Hillview 2023

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Step 1. FAFSA

15 Students have completed their student aid applications. Diana is working with several classified as foster children to complete their applications. It's a more complex process. Parents abandoned the students (in every case) but still claim them on their taxes! Two additional students received social security matching errors. The financial aid process is our main challenge. Thank you to the Hirz Foundation for the Habit Gift Cards and bus passes given to students completing their FAFSA applications early.

Step 2. College Applications

We have 82 students on our senior roster. Approximately 65 have completed their college applications.

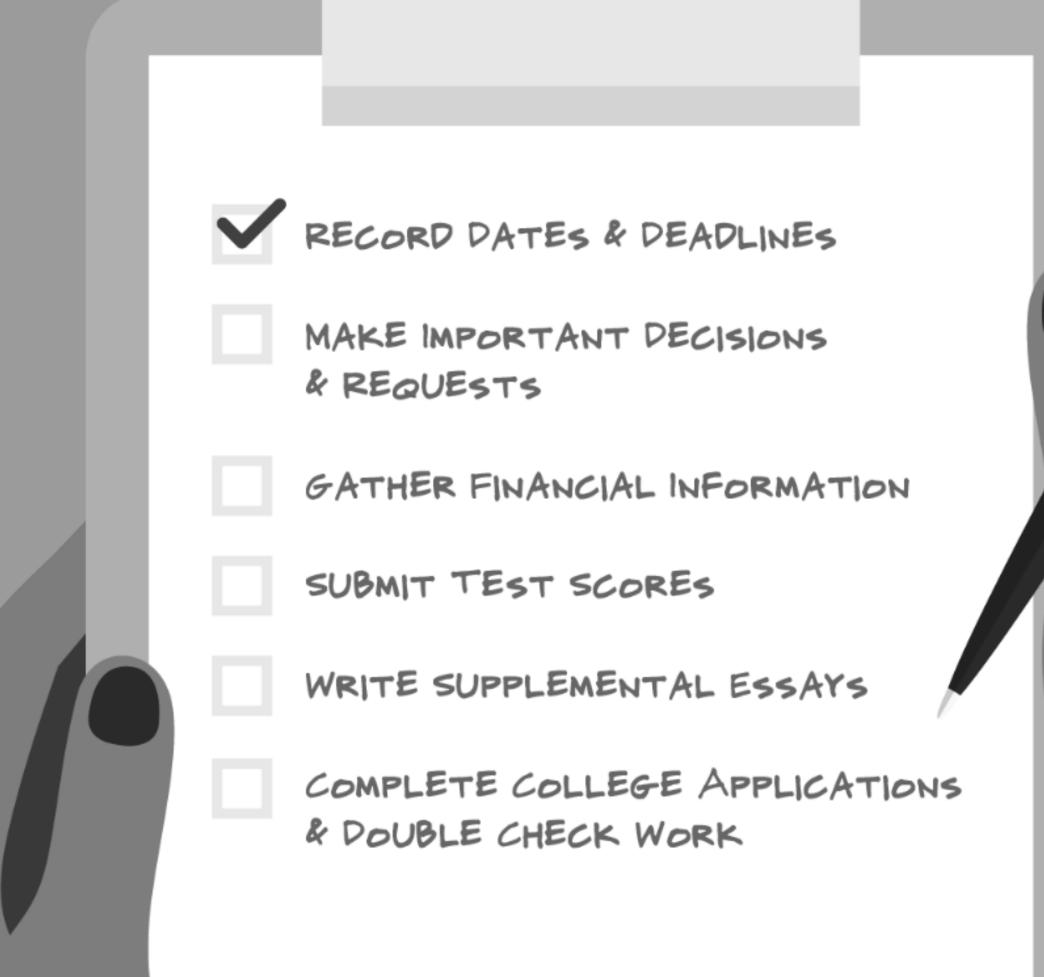
12 Irvine Valley College (IVC)

26 Orange Coast College (OCC)

19 Santa Ana College (SAC)

7 Rancho Santiago (SCC)

Others are Fullerton College, San Diego, Saddleback and out of state.





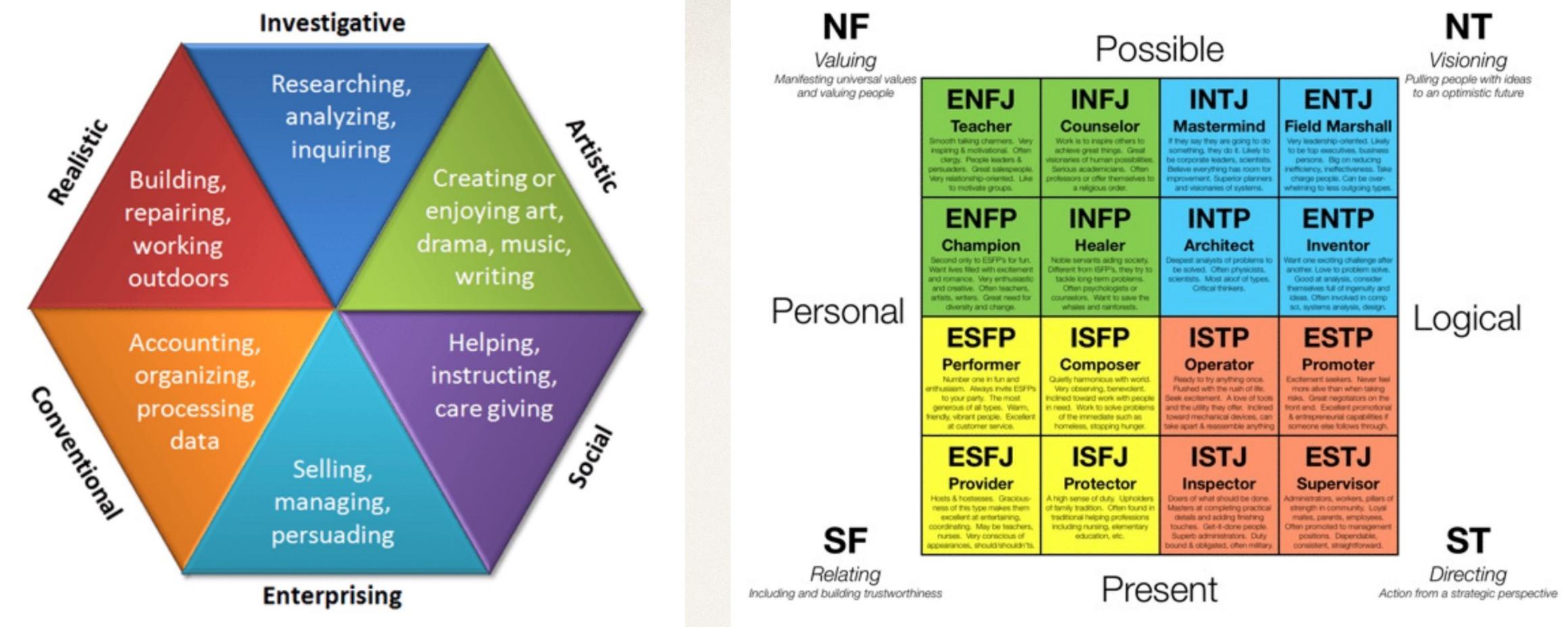
Step 3. Registration

14 students attended Santa Ana College Registration. 9 Students attended Santiago Canyon. 2 IVC & none have attended OCC.



Step 4. Orientation & Registering for Counseling Class

The Counseling Class is offered during the summer. One week class running M-F.



Step 5. Taking Career Assessment & Myers Briggs Personality Profiler

Some students have taken this. Working on this in May.

Emphasis of study

- Automotive
- Cosmetology
- Nursing, Ultra Sound Tech, Phlebotomy
- Electrical
- HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
- Fire Safety
- Criminal Justice
- * Teacher

- Graphic Design
- Social Work
- Child Development
- Landscaping
- Culinary Arts
- Coaching
- Psychology
- Astronomy



Employment.
Approximately 80% of students are employed and working 20+ hours. Many work 30+

Rock & Jump ~ Yogurtland ~ McDonalds ~ Little Caesars.

Supermax ~ Regal Theater ~ Auto Detailing ~ Landscaping

Dave & Busters ~ The Drake Laguna ~ Coaching ~ Michaels

Dry Cleaners ~ Ralphs ~ Jewish Community Center ~

Caines ~ Target ~ The Fish Grill ~ El Pollo Loco ~ Baskin

Robbins ~ Disneyland ~ Farmer Boy ~ Boomers ~ Fitness 19

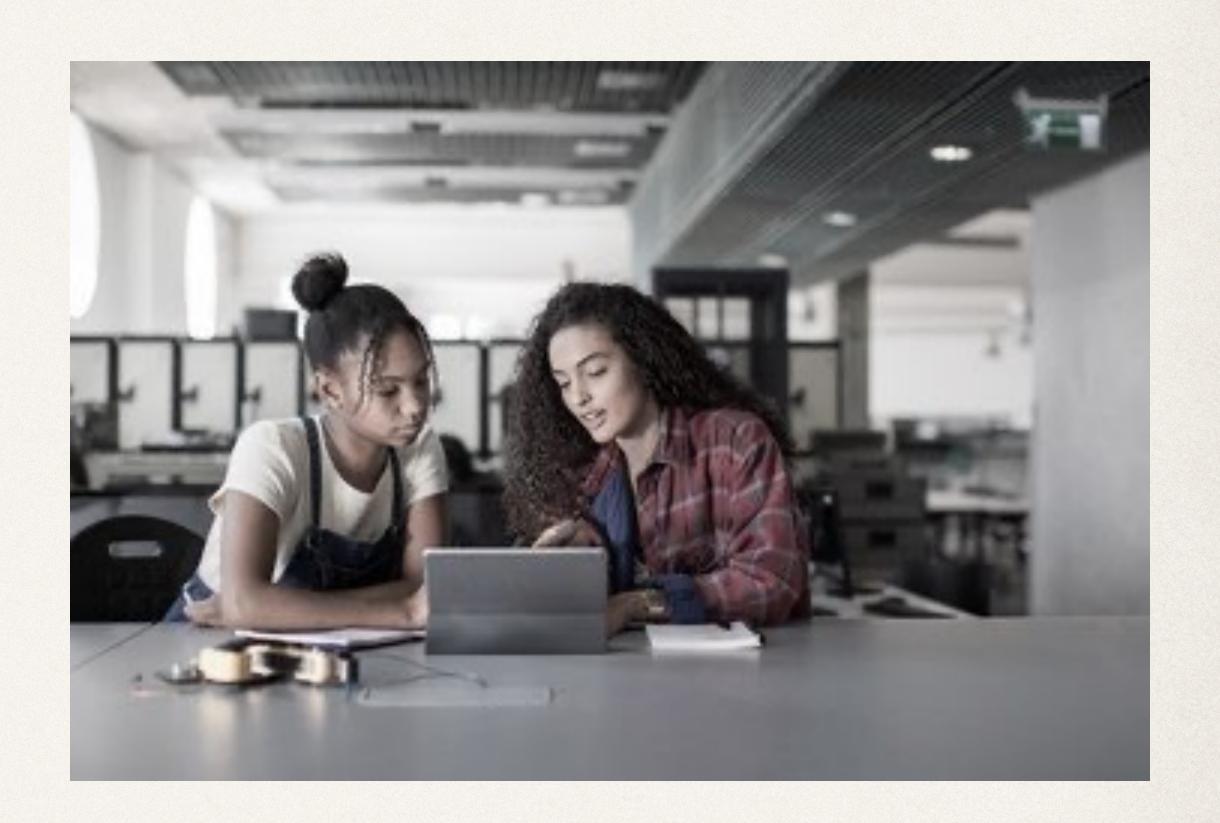




OCC & IVC are harder to navigate. They are large campuses that operate more like a 4 year college. SAC & SCC allow me to pay tuition and assist students through their outreach office.

Challenges:

- * Students sign up for classes that do not correlate with work schedule. Signing up for 3 & 4 classes plus work schedule sets them up for failure.
- * Need more students to complete FAFSA. The cost without is too expensive per student. \$3000 vs \$1000 approximate.
- * Home life (more people in housing unit, more hours working leaves less time for school).
- * Transportation. More are willing to take the bus which is good (free) but more incidence of missing classes. Fewer students want cars (realize not affordable).
- * Food & Housing Insecurity is ever present.



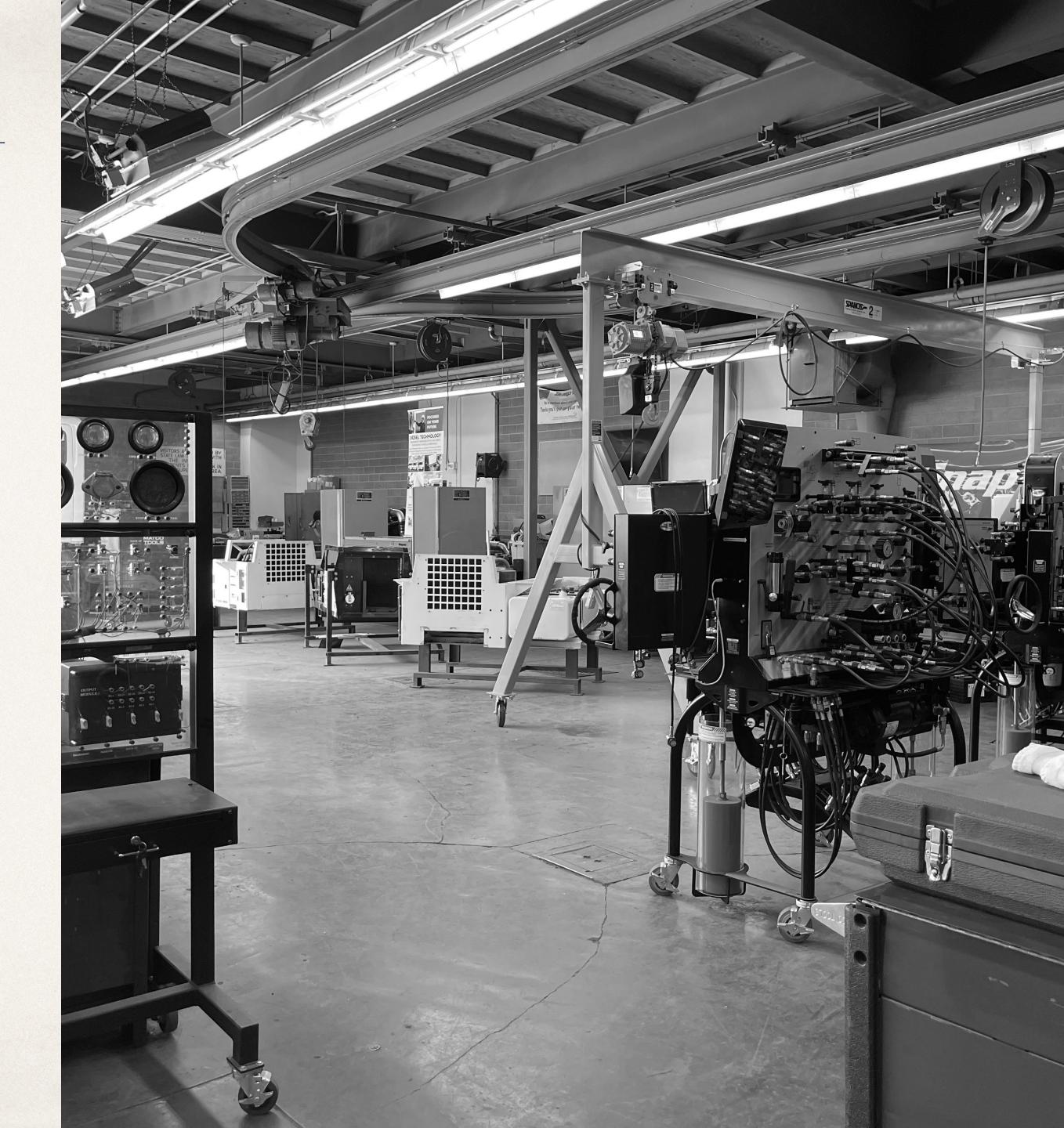
Costs

- Books. Many are free. Average per student \$180 per term.
- Tuition. Estimate from Cashiers office. Ranges from \$200-\$1200.
- Backpack, Calendar & Supplies. \$90 per student.
- * Laptop. Have 15. Maybe 25. District is donating and have from last year. Donation by John Stauffer.
- Parking Passes. \$70 per term.
- Bus Passes are free.
- Gift cards for food on campus.
- Some programs require specific supplies.
 Example: Cosmetology \$1500.
- College shirts. ~ \$15-\$40 per student



Educating students on certificates

- * Automotive. 6 specific certifications available translating to immediate jobs.
- Apprenticeships. Electrical, Linesman,
 Water Program, Carpentry, Maintenance
- * Goal is to align jobs with career interests. Students are completing career interest and personality profiler. Results help uncover a wider range of career paths.



Final Thoughts

- * May is tough love month. Students have had all the support we are able give to help them succeed. Challenges have been addressed to the best of our ability.
- * We are honing in on those completing their steps. If they are willing to complete these steps the more likely they are, and able, to show up on campus.
- * We are instilling a sense of urgency. Heather Combest states these post covid students do not want to graduate. I feel they are in denial about their 'next steps'. I have all student's email addresses and they have mine/ours. I expect a few will reach out when falls begins. We will see. 5bbcscholars@gmail.com

Mentorship

Students are thankful for the Book Club's support. They have hope they didn't have before.

