

# College Counseling Crier

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## Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

### ACT Test Dates and Deadlines\*

June 8, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
May 3)

July 13, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
June 14)

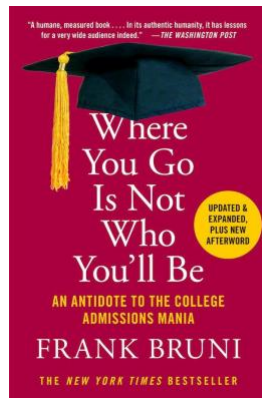
### SAT Test Dates and Deadlines\*

May 4, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
April 5)

June 1, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
May 3)

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

## Addressing the Elephant in the Room: Operation Varsity Blues



It has been a few weeks since the widespread news of the college admissions bribery scandal. With many opinions and articles floating around, we wanted to share a few thoughts of our own.

The philosophy that guides our College Counseling Office is to find the “right fit” college for each student. With over 5,000 institutions of higher learning in the United States, there is a wide range of institutional types and more than one will fit your desires and needs. Without regard to college lists or perceived prestige, we work hard to guide students to make choices based on the criteria that is best for them, their individual goals and their family circumstances.

The madness of chasing the Top 100 colleges as determined by magazines, media and guidebooks is usually futile. A more productive and healthy approach to the college search process is outlined very clearly in Frank Bruni’s book, *Where You Go is Not Who You’ll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania*. We encourage families to read it and take to heart this message contained within: “Everything in life--everything--is what you put into it. [It is not the college you attend.] There are so many options for how you can live your life and make a career for yourself.”

## Upcoming College Fair

On **Wednesday, April 10** juniors and their families will have the opportunity to meet and interact with [231 colleges and universities](#) throughout the United States and around the world. The Fair runs from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. but you are welcome to come and go at your convenience. In our most recent College 101 sessions, we talked about the type of questions our students should ask representatives; how to make a positive first impression; and what kind of information to provide to the representatives at the fair. We hope to see you there!

### Save the Dates

Washington Area  
Independent School  
(WAIS) Fair @  
Georgetown Prep for  
Juniors and Families

Wednesday, April 10  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mock Admission  
Program for Juniors and  
Families

Thursday, April 25  
Blair Center for the Arts  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

## Two Test-Prep Opportunities Through Applerouth



### For Sophomores – Test Prep during the academic year:

As a reminder, current sophomores (rising juniors), have the opportunity to enroll in a standardized test preparation course led by [Applerouth Tutoring Services](#). This course, offered in the second trimester, costs an additional \$649 and is taught during study hall twice a week on campus. **This is the most convenient manner in which to include test prep in your schedule.**

Bullis partners with Applerouth Tutoring Services to bring students a comprehensive and interactive class on how to tackle standardized tests and increase your score. In 20 hours of class-time Applerouth's expert tutor covers not only the content and format of the test but also key strategies for test-taking. This small and comprehensive class includes engaging material and the opportunity for students to take three previously-released, full-length standardized tests to practice their skills as they go.

***We highly encourage interested students to make the selection during course registration. For more information, please call Applerouth at 202-558-5644.***

### For Sophomores and Juniors – Summer Boot Camp:

Applerouth is pleased to offer its second annual Summer Boot Camp for rising juniors and seniors, which runs from July 27 through August 8. The Boot Camp, which costs \$549 is a two-week, twenty-hour intensive instructional period focusing on major standardized test concepts and strategies. An expert tutor leads the course, using engaging teaching methods to keep material compelling and digestible. Test guides and session notes are provided to help reinforce study and retention. Two mock test opportunities are included with the course and students will receive a detailed results-analysis to help them chart their own unique course towards mastering the ACT.

***To learn more and to register for the Boot Camp please visit [Bullis School's registration page](#).***

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## Mock Admission – Your Chance to be an Admission Committee Member



We are excited to present our Mock Admission program for juniors and their families on **Thursday, April 25!** Students and families will break up into groups forming admission committees tasked with reviewing applications for two unique colleges. This program is beneficial and eye-opening as the Class of 2020 prepares to enter the college application cycle.

We find the evening provides a great perspective and insight as to how a student and their respective application is reviewed in the context of institutional priorities. In the past, we've received rave reviews of this program. Please come as you are – after practice or a game, in comfortable clothing – our representatives just want to interact with you and help you understand the nuances of application review.

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## Celebrations Continue!

To date, our seniors have **525 acceptances** to colleges and universities all over the country and internationally. At this point, the vast majority of admission decisions have been released with the possibility of some shifting through Wait List activity.

With the National Candidates Reply Date, May 1, fast approaching, we are excited to help our seniors with their final choice. Each must submit **one and only one** deposit to their school of choice on or before May 1, 2019.

*As a reminder to our seniors please let us know of all admission decisions and scholarship awards.*

***We want to celebrate with you and provide good advice and counsel.***