

# Gunn Connection



Sunday, September 6, 2020

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## Parent Networks

| Senior Class |

**Nisha Datta, Julie Dubrouillet & Laura Wingard**

| Junior Class |

**Claire Kirner, Leena Gill, & Gunjan Gupta**

| Sophomore Class |

**Annie Bedichek, Lili**

**Nova-Roessig, & Mana Uchino**

| 9th Grade Class |

**Elizabeth Lam, Naomi Wang, & Michelle Chen**

| Special Ed/Inclusion Rep |

**Momo Yanagihara & Yael Uziyel Navel**



## CALENDAR

Please consult the Gunn High School [calendar](#) and [website](#) for updated event information.

**Mon, 9/7**

Labor Day, No School

**Thu, 9/10 - 9:00 AM**

PTSA General Association Meeting

**Fri, 9/11**

Gunn Staff Appreciation

**Thu, 9/22 - 9:15 AM**

Junior Parent Network Meeting

*NOTE: Dates and times of events are as of the date of this publication and may change. Be sure to check the [Gunn Calendar](#) for any last minute changes. For corrections or additions to the Calendar, contact **Martha Elderon**.*

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## Translations

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Connection Club

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**Traducciones de eNews**

**한국어 번역본: 이곳을**

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**Traduction en français**

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**GUNN NEWS & EVENTS**

**\*\*NEW\*\* PTSA General Meeting**

**Thu, Sep 10, 9 - 10:15 AM**

Please join our first Gunn PTSA general meeting of the year on Zoom! Meet the 2020-21 PTSA officers and get a preview of the PTSA's plans for this year. Agenda items include: brief reports from Principal Stratton, our PTSA teacher rep and PTSA student rep, and Community Events chairs, as well as a presentation on the Parcel Tax (Measure O) and approval of the PTSA calendar, budget and audit report. We'll send out the Zoom link shortly before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

**\*\*NEW\*\* Sesión General de PTSA**

**Jueves, El diez de septiembre, 9 - 10:15 AM**

Por favor únete a nosotros para la primera sesión general de PTSA de este año en Zoom! Conocer los oficiales de PTSA de este año y ver los planes para este año también. En el horario incluye: breves informes del principal Stratton, nuestra maestra y estudiante representante, presidentes de eventos de la comunidad, y un presentación de varias cosas. Nosotros vamos a enviar el enlace un poco antes de él sesion. Esperamos verlos allí!

**\*\*NEW\*\* Gunn Staff Appreciation**

**Fri, Sep 11**

The Gunn PTSA is excited to announce that our first Back-To-School Staff Appreciation event will take place this Friday, September 11. Staff will have the opportunity to socialize with each other at a safe distance, receive a pre-packed lunch, a "Gunn Together" logo shirt and PPE (personal protective equipment). This is a very challenging time for both our students and staff, and the PTSA wants to support them more than ever! If you are interested in helping to plan and organize these monthly appreciation events, or have any suggestions, please contact our Community Events lead at [vpcommunityactivities@gunnpta.org](mailto:vpcommunityactivities@gunnpta.org).

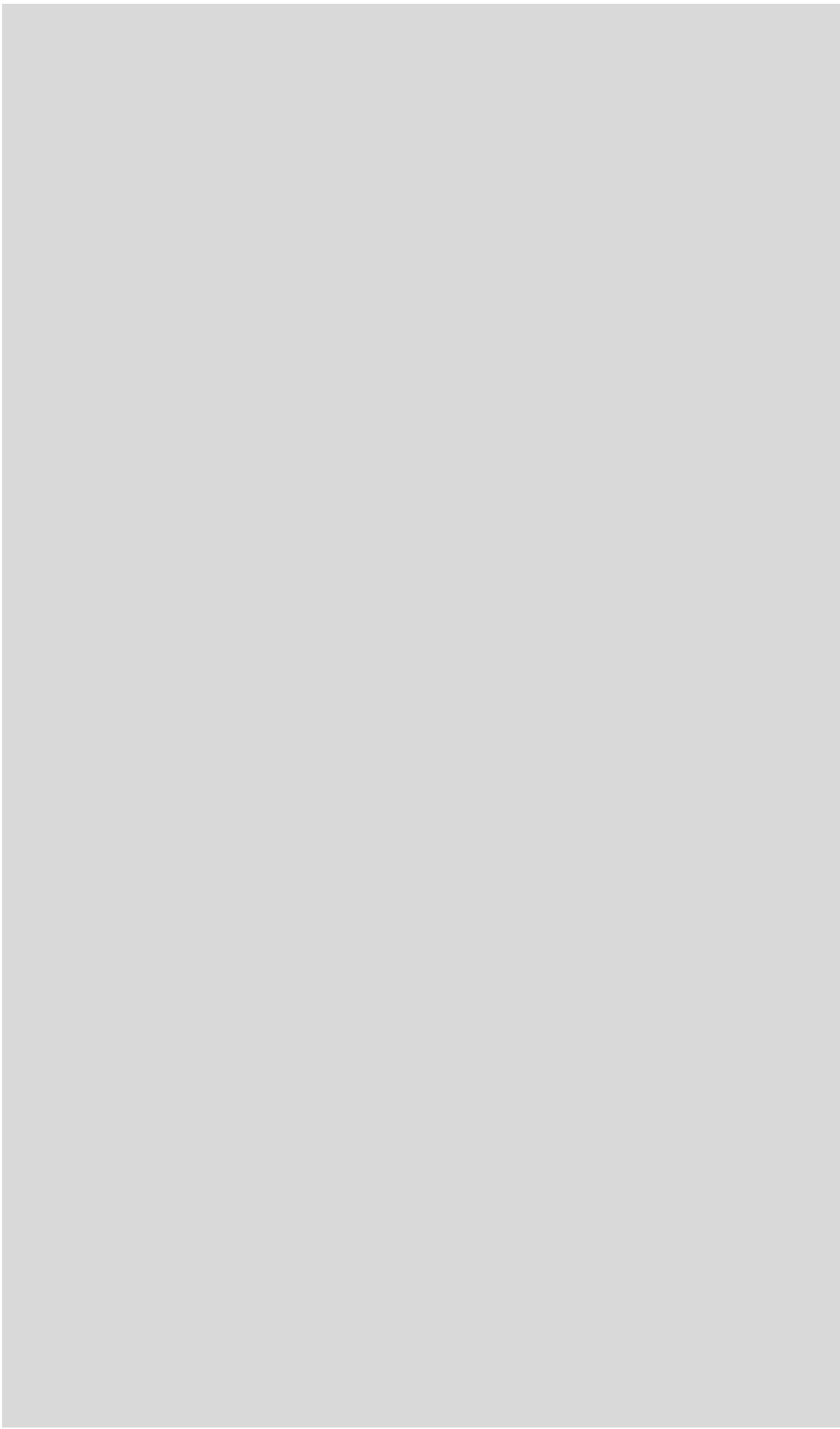
**\*\*NUEVO\*\* Apreciación de los empleados de Gunn**

**Viernes, el once de septiembre**

El PTSA de Gunn tiene el primer evento para mostrar nuestra apreciación de los maestros. Este evento es viernes, el once de septiembre. Los maestros van a

tener la oportunidad de socializar a distancia, obtener un almuerzo empacado, recibir una camiseta de “Gunn Together”, y recibir PPE. Este es un tiempo difícil para todos los estudiantes y maestros y PTSA quiere ayudar! Si tienes interés para planificar y organizar estos eventos, por favor contactar [vpcommunityactivities@gunnpta.org](mailto:vpcommunityactivities@gunnpta.org).





### **\*\*NEW\*\* Outdoor Gunn Athletics Workouts Starting on 9/12**

Gunn Athletics announces the reopening of outdoor facilities for athletic use on Monday, September 14th. While this the restart in an ongoing process, we are excited at the chance to get back to doing what we love: working with your children. Note that physicals are not required until official practices start on 12/14/20 when students will need to be registered on the [Athletic Clearance site](#) (currently closed). In keeping with county guidelines and best practices, we will be adopting the following measures to ensure safe conditions for both the students and staff:

- Please check the [Gunn Athletic Website](#) for coach's email on when they may be doing conditioning.
  - Everything Is Outside – All workouts will be conducted outside (pool, track, fields, etc.) There will be no access to the indoor facilities.
  - Cohorts of 14 – All athletic groups will be kept at 12 or fewer. Spacing between cohorts will be kept at 25 ft. Individuals within a cohort should remain at least 6 ft apart.
  - Cohorts Cannot Change – Once a student is part of a cohort, they cannot join another cohort for 3 weeks after leaving the first cohort. This means that athletes can attend multiple team workouts as long as they stay within the same group.
  - Group Scheduling - Cohorts will be assigned a time and place for their workouts. Once assigned a group, an athlete must stay within that group. Switching or mixing groups is prohibited.
  - Masks – Coaches will wear a mask while they are working with their athletes. Athletes must wear masks to and from practice (but not during workouts).
  - Equipment Access – No equipment will be shared between athletes within a cohort, or between cohorts on the same day. Any equipment used must be cleaned after the workout is completed.
  - Water – Every athlete must bring their own water bottle.
  - Health Monitoring – Athletes not feeling well should not attend practice - Contact coach and trainer to let them know of their condition.
  - Bathrooms - Will be available for one athlete at a time. Locker Rooms will not be open.
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- Las cohortes no pueden cambiar - Una vez que el estudiante es parte de una cohorte, no puede unirse a otra cohorte a menos que haya salido de la primera cohorte por 3 semanas. Esto significa que los atletas pueden asistir a múltiples entrenamientos si se mantienen en el mismo grupo.



- Programación de los grupos - Las cohortes tendrán horas y lugares asignados para hacer ejercicio. Una vez que esté asignado a una cohorte, el estudiante tiene que quedarse en aquel grupo. El intercambio entre los grupos está prohibido.
- Barbijos - Los entrenadores llevarán barbijos mientras están trabajando con los atletas. Los atletas deben llevar barbijos cuando van y salen de los entrenamientos, pero no tienen que llevarlos mientras hacen ejercicio.
- Acceso al equipo - No se puede compartir el equipo entre atletas en una cohorte, o entre cohortes en el mismo día. Después del entrenamiento, se tiene que limpiar cualquier equipo que estaba usado.
- Agua - Cada atleta tiene que traer su propia botella de agua.
- Supervisión de la salud - Los atletas que se sienten enfermos deben quedarse en casa y notificar a los entrenadores de su condición de salud.
- Baños - Estarán disponibles de a uno. Los vestuarios no estarán abiertos.
- Locker Rooms - Will not be open. All personal belongings will need to be placed 6 feet apart in designated areas.
- Coaches - Will be wearing protective gear
- Athletic Trainers - Will not be onsite during workouts. Can be contacted by email.
- It will be important to note that we ask all our students-athletes to refrain from socializing on campus before or after workouts. While we understand it will be very natural for our students and coaches to want to bond and share, it is important that we all do our part to ensure our return to play is both fun and safe.

And as always, we will continue to provide updates as they come. Thank you for your understanding and patience. We are in this together. Curt Johansen, Gunn AD

**\*\*NEW\*\* 2020-21 Gunn Titan Staff Grants**

**Application deadline: Friday, September 18**

The Gunn PTSA announces the Staff Grants process for the 2020–21 year with a total of \$20,000 waiting to be awarded to any Gunn teacher or staff member!

Please encourage those you know to apply. Goals of the PTSA Staff Grant:

Annually, PTSA allocates financial resources to teachers and staff to promote innovative teaching. Grants will be considered for non-recurring classroom or school-wide programs that teach or support students in creative and engaging ways. It seems especially poignant this year. Staff Grants are available up to \$2,000 (larger amounts may be considered). Applications are reviewed by the PTSA Budget Committee. Technology must also be approved by Gunn Tech.

Information and application form here:

<https://gunn.paloaltopta.org/teacher-grants/>

**\*\*NEW\*\* Junior Parent Network Meeting**

**Thu, Sep 22, 9:15 AM**

Junior parents, please join us for a Zoom meeting with Gunn Career Counselor Linda Kirsch on Tuesday Sept 22 at 9:15 AM. Linda will give an overview of what you need to attend to in the process of applying to CC, CSU, UC, and private institutions. All colleges are not alike! Whether a college is a good fit for your student depends on many factors such as how they like to learn, the size, and location of the school. We'll discuss these factors as well as the impact of COVID-19. You'll receive a Zoom link and questions link closer to the meeting through UptoUs, so you can submit your questions in advance. We hope to see you there!

**\*\*NEW\*\* Subscribe to The Oracle and Support Quality Student Journalism at Gunn**

Student journalism is still in full swing, even with the distance learning this year. While we sent the First Week of School issue home to all families this year to welcome everyone back to the school year, we will only be sending future issues home to our subscribers.

Subscribing to The Oracle is easy: you can visit the [SAC webstore](#) or subscribe through the summer mailing. We'd love to keep you informed of the important events happening on campus, and we appreciate your support! You can also keep up with The Oracle online at [www.gunnoracle.com](http://www.gunnoracle.com), by following us on Instagram and Facebook (@gunnoracle) and by finding us on Issuu ([issuu.com/gunnoracle](http://issuu.com/gunnoracle)).

**\*\*NEW\*\* Yearbook Baby Ads for Seniors**

Every year, the yearbook staff sets aside a portion of the yearbook for Senior Baby Ads. These ads allow parents of seniors to honor their child and send them a supporting message. Graduation from high school is a noteworthy step in every child's life that surely makes every parent proud. As a long-standing tradition at Gunn, these Senior Baby Ads help celebrate this monumental achievement. For more information: [Baby Ads Information and Order Form](#).



**\*\*UPDATED\*\* Don't Delay - Last days of PiE Challenge Grant**

Join our community in supporting PiE today! Your donations make a difference in the education and wellbeing of all of our students. PiE funds go to every PAUSD school and help principals to staff programs in wellness and counseling, the arts, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Learn how PiE dollars support your child's school: <https://papie.org/schools-of-pausd/> Donate or pledge now to double your impact. Gifts and pledges made by Sept 8 will be matched by a \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant. [Donate today to double your impact!](#)

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## PAUSD & PTAC

**\*\*NEW\*\* Superintendent Friday Update - 9/4/2020**

Read Superintendent Don Austin's message [here](#).

**\*\*NEW\*\* PAUSD Distance Learning Survey**

PAUSD's first survey is available for parents and secondary students. The survey process will evolve over time and will narrow when necessary. This is our first attempt and expect to receive some information to inform future decisions about our program. The district survey can be accessed [here](#).

**\*\*NEW\*\* Dr. Judy Argumedo, Director of Academic Supports will hold the second LCP (Learning Continuity Plan) Virtual Community Meeting**

**Thu, Sep 10, 5:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/95562289480>**

**One tap mobile: +16699006833,,95562289480# US (San Jose)**

The meeting agenda includes: Information on LCP, Stakeholder questions, Feedback

- La Señora Judy Argumedo llevará a cabo la segunda reunión comunitaria el miércoles, 10 de septiembre, 5:00-6:30pm. La agenda es - información sobre el plan de LCP -preguntas
- All Stakeholders Invited: Join Zoom Meeting LCP Community Meeting; Meeting ID: 955 6228 9480
- 學術支持總監Judy Argumedo博士將於9月10日（星期四）下午5:00舉行第二次LCP（學習連續性計劃）虛擬社區會議。會議議程包括：有關LCP的信息，利益相關方的問題，反饋
- 加入Zoom Meeting; LCP社區會議會議ID 955 6228 9480

**\*\*NEW\*\* Candidate Forums**

**Thu, Sep 24, 7:00-8:30 PM - School Board Forum on Secondary Education** – middle & high schools. Live stream: <https://youtu.be/qoHDNY4FG7>. Use this [google form](#) to submit questions in advance.

**Thu, Oct 8, 6:30-8:30 PM - School Board Forum** Co-hosted with the League of Women Voters. Register for the League-sponsored candidate forum on our [Candidate Forum web page](#).

**Sat, Oct 17, 3:00-5:00 PM - School Board Candidate Forum on Educational Equity & Access: the Achievement Gap and Special Education** The event is jointly sponsored by PTA Council (PTAC), Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC), the Latino Parent Network (LPN), and Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS). For questions, contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com) or [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\* Election Alert**

Voting begins when ballots arrive. Election day is Tue, Nov 3.  
Please pay attention to your ENTIRE ballot. Don't miss:

- PAUSD Parcel Tax (Vote for Measure "O")
- School Board & City Council Elections
- 11 Propositions. [[State PTA positions](#)]

REGISTER and VOTE Questions? [advocacy@paloaltopta.org](mailto:advocacy@paloaltopta.org) or [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org)



**\*\*NEW\*\* Vote to Support for Measure O**

PTA Council Executive Board supports Yes On O! Our Palo Alto schools are among the best in the state and nation, thanks to dedicated teachers, high-quality academics, and rich and varied programs to support and enrich our children's growth. **For almost 20 years, our local parcel tax has generated over \$15 million in locally-controlled funding to keep our schools strong. This essential local funding is set to expire.** If we don't renew our local parcel tax, our budget would be cut and our teachers, staff and programs could face devastating losses. **Vote YES on Measure O**, a parcel tax renewal measure that has been placed on the November 2020 ballot to ensure our schools continue receiving this critical funding. For more information please visit the [website](#) or email [info@SupportPaloAltoSchools.org](mailto:info@SupportPaloAltoSchools.org).

**\*\*NUEVO\*\* Vota para apoyar la medida O**

El consejo ejecutivo PTA apoya ¡sí en O! Nuestras escuelas de Palo Alto están entre las mejores en el estado y nación, gracias a nuestros maestros dedicados, académicos de buena calidad, y programas variados y ricos para apoyar y enriquecer el crecimiento de nuestros niños. **Para casi 20 años, nuestro impuesto de paquete ha generado más de \$15 millones en financiamiento local para mantener nuestras escuelas. Esta financiamiento expirará.** Si no renovamos nuestro impuesto de paquete local, nuestro presupuesto será reducido y nuestros maestros, empleados y programas podrán tener pérdidas terribles. **Vota Sí en la medida O**, una medida de renova para un impuesto que ha estado colocado en la votación por noviembre 2020 para asegurar que nuestras escuelas continúa recibiendo esta financiamiento esencial. Para más información por favor visita este [sitio web](#) o envía un correo electrónico a [info@SupportPaloAltoSchools.org](mailto:info@SupportPaloAltoSchools.org).

### **CENSUS For All Families and Community Stakeholders**

2020 is an important year for all Californians. It's the once-per-decade time that every person in America is counted in the U.S. Census. The census asks questions that provide a snapshot of our community, state and the nation. The census affects Federal funding, and much more. [[Learn more!](#)] You have the power to shape the future for the children of California. If you haven't yet been counted, please do it right away. Questions? [advocacy@paloaltopta.org](mailto:advocacy@paloaltopta.org).

### **CENSO para todas las familias y accionistas de la comunidad**

2020 es un año importante por todos los residentes de California. Es el un-por-década tiempo que cada persona en los Estados Unidos está contado en el censo. El censo pregunta preguntas que provee una foto de nuestra comunidad, estado, y nación. El censo afecta el financiamiento federal, y mucho más. [[¡Aprende más!](#)] Tiene el poder afectar el futuro para los niños de California. Si no era contado, por favor hágalo ahora. ¿Preguntas? [advocacy@paloaltopta.org](mailto:advocacy@paloaltopta.org).

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**COMMUNITY**



**\*\*NEW\*\* Let's Go EV! Electric Vehicle Workshop**

**Wed, Sep 9, 10:30 AM (online event) [RSVP](#)**

Want to love the planet AND your car? This workshop will cover the many benefits of EV ownership that make EVs more fun to drive, better for the environment, and cheaper to own than gas-powered cars. Topics to be covered include: charging basics, government rebates, leasing versus buying, available makes and models, and what's in store for the future.

**Palo Alto Virtual Moonlight Run and Walk**

Want to join a fun outdoor event with a team of friends, while supporting kids and families? Sign up for the [Palo Alto Weekly Moonlight Run & Walk](#) which takes place virtually on October 2 this year! Join friends under the light of the full Harvest Moon on a 5K walk, 5K run, 10K run or half marathon. This event raises funds for [local nonprofits](#) that support kids and families. Click [here](#) for details and to register. There's an Early Bird promo code -- **Early5** -- which is good for \$5 off each registration, valid until Aug. 31. Questions? Email [moonlightrun@pawekly.com](mailto:moonlightrun@pawekly.com).

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*College Scholarships for Gunn Seniors*

