

College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized <u>Test Dates</u>

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

September 8, 2018 (registration deadline: August 3)

October 27, 2018 (registration deadline: September 28, 2018)

December 8, 2018 (registration deadline: November 2, 2018)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

August 25, 2018 (registration deadline had passed)

October 6, 2018 (registration deadline: September 7, 2018)

November 3, 2018 (registration deadline: October 5, 2018)

December 1, 2018 (registration deadline: November 2, 2018)

*If you will be taking these tests with accommodations, please contact Mrs. Anzelone

On the Road Again...

This summer, our counselors took the road and visited a variety of campuses around the country. Below, each counselor provides a snippet of interesting information for you to review and consider as you look for the best-fit college:

Mrs. Kittel ventured down south starting in Tennessee, driving through Mississippi and ending up in the Atlanta area. Later, she traveled to New York City:



Rhodes College: 2,000 undergraduates. An excellent option for students looking for a smaller liberal arts school within a major metropolitan area (Memphis). Excellent internship opportunities. Stunningly beautiful campus.











University of Mississippi (Ole Miss): 18,500

undergraduates. Large but not overwhelming size. Brag of best tailgating in the nation. Special programs for Leadership, Chinese Language and Arabic languages. Lots of school spirit. New mascot is Land Shark.

University of Georgia: 28,000 undergraduates. Large university in small city. Requires all students to participate in experiential learning--either research, study abroad or internship. Lots of school spirit and traditions. Early action based on grades and transcripts ONLY. Regular admission is holistic.

Emory: 7,800 undergraduates. Medium sized research university with incredible opportunities. Emory is home to the Center for Disease Control; the Yerkes National Primate Research Center and the Jimmy Carter Presidential Center. Unofficial mascot "Dooley" brings spirit and excitement to campus.

Georgia Tech: 14,600 undergraduates. A great choice of a medium sized technology university in an urban setting. Abundant opportunities for research, internships and entrepreneurship partnerships.

The Cooper Union: A very unique institution only offering Art, Architecture and Engineering. Very small school in New York City. Currently offers each student a half tuition scholarship but plan to go back to free tuition within the next 5-9 years. A great opportunity for a self-starting, independent student. Mrs. Walker spent time in South Carolina...

Class of 2019 **Summer Workshops**

Students will attend one of



WOFFORD

COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

College of Charleston: 10,375 undergraduates. A charming and beautiful southern campus who prides themselves on offering opportunities of a large research university with the benefits of a liberal arts education. Their main academic building, Randolph Hall, is a National Historic Landmark. Highly ranked Career Center.

Wofford College: 1,600 undergraduates. Proud of their Lateral Learning experience, which offers a well-rounded education and three advisors – 1 peer advisor and 2 faculty. They offer a January Interim where students can take a one-month course pass/fail in a subject outside of their comfort zone; have an internship; or study abroad.

University of South Carolina: 26,300 undergraduates. Highly ranked International Business program and highly ranked Honors College.



Furman 2,800 undergraduates. Promises the Furman Advantage: personalized pathway to a four-year graduation; high-impact engaged learning; a team of advisors; and learning institutes and centers to explore and tackle important issues. Lots of opportunity for undergraduate research.

Colorado State University: 25,100 undergraduates. Focused on

education, service, extension into the Fort Collins community,

Mr. Weisgold flew out west to Colorado:



research, and "dirty hands" in terms of students digging into their passion. The first and only college to receive a Platinum rating for sustainability - lots of bikes and bike paths. Colorado School of Mines: 4,600 undergraduates. A STEM-



based school with the opportunity to pursue Business and Humanities. Campus has a great blend of modern technology and architecture paired with traditional buildings surrounded by gorgeous scenery. Each student completes an intro to design course, a field session (off-site for 3-6 weeks), undergraduate research, and a final capstone.







University of Colorado, Boulder: 27,800 undergraduates. A Tier University of Colorado One research institution pushing students to "Be Boulder". Seven colleges for students to choose from. Tuition is locked for four years. Known for sending graduates to the Peace Corps.

> Colorado College: 2,100 undergraduates. Piloted the Block Plan: students take 4 classes per semester but each course is taught in an intensified 3¹/₂ week session. Allows students to really immerse themselves in the subject matter and connect with the professor. Students have the chance to spend one of their blocks abroad (fully paid by CC).

> University of Denver: 5,700 undergraduates. The campus itself is an arboretum nestled in the middle of the city – lots of green spaces! Courses rotate on a quarter system. Any student with a 3.0 GPA or above can go abroad for free.

Some Reminders for Seniors

With summer winding down and only a few weeks left before our next school year begins, we have a few things for seniors to keep in mind. During the week of August 20, the college counselors will be hosting workshops for seniors to begin and hopefully complete the Common Application. Seniors **must register for one** of ten two and a half hour sessions; the link can be found on Haiku or seniors may register directly through the Google Form. All football players will participate in the Friday afternoon session as noted on their pre-season schedule. For those students who cannot attend the August Workshops, we will have a make-up session on September 11th.

Additionally, seniors **must complete** the Senior Questionnaire (also found on Haiku) to have their first meeting with their college counselor. Without this questionnaire, **counselors will not be able to write your official letter of recommendation**. If you have any questions, please contact your college counselor directly.

Seniors, Ask the Admission Office

We hope you've all enjoyed your summer and are excited to get back to Bullis later this month. As our new seniors continue to think about finalizing the college list, it's important to recognize the "must-haves," be it diversity on campus, presence, and strength of an academic major, availability of merit scholarships, etc. The National Association of College Admission Counselors, NACAC, has put together six checklists for students to determine what to ask when comparing and researching their options. Please feel free to use these checklists and create others to match your priorities.

Teaching Resilience in Failure

Working through failure is not always easy, and as parents and educators, we find ourselves often trying to protect students from experiencing failure or challenging times. We believe *The Conversation*'s article on allowing students to feel and live failure provides them the tools to succeed.

Parents – Important Dates as you Plan for the School Year

Each year, the College Counseling Office holds informational sessions with parents in the Upper School. We encourage you to attend, meet our staff, and bring your questions.

12th grade parents: Tuesday, September 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

or Wednesday, September 12 @ 8:00 a.m. 11th grade parents: Tuesday, September 25 @ 8:00 a.m.

10th & 9th grade parents: Wednesday, September 26 @ 8:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you and starting the year with positivity.

Coming to College Counseling

This fall, we plan to host over 110 colleges and universities in College Counseling. These meetings allow our students to get to know more about specific programs but also give colleges and universities an idea of the Bullis experience.

Seniors are welcome to come to meetings (with permission 24-hours in advance from their teachers) and can sign up through Naviance. Juniors may attend *only* if they have Study Hall or Enrichment block during the time of the scheduled visit.

Please note, visits are subject to change – the list below shows only those colleges who have registered for visit so far for this September. The full list can be found on Naviance. We've also hyperlinked each visit below to the appropriate admissions website for your reference.

Wednesday, September 12 Lynn University

Thursday, September 13 Denison University Lehigh University

Friday, September 14 Muhlenberg College

Tuesday, September 18 University of Georgia College of Charleston

Thursday, September 20 Brandeis University Hobart and William Smith Colleges Drew University University of Miami Bard College **Friday, September 21** Worcester Polytechnic Institute Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Monday, September 24 The Catholic University of America Emory University

Tuesday, September 25 Gettysburg College Oberlin College Colgate University

Wednesday, September 26 University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Thursday, September 27 Widener University