

COLLEGE GUIDANCE REPORT – CLASS of 2020

May 15, 2020

APPLICATIONS/ACCEPTANCES

* The 147 members of the Class of 2020 filed 1004 applications to 236 different colleges and universities, an average of 6.83 applications per student—a similar average to last year's class. These applications resulted in 667 (66%) acceptances, 239 (24%) denials, and 98 (10%) waitlists/deferrals.

* They were accepted at a PDS-record 202 colleges in 36 states, the District of Columbia, and 4 foreign countries (Canada, England, France, and Scotland), and they will attend a PDS-record 85 different schools in 26 states, the District of Columbia, Canada (University of Toronto), and France (Parsons- Paris).

* 55 students filed binding Early Decision applications (37% of the class—significantly more students than our 5-year average of 29%), and 39 (71%) were accepted to their first-choice school. These ED applicants will be attending: Babson, Bowdoin, Brown, Carleton, Colorado College, Cornell, Davidson, Denison (2), Duke, Elon, Furman, High Point, Johns Hopkins (2), Lehigh, U. Miami (2), Nazareth, NYU, Northwestern, Sewanee, SMU, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Vassar, Villanova, Virginia Tech (4), Wake Forest (2), Washington & Lee, Washington College, Wash U, Wellesley, Williams, and Wofford.

* UNC-Chapel Hill accepted 40 of 59 applicants, denied 17, and 2 remain on the waitlist. The 68% acceptance rate is a few percentage points above our 5-year average, and a significant increase from last year's 51% acceptance rate. As of May 6, 4 students have been admitted to UNC from the waitlist, the same number as last year.

* While we celebrate every acceptance that our students earn, some of the more selective schools to accept our students this year were: Babson, Bates, Boston College, Boston University, Bowdoin, Brown, Bucknell, UCLA, Carleton, Carnegie Mellon, Colorado College, Cornell, Davidson, Duke, Durham (UK), Edinburgh (UK), Emory, Furman, George Washington, Georgia Tech, Hamilton, Haverford, Imperial College London, Johns Hopkins, Kenyon, Lehigh, McGill, Michigan, NYU, UNC-Chapel Hill, Northeastern, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Oberlin, RPI, Rice, Richmond, Rochester, Sewanee, U. Southern California, SMU, Swarthmore, U. Toronto, Trinity, Tulane, US Military Academy (West Point), US Naval Academy (Annapolis), Vanderbilt, Vassar, Villanova, Virginia, Wake Forest, Washington & Lee, Wash U, Wellesley, Wesleyan, and Williams.

ATTENDANCE PATTERN

- # to in-state public: 30 (20.4%)
- # to in-state private: 15 (10.2%)
- # to out-of-state public: 40 (27.2%)
- # to out-of-state private: 60 (40.8%)
- # pursuing Gap Year opportunities: 2 (1.3%)

* The Class of 2020 leans more private and out-of-state than the PDS 5-year averages in these categories.

* The most popular destinations: UNC-Chapel Hill (18); Elon (6); Virginia Tech (6); Wake Forest (5); 4 students each to Clemson, Miami U. (OH), and U. Miami (FL); 3 students each to Furman, U Colorado, U. South Carolina, and U. Southern California; and 2 students each to Appalachian State, Bowdoin, Central Piedmont, College of Charleston, Cornell, Denison, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Johns Hopkins, Mercer, NC State, Northwestern, UNC Charlotte, and Washington and Lee. (After losing the top spot to NC State last year for the first time in known PDS history, UNC Chapel Hill is again the most popular destination.)

* 29 students elected to remain on waitlists, and as of today, 12 have been accepted from these waitlists. This number is quite high, perhaps due to college/university worries about COVID 19 and the potential for fewer enrolling students next fall.

AWARDS/HONORS

*83% of the seniors were offered merit scholarships or academic honors,-and the earned scholarship amount was approximately \$16,400,000. Of particular note is Charlie Rosbrook, who earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, and Jada Carter, Kaila Dawkins, and Robert Veres, who earned full academic scholarships at Florida A&M, North Carolina A&T, and Georgia Tech respectively. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that Jada Carter was offered a total of nearly \$1 million from the colleges that accepted her.

*There were 8 National Merit Finalists and 9 Commended Students in the Class of 2020. Thus far, 6 of the Finalists (Dylan Fox-Arnold, Kayla Furney, Alex Hobby, Katy Seddon, David Starling, and Robert Veres) have won National Merit Scholarships.

*Following the May '19 AP Exams, 28 members of the Class of 2020 were named AP Scholars, 23 were named AP Scholars with Honor, and 38 were named AP Scholars with Distinction, and 3 were already named National AP Scholars. These numbers will rise significantly following the release of the May '20 AP Exam scores this summer.

*22 senior student-athletes have committed to play sports in college—9 at the Division I level:

Ella Abraham- volleyball @ Furman, Giorgio Antonacci- football @ W&L, Kedrick Bingley-Jones- football @ UNC Chapel Hill, Carter Blessing- lacrosse @ Nazareth, Audrey Burri- crew @ Notre Dame, Louisa Bynum- soccer @ W&L, Cody Cater- football @ Wake Forest, Nina Simone-Clark- basketball @ Bridgewater, Jacolbe Cowan- football @ Ohio State, Dylan Fox-Arnold- soccer @ Carleton, Adam Habas- track @ UNCC, Mac Hale- lacrosse @ Washington College, Morgan Kelson- basketball @ Clafin, Jason Krell- track @ Louisville, Andi Levitz- basketball @ Skidmore, Will Mann- lacrosse @ Sewanee, John Miralia- baseball @ NC State, Baker Olin- baseball @ Bowdoin, MiLeia Owens- basketball @ Francis Marion, Colin Ravin- baseball @ Denison, Camryn Taylor- track @ Williams, Jayla Wright- softball @ Michigan State

* 54 seniors have attended Providence Day since at least first-grade.

* 27 seniors will graduate with a Global Studies Diploma.

STANDARDIZED TESTING MEANS

SAT (140 test takers): Reading/Writing: 658, Math: 663
Total: 1321 (national mean: 1059)

ACT (144 test takers): English: 28.0, Math: 27.4, Reading: 29.0, Science: 28.0
Composite: 27.9 (national mean: 20.9)

SAT Subject Tests (with 6+ test-takers): Biology-E (7): 627, Biology-M (17): 732, Chemistry (8): 733, Math II (36): 725, US History (34): 703, World History (20): 627

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