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## **Villa Park High School Hosts College Information Evening**

ORANGE, Calif., October 20, 2010–Recently, the Villa Park High School administration and counseling department presented an evening for the community on the college application process and current trends in college admissions. Over 200 parents and community members attended this event. Topics for discussion included how the state budget has impacted California public colleges/universities admissions and how they are making their decisions.

The VPHS counselors shared information on admissions requirements, strategies for admissions, and the latest statistical data for the University of California, California State University and private universities. They also reviewed the freshman 2010 academic statistics for both UC and CSU, how students are reviewed for admissions, strategies to increase their chances of being accepted to appropriate schools, tuition, the pros and cons of community college, important deadlines and financial aid.

Parent questions were fielded on how to choose the universities in which to apply given the current challenges for admissions, which universities accept a broader range of students, and those that are less impacted. Parents found the information to be very helpful in guiding their students.

This is the first in a series of Parent Information Evenings. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, VPHS will be hosting an internet awareness evening and in the spring, a drug awareness evening. For more information on these events at VPHS visit the District's website at <a href="http://www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us/vphs/">http://www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us/vphs/</a>