



# Whittier Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## Whittier Union Students Explore College Options at Annual Fair

**WHITTIER** – In preparation for college application season, Whittier Union seniors and their peers busily explored their post-secondary options, asked questions of dozens of college experts and found resources to ensure a smooth transition to college during the District’s annual [College Fair](#) on Sept. 18.

Held at La Serna High School, the fair provided students and parents a one-stop shop for meeting with more than 70 representatives from community colleges, Cal States, UCs, private/independent colleges and out-of-state universities, including UC Berkeley, Cal State Los Angeles, Rio Hondo College, Southern California Institute of Architecture and Willamette University.

“It’s important to be involved and ask questions, look at the opportunities and learn more about colleges that are here,” Cal High parent Deida Ramirez said. “I didn’t realize how many colleges were available and there are a lot of colleges that offer so much. A lot of times they might be able to offer a better opportunity as far as entry, assistance and size of college, so it’s important for students and parents to explore.”

Participants also had the opportunity to attend workshops to learn more about the UC and CSU admissions process, advantages of attending a community college, financial aid and college recruitment for athletes. A Dreamer’s workshop was also held.

Representatives from the military and other support programs, including Tri-Cities ROP and California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP), were also present.

“The College Fair gives our students and their families direct access to what may potentially be the college or university of their dreams,” Superintendent Martin Plourde said. “They come prepared with questions, learn what it will take for them to succeed in college and explore the academic programs available. We’ve given our students the foundation to succeed beyond these walls, and now it’s up to them to chase after the opportunities before them.”

### PHOTO CAPTIONS

**092419\_WUHSD\_COLLEGEFAIR1:** Hundreds of Whittier Union students and their parents attended the District’s annual College Fair at La Serna High School on Sept. 18 to meet with college representatives and learn more about the academic programs available.

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**092419\_WUHSD\_COLLEGEFAIR2:** Whittier Union seniors spoke to representatives from such colleges and universities as UC Berkeley, Cal State Los Angeles and University of La Verne during the District's annual College Fair on Sept. 18.

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