i>2 semesters</i>
<i>within pathway</i>	

Pathway course performance must be grade B or better. Recognition requires 2.0 overall GPA and satisfactory citizenship/effort. The student must submit a completed Portfolio packet which includes a PowerPoint, a resume, and ten (10) hours of job shadowing at an approved business/community site to the Career Center by April 15, 2013 for final approval prior to graduation.

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Pathway Cords can be earned in the following areas:

<i>Arts & Communication</i>	<i>Burgundy Cord</i>
<i>Business & Marketing</i>	<i>Red Cord</i>
<i>Consumer & Human Services</i>	<i>Purple Cord</i>
<i>Health Sciences</i>	<i>Blue Cord</i>
<i>Science & Technology</i>	<i>Green Cord</i>

Los Alamitos High School offers Career Technical Education (CTE) courses in the following program areas on our campus:

Home Economics

- ROP Child Development
- ROP Careers with Children I, II

Business

- ROP Accounting
- ROP Vital Link/Entrepreneurship

Computer Education

- Computer Applications
- 3D Animation
- ROP/Video Production

Industrial Technology

- ROP Carpentry/Construction
- ROP Computer Drafting/CAD
- ROP Intro to Engineering Design (IED)
- ROP Principles of Engineering (POE)

Other Courses:

- ROP Emergency Responder
- ROP Fire Technology
- ROP Sports Medicine

ROP Accounting

Meets Requirements for the Red Pathway Cord

Students will learn how to prepare income statements and balance sheets. Students will also have the opportunity to learn software such as Excel, Word, QuickBooks Pro and Peachtree Accounting. The class prepares students for entry-level employment in office settings and advanced training. Students who complete this one-year class are eligible for one year of UC-approved a-g elective credit.

ROP Carpentry/Construction

Meets Requirements for the Green Pathway Cord

Students will learn how to use both hand and power tools safely; how to read blueprints, measure and specify materials, and build projects from the ground up. Opportunities to participate in contests and community events such as *Paint Your Heart Out* or *Habitat for Humanity* are included in this program as well as preparation for advanced training, jobs, or apprenticeships.

ROP Child Development

Meets Requirements for the Purple Pathway Cord

Child Development is a comprehensive study of developmental stages of children from conception through early adolescence, including the major theories of development and their application. Focus is on emotional/psychological, cognitive, and physical development, and on the influence of heredity and environmental factors. Included are theories of multiple intelligence and current brain research. Students who complete this one-year class are eligible for one year of UC-approved a-g elective credit.

ROP Careers with Children: Preschool Lab

Meets Requirements for the Purple Pathway Cord

You will learn to recognize developmental stages in children ages 2 1/2 to 5 in the preschool lab. Students will learn and demonstrate teaching methods that work to help little children love to learn in a happy, structured environment. Orange Coast College grants advanced placement and/or credits at the college to students who complete the course with a grade of A or B.

ROP Emergency Responder

Meets Requirements for the Blue Pathway Cord

This course prepares students in entry-level skills as first responders, emergency personnel who provide immediate care to ill or injured persons and assist emergency medical service (EMS) providers. Completion of this class satisfies the prerequisite for the EMT class and also provides a strong background for those interested in lifeguard positions, fire service, and a variety of health-related fields.

ROP Fire Technology

Meets Requirements for the Blue Pathway Cord

This course includes the history of fire service, fire department organizations, fire behavior, firefighting tactics and strategies, hazardous materials, fire safety, tools and equipment, and fire occupations. This class trains you for future education in this field.

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**ROP Principles of Engineering (POE)
ROP Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)
Meets Requirements
for the Green Pathway Cord**

Using activities/projects, **POE** students will learn how engineers and technicians use Math, Science, and technology in an engineering problem-solving process. Students will explore careers in engineering and technology, including systems and manufacturing processes. Students who complete this one-year class are eligible for one year of UC-approved a-g elective credit. **IED** uses a design development process while enriching problem-solving skills; students create/analyze models using specialized computer software. Students who complete this one-year class are eligible for one year of UC-approved a-g elective credit.

**ROP Sports Medicine
Meets Requirements for the Blue Pathway Cord**
Students will learn how to prevent sports injuries by the use of proper body mechanics in exercise. Students will also learn how to recognize and evaluate sports injuries when they occur, as well as rehabilitation methods and treatment modalities. This class prepares you for advanced training in this field of study.

**ROP Video Production
Meets Requirements
for the Burgundy Pathway Cord**
This course prepares the student to work in a production or post-production facility. Major topics include non-linear digital video editing, camera operation, lighting techniques, motion graphics, VTR operation and pre-production skills. Skills in basic production, studio operation, on-location taping, and working together as a production team prepare the student for an entry-level to intermediate production position.

In addition to the courses offered during regular school hours, the NOCROP offers additional elective courses in the afternoon/evening hours throughout the year at other local high schools. Class schedules and registration forms are available in the LAHS College/Career Center or visit www.nocrop.us.

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