



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

*ACT Test Dates**

June 12, 2021

Registration deadline:
May 7, 2021

July 17, 2021

Registration deadline:
June 18, 2021

*SAT Test Dates**

May 8, 2021

Registration deadline:
April 8, 2021 – late
online registration
available through
April 27, 2021

June 5, 2021

Registration deadline:
May 6, 2021

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

Making the Most of our Digital World



Each year, Bullis School and other Washington Area Independent Schools host an exciting, lively, and informative College Fair for **junior** students and families. This year, we partnered with an even larger cohort of schools to create the Mid-Atlantic Independent Schools Virtual College Week, which aired virtual information sessions this past Monday through Thursday. Opening Spotlight Sessions about European Union (EU) Schools, “Best of UK,” Financial Aid 101, and a session surrounding standardized testing in the new landscape of college admissions were also made available.

General information about each of the colleges in attendance and representatives’ contact information can be found on the [College Information Page](#) or by going directly to the college/university website.

Mock Admission – Your Chance to be an Admission Committee Member

We are excited to present our virtual Mock Admission program for juniors and their families on **Thursday, April 22** at 7:00 p.m. Students and families will break up into groups forming admission committees, tasked with reviewing applications for two unique fictitious colleges. Each committee will be headed by one of our esteemed college admissions colleagues. This

year, we are excited to partner with the University of Chicago, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, the University of Maryland, and the University of Michigan.



[Save the Dates](#)

Mock Admission Program for Junior Families

Thursday, April 22
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

This program is beneficial and eye-opening as the Class of 2022 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 materials are reviewed in the context of institutional priorities. We've had rave reviews of this program in the past, and we are excited to have adapted to our largely remote environments. We encourage families to log in *together* on one computer as we will be dividing attendees between breakout rooms. Mark your calendars and get ready for an insider's view into an admission committee. We will share the Zoom link with all juniors and parents next week.

Getting Rid of “Zombies” in Admissions



In a year of uncertainty, assumptions, and rumors surrounding college admissions continue to spread. In his latest *Forbes* article, “[College Admission Zombies: Ideas That Need To Die](#),” Brennan Barnard consults with the experts to debunk some of these misconceptions. The article’s topics range from a response to the need to be a well-rounded individual whose breadth is greater than their depth, to the idea that ranking matters more than fit, and every other fallacy in between.

These are myths that we often share and discuss with families, and we hope that by hearing directly from the experts at the University of Richmond, Marquette University, Loyola University Maryland, Howard University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Bucknell University, Union College, Smith College, Tulane University, and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, reinforces our message.

Still Thinking of Summer...

Colleges and universities around the country offer summer programs for high school students. Due to the pandemic’s unpredictable nature, many of these programs are now offered online! For those students looking strictly for a residential experience, we recommend looking through [TeenLife’s listings](#).

These programs are an excellent way for students to get a feel for college life by taking classes and interacting with students from throughout the United States and other countries. With less focus on standardized test scores, participation in a summer program can help students emphasize their purpose when crafting the increasingly important supplemental essay responses. To find these opportunities, please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) section of the College Counseling webpage.

As in the past, we’ve provided focal groups for a more specific search. In addition to those listed, we will continue to add programs as we hear about them. If students need help throughout the summer program application process, we in College Counseling are happy to provide guidance and assistance.

Continued Celebrations



To date, our seniors have successfully submitted **1,406** applications and Document Request Forms! **615** acceptances have been offered.

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, 2021. There are a few schools that are pushing their deposit dates back to later in May. If seniors and their families have questions about their options, we encourage them to contact their counselor.

*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.