



SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS...COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:

Trey Donohue:	University of Nevada, Reno
Grant Gabriel:	Arizona State University, Pacific University, San Diego State University, San Jose State University, University of the Pacific
Tanner Galoia:	Linfield College, University of Hawaii at Manoa
Young Rok Jang:	University of Arizona, University of Oregon, Washington State University
Alfred Prado III:	Occidental College
Sean Valente:	College of the Holy Cross, Menlo College, Pacific University



Financial Aid

We urge seniors who have not received financial aid notification to contact the admission office at the college to make sure their applications are complete. Most schools will grant an extension of the May 1st reply date if financial aid packages have not been awarded.

EVALUATING AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL AID

It is a rare, rare occasion when financial aid offers are the same for any two students. Variables include the nature of the institution (public, private, high or low costs), the resources available for student aid, the applicant pool, timing, and institutional policies. When evaluating your award package, it may be helpful to understand what portion of the total offer is "gift" or "self help". In financial aid jargon, "gift" aid is scholarship or grant funds which do not need to be repaid, and "self-help" is either funds derived from employment (work, earn and keep) or student loans (which may be repaid) or both. It may also be helpful to learn the source of the funds (federal, state, institutional) because the conditions under which the funds are received may affect future awards. For instance, if Federal Work Study funds are offered, such earnings will not be factored into the EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) for the following year, whereas Institutional (college-funded) Work Study will. There is no truly objective way to evaluate financial aid offers because your decision will always involve nuances of a highly personal nature. Select a college which will best suit you and evaluate carefully the means to finance it.

MAY 1ST IS THE CANDIDATE REPLY DATE.

By May 1st you must decide and notify the college you plan to attend as well as notify the others that you will not attend. This allows the colleges to know if they can take students off the wait list.

WAIT LISTED?

If you were wait-listed at your first choice school, we recommend that you deposit at another school by May 1st. You should inform both schools that you are doing so. In order to improve your chances of being taken off the wait list should an opening occur, we recommend that you write a letter to the admission office stating your sincere interest in the college and your intention to go there if accepted from the wait list. Make such a statement **ONLY** if you are certain that such is the case. **DO NOT** remain on the wait list just to see if you'd be admitted, as you are reducing a peer's chance of admission by doing so.

VERY IMPORTANT!!

**YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT IS THE FINAL PROCESS THAT IS
REQUIRED BY ALL COLLEGES.**

**BE SURE TO LET MRS. NAKAKURA KNOW WHICH COLLEGE TO
SEND YOUR "FINAL" TRANSCRIPT TO!!!**

**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REQUIRE A FINAL TRANSCRIPT IN
ORDER TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS.**



IMPORTANT TEST DATES

ACT TESTS:

Registration materials are now available for the ACT test. Website: www.act.org

Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline (additional fee req.)
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 21, 2010

SAT TESTS: Planning to take the SAT this fall? Register online at www.collegeboard.com. The College Board strongly recommends students to register online rather than via mail-in forms.

Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline (additional fee req.)
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010

NOTE: Sunday test dates are scheduled following each Saturday test date for students who cannot test on Saturday because of religious observance.

Scholarships...

CATRALA Hawaii Scholarships: Applicant must be a resident of Hawaii; a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5; need for financial assistance, scholastic ability, and participated in school and community service activities which demonstrate leadership and responsibility. Deadline: **April 30th**. Amount: **\$2000** See Brother Jim for information.

Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship: (10 Scholarships of \$1000 per semester and renewable for up to eight semesters)

- For children and grandchildren of active or retired members of the ILWU Local 142
- An oral history component and an essay required.
- One letter of recommendation
- For University of Hawaii at Manoa/Hilo/West Oahu bound students
- For brochure and application information see Brother Jim

Deadline: May 1st

Portuguese Pioneer Civic Association: Deadline: **June 12th** for Portuguese or part-Portuguese students entering college here on the island of **Oahu**. Applicant must have financial need and at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA. See Brother Jim for application.

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS POST HIGH SCHOLARSHIPS:

CSS/PROFILE Application deadline is Friday, April 16, 2010, 6:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time. All applicants must complete a College Scholarship Services PROFILE at www.collegeboard.com/profile. Required document deadline: Postmarked by Friday, April 23, 2010. Submit all tax documents to IDOC and Verification of College Application, Acceptance, or Enrollment documents to KS-ASC.

NEED KOKUA? Visit their website to download a scholarship application guidebook at Kamehameha Schools Financial Aid and Scholarship Services' website at www.ksbe.edu/finaid. For additional help, call KS Applicant Services Center at 543-8080 or 1-800-842-4682, press 9 and ext. 48080.

Kamehameha Schools' policy is to give preference to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law. Applicants who wish to be considered under this policy must have their Hawaiian ancestry verified by KS' Ho'oulu Hawaiian Data Center. For information, call 523-6228 or toll-free at 1-800-842-4682, press 9 and ext. 36228, or visit www.ksbe.edu/datacenter.

SENIOR YEAR CALENDAR—APRIL:

- ◆ Watch the mail for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters.
- ◆ Compare the financial aid awards you receive.
- ◆ Choose a school and send in a deposit by the deadline.
- ◆ Check with the college you've chosen about the details of signing and returning financial aid award letters.
- ◆ Notify the other schools that you will not be attending.
- ◆ Watch for important deadlines (housing, financial aid, etc.) at your chosen college.