

# Unlocking the Mysteries of Community College



Knowing the Keys That  
Open Your Future



# What is A Community College?

- A public, two year public college that offers:
  - Two year college degrees (Associate Degree)
  - Transfer to other colleges and universities
  - Vocational Programs
    - Nursing, construction, automobile, agriculture
    - Short-term education that leads to employment



# Where Are We?

- Clovis Community College
- Fresno City College
- Reedley College
- Madera Community College Center
- Oakhurst Community College Center
- Career and Technology Center



# How Do I Get In?

Need to be a high school graduate

**OR**

18 years of age or older

- Online application for admission
- Apply for financial aid
- Placement test-Not a pass or fail test
- College online orientation
- Meet with a counselor
- Register for classes



# Associate Degrees

- Two year degree
- Two parts
  - General Education
  - Major/Area of Study
- What can I do with it?
  - Transfer to another college or university
  - Start working (depends on your major)



# Transfer Program

- Continue my education at a college or university
- Transfer to:
  - Private colleges or universities
  - University of California
  - California State University
- 60 transferable units (20 classes)



# Vocational Programs

- Short-term training that is 1 ½ years or less
- No general education involved
- Examples
  - Medical-Nursing and Radiologic Technology
  - Automotive Technology (engine and body)
  - Culinary
  - Police and Fire Academy
  - Agriculture and Forestry
  - Construction
  - Criminology





# Classes to Take at Community College

- General Education
- Major preparation classes
- Counselors assist with planning what classes to take (and in what order) based upon:
  - Intended major
  - Educational goals and/or
  - Career goals.



# Campus Life

- Live in the dorms
- Clubs
- Student government
- Athletics
- Campus activities
- Guest speakers





# College Resources

- Financial Aid
- Career Center and Guidance
- STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Extended Opportunities Program and Services (EOP&S)
- Tutorial Centers
- CalWorks
- Child Care
- Tutorial Center
- Library
- Campus Tours
- Student Supportive Services
- Veteran Services



# How Much?

- \$46 unit/average class is 3 units=\$138
- Books and supplies=\$600 (12 units/4 classes)
- Financial aid to help pay for college
- Scholarships and grants to cover expenses
- Local scholarships at the high schools and  
community



# Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - Board of Governors Fee Waiver
    - Classes are free
  - Pell Grant (Federal \$)
  - Cal Grant ( State \$)
  - High school scholarships
  - Local, state, and national scholarships



# Here is What I Could Get 2018-2019 Academic Year

Pell Grant (Federal)	\$6,095
Cal Grant	\$1,672
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	\$600
California College Promise Grant	Waives \$46/per unit
Grand Total One Year	\$8,367



# Helpful Tips

- Do not give up
- Have a work ethic and study
- Ask questions and get help
- Be organized
- Use a calendar and balance your time
- Schedule personal planning sessions
- Take care of your health



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