Message to College Bound Students Regarding Concurrent Enrollment at Saddleback College

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Dear College Bound Student,

Getting into a four-year college or university has never been more competitive. You and all your friends have excellent grade point averages and test scores, you’ve proven that you’re well-rounded individuals by participating in extracurricular activities, and you volunteer your time to make the world a better place.

So, how will you stand out to the college of your choice? If everyone else has an excellent grade point average, is a star athlete or class president, and is volunteering their time to causes they believe in, how do you possibly make your top college notice you?

Our colleagues at four-year colleges and universities such as UCLA, UC Irvine, and USC tell us that applicants who have already proven themselves in a college classroom have a competitive edge in the admissions process. By taking a class at Saddleback College before you graduate from high school, you are proving to admissions counselors that you have what it takes to succeed at their campus. With thousands of bright and talented applicants competing for acceptance, and with the most competitive colleges accepting only 5 to 10 percent of all applicants, the ambitious ones who have already acquired some college units are the applicants who shine.

Don’t just take my word for it. The next time you meet with an admissions counselor, ask them what they think about enrolling in a college class. I assure you they will encourage you to give yourself an edge by taking a class at your local community college.

Saddleback’s spring semester begins January 20th. Attached you will find a list of courses we offer that are recommended by administrators and counselors at your school. You can also see our class schedule in its entirety at www.saddleback.edu. To take a class, apply now for spring semester 2015 by completing our application for admission. You may also attend an upcoming information night on December 3rd for students in the Capistrano Unified School District, or December 8th for students in the Saddleback Unified School District. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend these sessions as well. For more information contact our outreach office at (949) 582-4218 or visit www.saddleback.edu/outreach.

Sincerely,

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