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## SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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More than 100 Santa Maria High School seniors made sure their UC/CSU admission applications were perfect during the "University Submission Party" on Thursday.

The Saints gathered from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the campus where they received help from school counselors and others in completing the applications. The UC/CSU system deadlines are Nov. 30.

"I feel that, without School Counselors Ms. Nancy Pacheco and Ms. Rosa Mendoza, I would not have been able to get my applications done," said student Jasmin Herrera Ramos. "I would not have known how to complete them correctly. It was nice to have that support system."

"I am so happy for the great turnout we had," said Saint School Counselor Rosa Mendoza. "The energy in the room was amazing and helping these students reach their academic goals is what we are here for."

Assistant Principal Monica Pallan said the assistance the students received was vital.

"They need support to complete the process because many of our students don't have that platform available at home," Pallan said.

A few weeks ago, the seniors participated in a "Cash For College" event and filled out FAFSA or California Dream Act applications so they can be eligible for scholarships, work-study, grants and loans. The Allan Hancock application process including the Hancock Promise will be completed in the spring.

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