



# The Virtual Academy Bulletin

5/19/17

**Thursday, May 25th is a minimum day due to finals. School is dismissed at 12:35.**

## **End of the School Year Information**

Families and Students,

As the school year comes to the end, I wanted to point out a few important reminders for everyone. First and foremost, the week of 5/22 is finals week and there is a special schedule for the week. Please see the front page of the school website for specifics.

Also, we are both excited and somewhat sad to see our incredible senior class graduating this coming Saturday. This is a truly incredible group of young men and women who will most certainly impact our communities, state, and nation in positive ways. If you would like to join us for graduation, the ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 27th at noon in the Union Mine Theater. Congratulations class of 2017!

In other news...we will be notifying students and families this week for anyone who qualifies for our summer intersession program. Intersession provides an opportunity for students to remediate a failing grade. Intersession will begin on Tuesday, May 30th and run through Monday, June 5th from 8-1130.

Summer office hours: The office will be open from 7:30 - 3:30 each day until June 23rd. The office will then be closed from June 26th - July 14th. I will be periodically checking my email during the summer so thank you in advance if a response takes a bit longer than usual.

I hope each of you has a restful and enjoyable summer with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Chuck Palmer  
Director

***May is National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month  
May 2 is the Day of the Teacher  
May 14-20 is Classified School Employee Week***

## **Check out our NEW VIRTUAL ACADEMY EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM!!!**

Friends, did you know that our students have the opportunity to complete over a year of college by the time they graduate high school? It's true! As a part of our new **Virtual Academy Early College Program**, Juniors and seniors can take two courses each term at FLC and earn both high school and college credit! Check out these incredible facts about the program:

- Students can complete up to ten college classes by the time they graduate high school. That's approximately a year and a half of college coursework!
- These courses, in most cases (see Mr. Palmer or Mrs. Vargas for help in selecting), are transferable courses meaning that they can be used for college credit at UC's, CSU's or private universities! You don't get this guarantee with AP courses. You do with college courses through our program!
- For a student who attends a UC after graduating high school, this would equal a college savings of approximately \$50,000!!!
- The coursework is generally not more difficult than high school or AP level coursework. In fact, high school students taking FLC courses tend to have higher grades in college classes than college students!
- The courses count for high school credit! One semester course (3 units or more) taken at the college equates to a year of a high school course (10 credits)! On top of that, students receive extra grade weighting (an "A" is worth 5 points, a "B" is worth 4, etc.) on their high school transcript. This can result in huge gains to the student's GPA and looks incredible on a college application.
- For students who plan to attend the community college after graduation, the hardest courses to get into are general education courses. In fact, the average time to complete an AA degree is now almost 3 1/2 years. By taking part in this program, students can have almost all of their college general education requirements done by the time they graduate high school! This means you can earn your AA degree or certificate far quicker than the average student.
- The best part: For students in high school, the courses are FREE! The only cost would be for textbooks!

FLC is currently taking registrations for Spring classes. Deadlines are rapidly approaching. Please contact Mr. Palmer for more information, to see if your student qualifies, or to pick up a registration packet.

**Student Voter Registration** - The Student Voter Registration Act of 2003 (Elections Code sections 2145-2148) was implemented to ensure every school in California does all in its power to provide a meaningful opportunity to eligible high school students to register to vote. With

the passage of a new law, 16 and 17-year olds can now pre-register to vote and their registration will automatically become active once they turn 18.

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/>



## Parents Logging into Canvas:

1. Need Help Navigating Canvas: Parents: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BX-FdMX9Clw>
2. Step by Step Guide Here: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2020>

## College/Career Information

[Link to our College & Career Page](#)

### Attention students!!

- PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 testing windows are approaching.
- Students attending FLC/El Dorado Center Community College (Summer/Fall 2017) need to start applying February 1st. Application is on the VA Career Center website and in the Career Center. Contact: Sarah Aldea - Outreach Specialist - El Dorado Center.

Check Virtual Academy website (listed under events) for CSUs campus tour dates!

### **Visalia College Fair**

Visalia, CA Convention Center

Monday, June 12, 2017

Workshops: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Fair: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Over 100 colleges from across the state and country will be in attendance to discuss how to make students' college aspirations a reality.

**Learn more and register at:** <http://www.wacac.org/visaliaCF>

*College application due dates are coming up! See Brenda Vargas in the Career Center for assistance.*

### Scholarships/Academic Contests

Additional scholarships are available on the Virtual Academy website and in the Career Center. Start applying!

[Link to our Scholarship Page](#)

**2017 Summer Words - American River College - Creative Writing Festival**

## **Athletic Information**

*The Extracurricular Athletic Handbook, for participation in sports at the comprehensive high schools in our district, is available online at [www.eduhsd.net](http://www.eduhsd.net). All required forms in this document can be completed online and printed for submission to the Athletic Department at your student's home school. If you have questions, please contact the Athletic Director at your student's home school:*

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