

Green Valley High School College and Career Center

***Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
799-0950 ext. 4011***

Using the College and Career Center

The College and Career Center, located in the Counseling Office, is open daily between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and welcomes all students and parents. Students may come in before or after school, during lunch, or during class by appointment and with a pass from the instructor. Parents are welcome at all times. It is suggested that an appointment be made to reserve time on the computer. Often, the student will prearrange a pass from the instructor in order to meet with their parent in the CCC. Whether working together or separately, using the resources available can be of great benefit.

The CCC offers hundreds of catalogs and brochures that have been provided by colleges and universities. These supply detailed admission and curricular data. More than 150 DVD's offer campus tours, introductions to various trade and design schools, military academies and colleges. Reference books, guides, and catalogs have been purchased to augment the sources of information available. Some of the topics covered include selection of schools, composition of essays and application for financial aide.

We, at Green Valley High School, are privileged to have the Nevada Career Information System (CIS) computer program. Interested individuals need only make an advance appointment to access this tool for discovery of personal preferences and future goals. Further, occupations are described, education and training requirements listed, and appropriate schools suggested.

Visits to GVHS by numerous representatives from colleges, trade and technical schools are coordinated through the CCC. Parents, too, are welcome at these presentations. The upcoming visits are announced daily and to attend, interested students need only sign up a few days prior. These on-campus visits are enormously informative and, just as importantly, fuel the enthusiasm of the attendees. Also, for information about up-coming college visits, you can get the who, when, and where by visiting the GVHS website at www.greenvalleyhs.org.

Materials may not leave the CCC at anytime. All are welcome to come in and explore and share your questions. If we can't locate the answers, let us assist you in conjunction with your counselor, friends and family. In a joint research effort, we shall learn along with you. The volunteers are in the Center because they enjoy the concept, the possibilities and, mostly, ***you***.

Dreams and Desires – Making Them a Reality

Many of you have not previously visited the CCC. The CCC is an inviting and welcoming environment offering quiet reading and introspection, or availing a friendly exchange of facts and opinions. Or it can be a private experience: explore education and career options without anyone saying it isn't feasible, reasonable or acceptable. Why not peek in and ask other students how they are handling the process?

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Working today to help students plan their tomorrows.

Parents Using the CCC: Essential and Convenient

The College and Career Center welcomes and well-serves parents' usage without the presence of the student. Your independent knowledge of tuition, enrollment requirements and student supervision may provide a starting point from which to begin discussions. Your personal values, needs, and restrictions may eliminate certain schools, but research allows you to formulate an even longer list of alternative campuses that you can enthusiastically endorse.

Not all of us have emotional or experiential ties to university life. Possibly your own teen is consumed with the here and now, believing that only after graduation from GVHS he/she need seriously consider the future. Though few doors are firmly closed for the late-to-focus student, more doors open widely for the student who is *fortified with information* and *prepared* to move forward.

As the world changes, so, too, the alternatives for those who elect not to attain a traditional four-year degree. Students for whom this option is more attractive may incorrectly assume that they have less need to research the trade institutes and apprenticeships into which they may enter. In fact, the licensing and accreditation requirements are often not as stringent and may necessitate more investigation by the potential enrollee. Here, especially, your teen may need your guidance. The CCC continues to expand the library of materials for these alternate-education choices. Again, in conjunction with the students' counselors, informational research in this area is eagerly assisted.

You Have About 75 Days...

...if you want to meet the early admission deadline for many schools. Of particular importance is realizing that *today* is the time to begin selecting colleges to which you shall apply. The schools below are examples of a typical application for admission deadline:

<u>Application Deadlines For Admission</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Regular</u>
Arizona State	Dec. 1	May 1
Boston University	Nov. 1	Dec. 1
Brown University	Nov. 1	Jan. 1
Brigham Young University	NA	Oct. 1
College of William and Mary	Nov. 1	Jan. 1
Oberlin College	Nov. 15	Jan. 1
Southern Methodist University	Nov. 1	Jan. 15
Syracuse University	Nov. 15	Jan. 1
University of California @ Los Angeles	NA	Nov. 30
University of Notre Dame	Nov. 1	Dec. 31
Vanderbilt University	Nov. 1	Jan. 1

Seniors, even if you are undecided as to your future after GVHS, it is not too late to formulate a plan that will permit you to attain your ultimate goals. You will be best served by an immediate and enthusiastic discussion with your family about your desires, expectations, and concerns. Do you know the application and SAT/ACT deadlines for the schools you wish to apply to? If your selected school(s) require an on-campus interview, the travel plans and expenses ought to be outlined as soon as is possible. Various firms exist to take groups of students around to campus interviews. While expensive, it can be more affordable and convenient than traveling with family members.

Juniors, consider the dates above; similar deadlines will face you next year. If you were to forward your transcripts to colleges next November, no senior-level grades will be on it. The courses you take and the grades you earn through *this year* will be the ones listed. They will represent your intent and dedication to learning. Most universities will require SAT or ACT scores taken no later than December of your senior year. The knowledge you will need to score well on those tests, is also that which you will get *now* in your junior year