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Righetti seniors plan to take charge of their futures during the Reach Higher Academy that is kicking off with a drive-through event in the west parking lot Monday, September 28. (11:30-1:00pm (A-L) and 1:00-2:30pm. (M-Z)

The Academy, which will involve several sessions that wrap up in November, are part of former First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative. It's an effort to inspire every student in America to complete their education beyond high school, whether at a professional training program, community college or four-year college or university.

Sessions include: Why Community College is an option for you (AHC), Major to Career (Cal Poly, SLO), UC Application/Personal Insight Questions? (UCSB/EAOP), Time is money! (Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara).

"Our goal is to provide college and career readiness information to our seniors with the tools and information to develop a post-secondary plan after high school through a series of virtual sessions/videos," said Warrior school counselor Julie Santoyo. "In collaboration with our partners from Allan Hancock College, UCSB -EAOP, Cal Poly (ETS/Upward Bound) and the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara, Righetti counselors will help provide information and practical tools to assist our students in the college application process, financial aid, picking a major, and other pertinent post-secondary skills.

Reach Higher Academy dates:

September 28	11:30-2:30 RHA Kick off in Senior Parking lot
October 5	Session #1 Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara
October 12	Session #2 CSU Cal Poly (ETS/Upward Bound)
October 19	Session #3 Allan Hancock College
October 26	Session #4 EAOP UC Santa Barbara
November 2	RHA Finale (TBA)

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