



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

September 14, 2019
(registration deadline:
August 16)

October 26, 2019
(registration deadline:
September 20)

December 14, 2019
(registration deadline:
November 8)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

August 24, 2019
(registration deadline has
passed)

October 5, 2019
(registration deadline:
September 6)

November 2, 2019
(registration deadline:
October 3)

November 7, 2019
(registration deadline:
November 8)

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

Out and About...

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



DARTMOUTH

Dartmouth College: 4,400 undergraduates. An Ivy League institution running on a yearlong quarter system. While students must spend seven of the 12 quarters on campus, mostly in the first and fourth year, students can take advantage of the D-Plan, which allows for study on campus, study off-campus (abroad or at another institution), or the ability to go on leave and participate in an internship or research opportunity. 60% of students take advantage of study abroad opportunities. Much of social life revolves around Greek life and the Dartmouth Outing Club.



The George Washington University: 10,500 undergraduates. An urban school with a mostly-defined-Foggy Bottom campus where the majority of students live and take courses; about ¼ of freshman live within the Mount Vernon Campus, which is also home to several Living Learning Communities. While there are no dining halls, over 90 eateries and grocery stores accept the "GWorld" meal plan. With seven undergraduate colleges, students have the flexibility to move within disciplines and colleges. Home to a strong International Affairs program with multiple study abroad and internship options.



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Georgetown University: 7,000 undergraduates. Founded by Jesuits on the basis that each student, regardless of religious affiliation, should have the right to education, students are required to take a core curriculum including two of each theology, philosophy, and foreign language courses. A traditional college feel with plenty of green space and communal areas in a city setting. Home to four colleges, each of which has particular application questions, all of which are housed in Georgetown's own platform. Alumni interviews are a crucial component of the application process.



PennState

The Pennsylvania State University: 40,000 undergraduates at University Park (main campus) and over 76,000 in total from all campuses. A public research university which devotes over \$800 million per year in research; students can begin participating in the freshman year. Proudly boasts the largest living alumni network of all colleges and universities. Offers over 275 majors between 12 colleges and the Division of Undergraduate Studies for those students who are

Save the Dates

Class of 2019 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.

Please note, senior football players will attend as a group on Friday, August 23 at 1:00 p.m.. This workshop is in the players' practice schedule.

Upcoming College Counseling Parent Programs

Back to School Night
Tuesday, September 12,
6:30 p.m.

College Counseling
Senior Parent Meeting
Tuesday, September 17,
7:00 p.m.

College Counseling 11th
Grade Parent Coffee
Tuesday, September 24,
8:00 a.m.

College Counseling 9th
and 10th Grade Parent
Coffee
Wednesday, September 25,
8:00 a.m.



undecided in terms of their major. Top-performing students are also welcome to apply to Schreyer Honors College.

University of Virginia: 16,000 undergraduates. The first college in the nation established around a library instead of a church and now home to 13 libraries on campus. UVA is one of the only two public universities that are both need-blind *and* meet 100% of demonstrated need for domestic students. As the state flagship university, 60% of their students must be Virginia residents. Professors are required to offer the same number of office hours as those they teach in class/lecture hours. An intellectual atmosphere rooted in Jeffersonian communal learning tradition and a student-regulated Honors Code; aims to produce “citizen scholars.”



WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY

Wesleyan University: 3,000 undergraduates. Known for their open curriculum (meaning *no* core curriculum or general distribution requirements), students at Wesleyan often double major or add at least one minor. Classes are divided into three main areas: natural sciences and mathematics, social and behavioral sciences, and humanities and arts. Dedicated to close advising and students stretching themselves beyond their “one thing.” A place where the theoretical meets practical.

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 19-23**, 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 9th at 3:00 p.m.

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.

How to Tackle College Visits

We realize families have many obligations during the summer months, but if you plan to use the remaining weeks of summer to visit some colleges, this *Reader's Digest* article, “[How to Guarantee Your Teen Gets the Best College Tour](#),” provides some great tips about how to get the most out of your campus visit experience.



What is “Demonstrated Interest” Anyway?

For some colleges and universities, demonstrated interest plays a role in the holistic application review process. There’s a fine line in defining *meaningful* demonstrated interest but we’ve found Applerouth Tutoring’s Founder & President, Jed Applerouth’s article, “[Interviews and Interest: Getting to Know Each College,](#)” addresses how to make sincere impact when given the opportunity.

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. These dates and times are also listed in our [Save the Date](#) column.

Back to School Night for <i>all</i> parents:	Thursday, September 5 @ 6:30 p.m.
12th Grade Parent Meeting:	Tuesday, September 17 @ 7:00 p.m.
11th Grade Parent Coffee:	Tuesday, September 24 @ 8:00 a.m.
10th & 9th Grade Parent Coffee:	Wednesday, September 25 @ 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 nearly 150 colleges and university representatives 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 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 visits 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 11
[Loyola University – New Orleans](#)
[University of Dayton](#)
[University of Maryland – College Park](#)

Thursday, September 12
[Lafayette College](#)
[Colby College](#)
[Kenyon College](#)

Friday, September 13
[Worcester Polytechnic Institute](#)

Tuesday, September 17
[Stony Brook University, State University of New York](#)
[Connecticut College](#)
[Lynn University](#)

Thursday, September 19

Miami University – Oxford
The University of Chicago

Monday, September 23

College of William & Mary
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Tuesday, September 24

University of Georgia
University of South Carolina - Columbia

Wednesday, September 25

Indiana University – Bloomington
Colgate University

Thursday, September 26

University of Vermont
St. Mary's College of Maryland

COMING

SOON!