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Thayer Students Only: College Information Sessions

Congratulations on reaching the end of the school year. You are starting an important summer in your life as you ramp up for senior year, and it is important to continue learning about colleges and determining which places might be a good fit for you. With this in mind, we have added more college admission meetings for Thayer students for the week of June 8th. This list includes some of the most popular places for Thayer students; please attend the sessions that appeal to you.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

1:00 p.m.
Boston University



Representative Zoe Carter
Zoom meeting [link](#)

2:00 p.m.
St. Anselm College



Representative Sean Racine
Zoom meeting [link](#)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

1:00 p.m.
University of Miami (FL)



Representative Amanda Anderson
Zoom meeting [link](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

1:00 p.m.
University of Richmond



Representative Julie DuPont
Zoom meeting [link](#)

2:00 p.m.
Elon University



Representative Tyson Glover
Zoom meeting [link](#)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
Dickinson College



Representative Kate Guertin
Please register at the following link in advance and you will receive information on joining the meeting after registering.
[Registration Link](#)

Hudson River College Cruise

Bard College, The Culinary Institute of America, Marist University, RPI, Vassar College, and West Point are excited to announce their first-ever virtual Hudson River College Cruise!

This collaborative and informative event about the college search process will take place on Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 10. The “cruise” will allow students to hear from college admission experts at each institution through a series of presentations and live Q&As. There are sessions about liberal arts education, STEM education, college admissions during COVID-19, and other topics. All events are open to high school students and parents.

[To learn more](#)

Tips about Teacher Recommendations

Teacher recommendations should come from a teacher in an academic subject (not arts classes) because they help colleges understand how you will perform in their classrooms. The teacher provides insight into why your grade is what it is, how you interact with students and teachers, and how you approach assignments, while also shining light on your personality.

Which teachers should you ask?

When deciding which teachers to select for recommendations, be sure to consider who will be your strongest advocate. Think about teachers who fit the following criteria:

- Teacher with whom you have a good relationship
- Teacher who taught you relatively recently
- Teacher who taught classes in which you were successful (this doesn't always mean you got a high grade...maybe you achieved a grade that's not as impressive as your other grades, but you are proud of your achievement and it reflected your work ethic, perseverance, study habits, passion, etc.)
- Teacher that taught you in more than one class or also worked with you in a club or activity
- Teacher who teaches subjects related to one of your future fields of study
- Teachers from different departments (i.e. humanities & sciences)

You can also read the comments your teacher put on your report cards and progress reports. There might be some good nuggets worked into those comments that will help you gain some clarity on how the teacher might advocate for you in a letter of recommendation.

When and How Do You Ask?

If you have some good options from junior year and want to request a letter on the front end of the summer, email the teacher and ask to chat briefly over Zoom. If you prefer to wait until your senior year when you have more certainty about who your teachers will be and how many recommendations you need, that also works. You have probably spoken with your college counselor about this already, but feel free to revisit this topic with us at any time. We would be happy to help you sort through your options. We will walk you through the logistics of how the letters actually make it to colleges sometime in the early fall.

Spots Still Available: Thayer Academy Two Day Essay Writing Workshop

This is an excellent chance to get an early start on your Personal Statement, a major component of college applications.

June 22 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Thayer Academy college counselors and English teachers will host our traditional essay workshop online. This will give you the opportunity to learn about the college essay and generate ideas about your topic.

June 29 by appointment

After topic approval, you will write a rough draft on your own, and then on June 29 you will meet one-on-one with one of the college counselors or teachers to receive feedback on your draft.

To sign up for this workshop, please email [Ms. Woods](mailto:Ms.Woods). You will receive further instructions after you have registered.

THE SMARTIES CORNER

We recently published the top three colleges where recent Thayer graduates have matriculated. Many of you have asked, "so what are the next three?"

Here they are:

4. UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST
18 students
5. SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
16 students
6. ELON UNIVERSITY
TRINITY COLLEGE
tied with 15 students



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