

**January
2021**

Save the Date

Virtual College Night for Freshmen and Parents

Monday, Jan. 11
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Teams link forthcoming
via email

Virtual Cup of College

Thursday, Jan. 6
8:00-9:00 a.m.

Welcome Center
Conference Room

Alumni Panel Discussion

(Juniors and Seniors)

Monday, Jan. 25
12:05-1:20 p.m.

Performing Arts
Center

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Contact Mrs. Keegan
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for unique summer
internship
opportunities

St. David's School

Collegebeat...

An Update from the College Counseling Office

Now is the Time to Investigate Summer Plans

While summer is still months away, now is the time to research options and make plans, realizing that living in the world with COVID-19 demands flexibility. Some of these programs will pivot at the last minute and be virtual. Be prepared for that. Still, the summer months provide a unique opportunity for students to pursue activities that develop them as individuals and thus can make them stronger candidates for college admissions.

Some students will spend their summers waiting tables, while others will run their own lawn businesses, volunteer as camp counselors, attend academic programs, or (possibly) travel abroad. Any one of these activities is a worthwhile endeavor, and all demonstrate character development through work ethic, leadership, intellectual curiosity, or global awareness.

Other ideas for productive summer experiences include shadowing a professional in a particular field of interest, delving into a favorite hobby or a foreign language, or volunteering at a hospital, library or other community organization. The point is for students to follow their passions while making good use of their time.

Stop by the College Counseling Office to talk about ideas for how to plan a summer that will best suit you and your interests. Sift through our resource library, and peruse the extensive list of summer opportunities, complete with program descriptions, on the College Counseling page of the school website. Also, make sure to pay attention to the College Counseling bulletin board in the upper school hallway for new additions to summer opportunities. Be on the lookout for information about our internship fair in the late winter, early spring timeframe. Finally, check out the websites for academic, leadership, adventure, religious, and international programs listed on pages 2-4.

Please keep in mind, St. David's does not "endorse" these programs. Rather, we publicize opportunities that come our way and allow students and parents evaluate the programs that best suit the students' interests.

Military Academies Host Summer Programs

Juniors interested in applying to a military academy may want to attend a summer seminar.

These sessions feature immersion-style programs in academic, military, and social life as well as military training and athletic activities.

Attending a summer seminar gives a student a sense of whether or not a military academy is an appropriate fit for him or her.

Acceptance to any of the summer seminars is a

competitive process. Apply early for your best opportunity for admission.

U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis

[http://www.usna.edu/
Admissions/Programs/](http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/)

Applications open January 4,
2021 at 9:00 a.m. (EST)

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

<http://www.uscga.edu/aim>

Applications open late January
2021. Space fills quickly.

U.S. Military Academy at West Point

[https://www.westpoint.edu/
admissions/summer-program](https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program)

Applications open January 15,
2021

U.S. Air Force Academy

[https://
www.academyadmissions.com/
prepare/high-school/summer
seminar/](https://www.academyadmissions.com/prepare/high-school/summer-seminar/)

Applications opened
December 1 and close
January 15.

Summer programs fill quickly!
Check deadlines and submit
applications early.

Summer Opportunities - Camps and Pre-College Programs

Academic and Leadership

Adelphi University Pre-College Programs www.precollege.adelphi.edu

American University Community of Scholars Program www.american.edu/sis/communityofscholars

American University Discover the World of Communications www.american.edu/soc/discover

Appalachian State University – Martha Guy Summer Institute for Future Business Leaders <http://marthaguy.appstate.edu/>

Banson NYC Fashion Summer Camp <http://www.bansonnyc.com>

Boston University Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists www.promys.org

Boston University Summer Term High School Programs www.bu.edu/summer/highschool

The Brown Leadership Institute <https://precollege.brown.edu/leadership-institute>

Broyhill Leadership Conference www.broyhill-leadership.org

Carolina Master Scholars Adventure Series at the University of South Carolina https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/continuing_education/youth_and_teen_pre-university_programs/carolina_master_scholars_adventure_series/index.php

City of Raleigh Summer Youth Employment Program <https://raleighnc.gov/Community/content/CommServices/Articles/SummerYouthEmployment.html>

Cleveland Institute of Art www.cia.edu/precollege

College Internship Program Summer Programs <http://www.cipsummer.com/>

College of William & Mary Pre-Collegiate Program in Early American History <https://www.wm.edu/as/niahd/index.php>

Columbia College Chicago Summer Institute <https://learn.colum.edu/sac2020>

Columbia University Summer Programs for High School Students <http://ce.columbia.edu/High-School-Programs-Homepage>

Davidson College July Experience www.davidson.edu/offices/july-experience

Denison University Reynolds Young Writers Workshop <https://reynolds.denison.edu>

Duke University Young Writers' Camp www.learnmore.duke.edu/youth/youngwriter

Eastern University Templeton Honors College Summer Scholars Program www.templetonhonorscollege.com/summer

Economics for Leaders www.fte.org/student-programs/economics-for-leaders-program

Elevate Leadership Lab at Gordon College <https://www.gordon.edu/elevate>

Emory University Pre-College Program <http://precollege.emory.edu>

Engineering and Construction Camp <https://www.same.org/stemcamps>

Fashion Institute of Design and Marketing (FIDM) Summer Program <http://fidm.edu/en/calendar/summer+programs/>

Future Leader Camp at Norwich University, Vermont <https://www.norwich.edu/all-of-admissions/789-future-leaders-camp>

George Washington University Pre-College Program <http://precollege.gwu.edu>

Global Scholar www.globalscholar.org

Grammy in the Schools www.grammyintheschools.com/programs/grammy-camp

Harvard University Secondary School Program www.summer.harvard.edu/programs/ssp

ID Tech Camps www.internaldrive.com

Yale Young Global Scholars <https://globalscholars.yale.edu/>

Johns Hopkins Summer Programs <http://www.jhu.edu/summer>

Junior State of America Summer School www.jsa.org/summer-programs

The King's College: Summer Academy www.tkc.edu/summer-academy

Marist Summer Pre-College Program www.marist.edu/PreCollege

Maryland College of Art (MICA) Pre College Residence Program www.mica.edu/precollege

Miami University Summer Scholars Program www.MiamiOH.edu/summerscholars

Middlebury Interactive Languages <https://www.middleburyinteractive.com/summer-language-academy/summer-language-immersion-teens>

MIT Summer Programs www.mitadmissions.org/apply/prepare/summer

National Student Leadership Conference at American University www.nslcleaders.org/high-school-summer-programs/get-college-credit-hours

New York University Precollege Program www.nyu.edu/precollege

NCSU 4-H Camp <http://www.nc4h.org/camps-centers>

NCSU Design Camp <http://design.ncsu.edu/designcamp>

NCSU Engineering Summer Programs www.engr.ncsu.edu/theengineeringplace/summerprograms

NCSU NC-MSEN Summer Scholars Program www.ncsu.edu/crmse/programs/msen/activities_components.html#ssp

NCSU Polymer Day Camp <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/future-students/future-undergraduate/pre-college-programs/>

NCSU Poultry Science Summer Institute <https://poultry4hyouth.ces.ncsu.edu/poultry-science-summer-institute/>

NCSU Shelton Leadership Challenge Institute <https://sheltonleadership.ncsu.edu/youth-shelton-challenge/>

NCSU Summer Textile Exploration Program (STEP) <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/future-students/future-undergraduate/step/>

Summer Opportunities - Continued from p. 2

NCSU Young Investigators in Nuclear Technology

<https://www.ne.ncsu.edu/outreach-engagement/pre-college-students-educators/>

Otis College of Art and Design College Preparatory Program

<http://www.otis.edu/summer-art>

Phillips Exeter Academy Summer School

www.exeter.edu/summer

Ringling College of Art and Design

www.ringling.edu/precollege

Savannah College of Art and Design

www.scad.edu/summer

School of Art Institute of Chicago Early College Program Summer Institute

<http://www.saic.edu/continuing-studies/high-school/summer>

School of Museum of Fine Arts Pre-College Summer Studio

<https://smfa.tufts.edu/continuing-education/pre-college>

Smith College Precollege Programs for High School Girls

www.smith.edu/summer

University of Southern California Summer Programs

<https://summerprograms.usc.edu/>

St. John's College Summer Academy (Santa Fe, NM; Annapolis, MD)

<https://www.sjc.edu/summer-academy>

Stanford University High School Summer College

<http://summerinstitutes.stanford.edu/>

Summer Discovery

<http://summerdiscovery.com>

Summer Institute for the Gifted

www.giftedstudy.org

Summer Scholars at Clemson University

www.clemson.edu/summer-scholars

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

www.summerventures.org

Syracuse University Summer College for High School Students

<http://summercollege.syr.edu/>

Tulane School of Architecture Career Explorations in Architecture

<https://architecture.tulane.edu/prospective-students/admissions/career-explorations>

University of Chicago Summer Session

<http://summer.uchicago.edu>

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Summer Jazz Workshop

<https://music.unc.edu/summerjazzworkshop/>

University of Massachusetts Amherst

<http://www.umass.edu/summercollege>

University of Notre Dame Pre-College Programs

www.precollege.nd.edu

University of North Carolina at Wilmington Summer Jazz Workshop

www.uncw.edu/music

US Performing Arts Camps

www.usperformingarts.com

Virginia Tech Black College Institute

<http://vt.edu/admissions/black-college-institute/apply-to-bci.html>

Wake Forest Immersion Program

<https://immersion.summer.wfu.edu/>

Washington University High School Summer Scholars Program

summerexperiences.wustl.edu

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Frontiers and Launch Program

www.wpi.edu/+launch

Young Writers Workshop at Converse

www.converse.edu/summerworkshops

Adventure/Outdoor

ActionQuest Teen Summer Camp

www.actionquest.com/aaqadventure.html

Adventure Treks

www.adventureTREKS.com

Broadreach Summer Adventures

www.gobroadreach.com

North Carolina Outward Bound

www.ncobs.org

The Road Less Traveled

www.theroadlesstraveled.com

Sea Education Association

www.sea.edu/academics/high_school_programs

Religious Programs

The Bronfman Fellowships

www.bronfman.org

Worldview Academy

www.worldview.org

International Programs

American Collegiate Adventures

www.acasummer.com

Hillsdale College High School Summer Study and Travel Programs

www.hillsdale.edu/hs-programs

Lifeworks Global Service Learning Program for Teens

www.lifeworks-international.com

Oxbridge Academic Programs

<https://www.oxbridgeprograms.com/>

Rustic Pathways

www.rusticpathways.com

Spoletto Study Abroad

www.spoletostudyabroad.com

University of British Columbia Summer Scholars Program

<https://vancouversummerprogram.ubc.ca/>

University of Dallas Summer Programs

www.udallas.edu/travel

Where There Be Dragons

<http://wheretherebedragons.com/>

Windsor Mountain International Student Travel Program

http://www.windsormountaintravel.org/student-travel-community-service/Travel_Staff.html

These listings are also available on our website in the parent portal under resources and college counseling.

What does my deferral really mean?

By Lee Shulman Bierer, College Admissions Strategies

Being deferred is NOT the same as being rejected. It may feel that way for students, but this year with a record number of early applications there has also been a record number of deferrals. A student who applies through either early action or early decision is deferred when a college determines that the student has potential but they want to see first semester senior grades to confirm. So without sounding overly Pollyana-ish, being deferred gives a student a second chance to impress the admissions office.

So how should a student respond to a deferral?

1. Visit the college – If possible, if you haven't toured the campus, this is a great time to make the visit. Even if you have visited previously, a follow-up visit where you sit in on a class and/or meet with someone from admissions is an opportunity to set yourself apart from other deferred applicants. Also, a campus visit can really help you determine where this college ranks in your desirability scale. Plan to eat lunch in the cafeteria and have conversations with current students. These informal discussions can often provide insightful comments.
2. Contact your admissions representative – Find out which person in the admissions office handles your geographic territory. Take the opportunity to introduce yourself via email and ask that person if they can share any thoughts on how you could improve your application. Listen to what they say, don't argue or complain. It is important to be upbeat and leave a positive impression.
3. Write a letter – Send it to the Director of Admissions as well as your admissions representative. The letter should focus on your strongest attributes and how you will be able to contribute to the college community. Demonstrate your interest and your commitment. If you are 100% sure that if you are accepted you will attend, then say so. Talk about college fit; why the college is a good fit for you and why you are a good fit for the college. Use the letter to update the admissions office on any new information such as leadership roles in clubs, athletic accomplishments, awards, scholarships, etc.

Send your mid-year transcript. Most colleges will specifically request that you send your seventh semester grades. Follow instructions to the letter and get it done as quickly as possible. Timing can be an important factor.

Here's what not to do?

- Don't whine and complain to the Admissions Office that you really deserve to be accepted
- Don't send volumes of emails, snail mail or packages hoping to change their minds
- Don't accuse the admissions office of making a mistake in their decision
- Don't compare your SAT scores and GPA with someone else's

Don't over-boast about small accomplishments, tell it like it is. It is not really worth it to share that your SAT score went up 10 points.



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