

College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

July 13, 2019
(registration deadline:
June 14)

September 14, 2019
(registration deadline:
August 16)

October 26, 2019
(registration deadline:
September 27)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

August 24, 2019
(registration deadline:
July 24)

October 5, 2019
(registration deadline:
September 6)

November 2, 2019
(registration deadline:
October 3)

If you will be taking these tests with accommodations, please contact Mrs. Anzelone. Note - Bullis does not offer the July ACT with accommodations on campus

Rethinking Measures of Success and Well-Being



What do college rankings really measure? What is the relationship between selectivity and student outcomes? What is “fit”? Why does it matter?

Challenge Success, a non-profit affiliated with the Stanford University Graduate School of Education uses survey data to address these questions in their recent white paper, *“A Fit’ Over Rankings: Why College Engagement Matters More Than Selectivity.”* The 22-page document first shares the criteria and weighting system used by *U.S. News and World Report* and dissects the meaning behind the measurements. Then, it confronts the thought that a more selective college better prepares its students for future satisfaction and well-being. One of the biggest takeaways from the white paper is,

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“the students who benefit most from college are those who are most engaged in their academics and campus communities, taking advantage of the opportunities and resources their particular institution provides. Engagement is the key.”

Fit is more than finding the right location, academic offerings, and extracurricular activities such as Greek life, athletics, or the arts; fit, as defined by the paper is “a college where a student will be engaged – in class and out – by what the college has to offer.”

“Students Should Sacrifice far Less for the Sake of Getting Into College and do Much More to Thrive Within and Beyond It”

David Coleman, CEO of the College Board, recognizes the stresses evoked by the college application process. In his recent *The Atlantic* article, *“There’s more to College Than Getting Into College,”* Coleman shares his advice to students so they can “have the kind of transformative experience in college that fosters personal success and happiness.” Similar to the previous white paper from

Save the Dates

Class of 2020 Summer Workshops

August 19 – 23, 2019

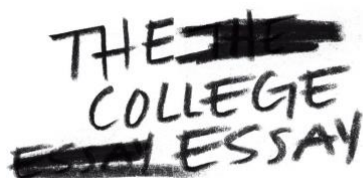
Students will attend **one** of ten 2½-hour sessions to complete the Common Application, the Coalition Application, and learn about our office procedures for the college application process.

This Workshop is mandatory and we ask students and families to schedule vacations and plans around one of these sessions.

Challenge Success, Coleman believes happiness is found through active engagement in a college community.

Making the Most of Your Summer: A Follow-Up to our Essay-Writing Workshops

While the Class of 2019 was away on serving communities through Habitat for Humanity, the college counselors spent time over two days with the Class of 2020 in their English courses introducing the college essay. We shared the 2019-2020 prompts for both the [Common Application](#) and the [Coalition](#); both of which are the most frequently used application platforms. During our Summer Workshops (see dates and details to the left in our [Save the Dates](#) column), we will work directly with the seniors to create these accounts. In addition to using a [Prezi](#) to share information and helpful thoughts from colleges and universities like [Georgia Tech](#) and [Tufts University](#), counselors and students read, reviewed, and dissected writing samples. On the second day of our workshops, students learned more about supplemental essays and the value of knowing the “why” behind their choices: why *this* school? why *this* program? why *this* passion?



Students were encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas with their respective counselors to hopefully seek guidance as they proceed with the editing process. We promise it will make the application process a much simpler one if the Class of 2020 can start their senior year with their essay completed or nearly completed.

Summer ACT Boot Camp

As a final reminder for the summer, 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, 20-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. If interested, please register by **July 24!**

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



Reminders for our Juniors

This summer, College Counseling will host its most important session for the Class of 2020. Throughout the week of **August 19 – 23**, current juniors will attend **one** of ten sessions offered (two sessions offered each day; one in the morning and one in the afternoon) for two and a half hours to get a jumpstart on the application process and complete their Common Application and Coalition Application. Coaches are aware that this is a requirement for every senior. A sign-up form will be sent in mid to late July.

Lucky to Live so Close

We are lucky to live within a 180-mile radius of over 300 colleges and universities. Last year, we published a [map and corresponding list](#) of 40 well-known colleges universities with direct links to their admissions pages for your reference. These included mostly colleges in Maryland; however, we want to recognize the variety of schools in surrounding states as well. We encourage all Upper School families to take advantage of this and make a visit or two this summer. It may be helpful to read *Reader's Digest*-article "[How to Guarantee Your Teen Gets the Best College Tour](#)" as you prepare for these trips.

Meaningful visits can include campus tours, information sessions, and for our rising seniors, an on-campus interview if it's available. While students may not be considering these exact schools, visiting any college or university can provide great insight as to what students *are* looking for in terms of size, location, and the "feel" of campus.

Below, we've provided a new map listing 39 additional colleges including direct links to admissions websites for you to learn more about making a visit.

Maryland

1. [Bowie State University](#)
2. [Frostburg University](#)
3. [Morgan State University](#)
4. [University of Maryland, Baltimore County](#)

Virginia

5. [Christopher Newport University](#)
6. [College of William and Mary](#)
7. [Hampden-Sydney College](#)
8. [Hampton University](#)
9. [Old Dominion University](#)
10. [Washington & Lee University](#)

Pennsylvania

11. [Albright College](#)
12. [Alvernia University](#)
13. [Arcadia University](#)
14. [Bryn Mawr College](#)

Pennsylvania (continued)

15. [Bucknell University](#)
16. [Cabrini University](#)
17. [Carnegie Mellon University](#)
18. [Drexel University](#)
19. [Duquesne University](#)
20. [Elizabethtown College](#)
21. [Haverford College](#)
22. [Juniata College](#)
23. [Lafayette College](#)
24. [Lehigh University](#)
25. [Muhlenberg College](#)
26. [Pennsylvania State University – University Park](#)
27. [Susquehanna University](#)
28. [Temple University](#)
29. [University of Pennsylvania](#)
30. [University of Pittsburgh](#)
31. [Villanova University](#)
32. [Widener University](#)

New Jersey

- 33. The College of New Jersey
- 34. Princeton University
- 35. Rowan University
- 36. Rider University
- 37. Rutgers University – New Brunswick

West Virginia

- 38. Shepherd University
- 39. West Virginia University

