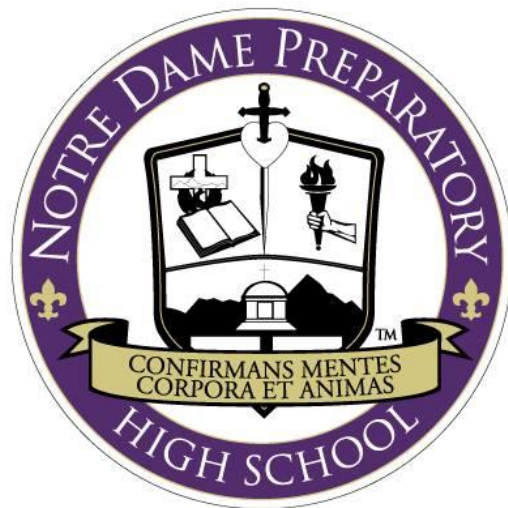


# The Journey

Freshman to Senior year...and beyond

September 9, 2021



# Counseling Team

- Lisa McMorrow: Director of Counseling
- Lisa Lopez: Freshman Counselor
- Deanna Duermit: Counselor
- Liz Barnes: Counselor
- Cal Beneze: Counselor

# Grades

## Keep in Mind

- Freshman grades DO appear on official transcripts
- Encourage your students to:
  - Meet with your teacher
  - Explore tutoring (if possible/available)
  - Extra practice on your own
- You can access grades through Canvas and PowerSchool

# Honors Classes

- More rigorous courses (increased workload, increased depth)
- Extra weight to GPA (+0.5 point)
- Required grades to place into *Honors* classes (reference the 1st semester grade to determine placement)
  - ◆ Honors to Honors = B (83%)
  - ◆ Standard to Honors = A (93%)

# Dual Enrollment (DE) Classes

- More rigorous courses (increased workload, increased depth)
- Honors level DE courses earn extra weight to GPA (+0.5 point)
- ALL Dual Enrollment (DE) classes earn college credit if students earn a "C" or better
- We offer our DE classes through Scottsdale Community College and University of Arizona
- College credit earned is accepted by in-state (and many out-of-state) colleges

# Advanced Placement (AP) Classes

- Most rigorous courses
- Extra weight to GPA (+1.0 point)
- AP exams take place in May
- College credit is awarded if a student earns a 4 or 5 on the AP exam
- Required grades to place into AP classes
  - ◆ AP to AP = B (83%)
  - ◆ Honors to AP = B+ (87%)
  - ◆ Regular to AP = A (93%)

# Graduating with Distinction

## **Summa Cum Laude (4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.85)**

- All require 32 (30 academic) credits to graduate
  - Remaining two (2) credits from Christian Service
- All require 4th level of a foreign language

## **In addition, Summa Cum Laude Requires Four Additional Courses:**

- Argumentation & Rhetoric Honors (sophomore)
- Focus: Seminar Honors (junior)
- Focus: Research Honors (senior)
- Philosophy Honors (junior or senior)

# Christian Service

**\*\*Students are required to complete a minimum of 120 hours of Christian Service by the time they graduate. They will log their hours via their x2Vol accounts\*\***

- **Service to Place of Worship (Minimum 4 hours)**
- **Service to NDP (Minimum 4 hours)**
- **Service to the Community (Minimum 10 hours)**
- **Service to the Poor & Marginalized (Minimum 30 hours)**



# Standardized Testing Journey

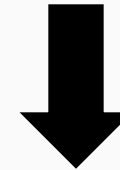
## 10th Grade

- PSAT
- Practice ACT
- AP



## 11th Grade

- PSAT
- Practice ACT
- SAT
- ACT
- AP



## 12th Grade

- SAT
- ACT
- AP

# PSAT

- October 13, 2021: Sophomores & Juniors take the PSAT at NDP (required)
- The PSAT is designed to measure the ability to understand and process elements of reading, writing, and mathematics
- Determines National Merit scholarship eligibility
- When your students receives their test results, the student will connect with the College Board and create a Khan Academy accounts to get free personalized study recommendations

# Practice ACT, SAT, and ACT

- Taken in the spring: Sophomores & Juniors
- [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org) for all SAT-related information
- [act.org](https://act.org) for all ACT-related information
- More colleges are becoming test optional due to COVID-19
- Free test prep resources:
  - Word of the day: [dictionary.com](https://dictionary.com)
  - Khan Academy: refer to College Board website
  - [act.org](https://act.org): Click the "Test Prep" link and scroll until you find the "Get Free ACT Test Prep" tab

# Decisions, Decisions

- Attend NDP College Visits
- Attend College Fair Events
- Visit College Campuses
- Research Colleges
  - Scoir

# Factors Influencing College Admission

- Grades (GPA)
- Strength of Curriculum
- Test Scores (ACT or SAT)
- Extracurricular involvement
- College Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- "7th Factor"

# Extracurricular Activities

→ Quality over quantity

→ Sports

→ Arts (Drama, Choir, Jazz Ensemble)

→ Clubs

→ Jobs

→ Internships

\*\*Highlight leadership experience(s)

■ ie: House Leadership position(s),  
Captaincy on a sports team

# "7th Factor"

- Year-specific individual institutional needs
- Special talents (arts/athletics)
- Geographic considerations (does the school "need" students from a certain school/city/state?)
- Demographic considerations (does the school "need" students of certain demographics?)

# Financial Aid

→ Scholarships

→ Grants

→ Work-Study

→ Loans



# Scholarships

## Individual Scholarships

→ Based on academic achievement, leadership qualities, community service work, special talents, acceptance to a specific program, or combination of all

### SOME scholarship websites we recommend

- [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)
- [Goingmerry.com](http://Goingmerry.com)
- [Chegg.com](http://Chegg.com)
- [Raise.me](http://Raise.me)
- [Tallo.com](http://Tallo.com)

# Athletic Scholarships

- Athletic Scholarships are not for 4 years - they are renewable each academic year, and may be increased, renewed, reduced, or withdrawn.
- Athletic Scholarships can be awarded in a variety of amounts - full, to partial, to books, etc.
- Excelling academically will make you eligible for even more athletic scholarships
- NCAA - Div. I & II: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- NAIA Eligibility Center: [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)

# Grants

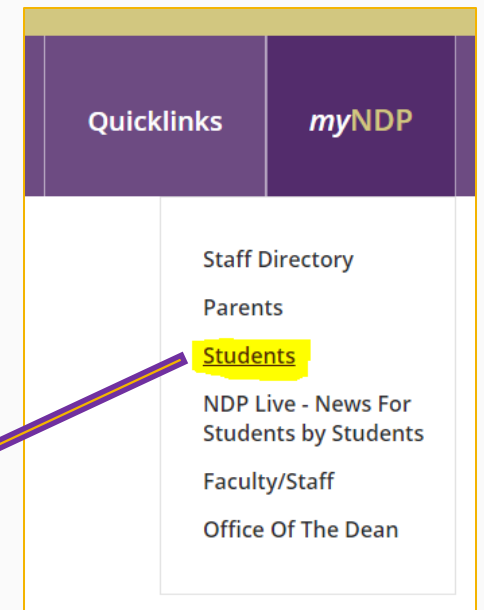
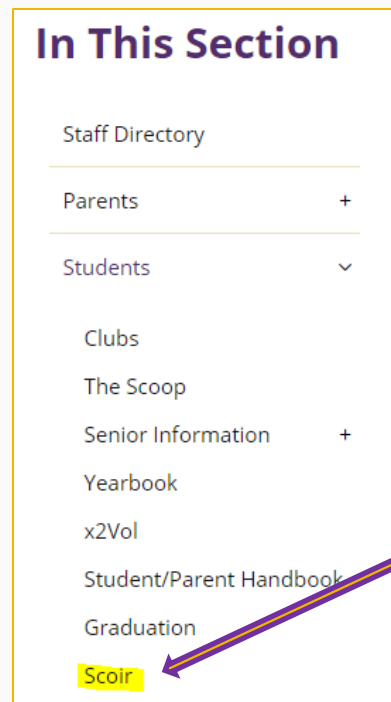
- **Free Money!**
  - Federal (Government)
    - Need-based
    - FAFSA required
  - Institutional (College)
    - Need-based
    - FAFSA required
    - CSS required (Only for institutional grants)

# Scoir

- College and career readiness software provider
- Offers access to information regarding colleges and universities across the United States
- Manages recommendation letters, surveys, and transcripts
- All freshman students will receive access information in class. Parents will receive access to their student's Scoir profile during the school year.

## How to access Scoir:

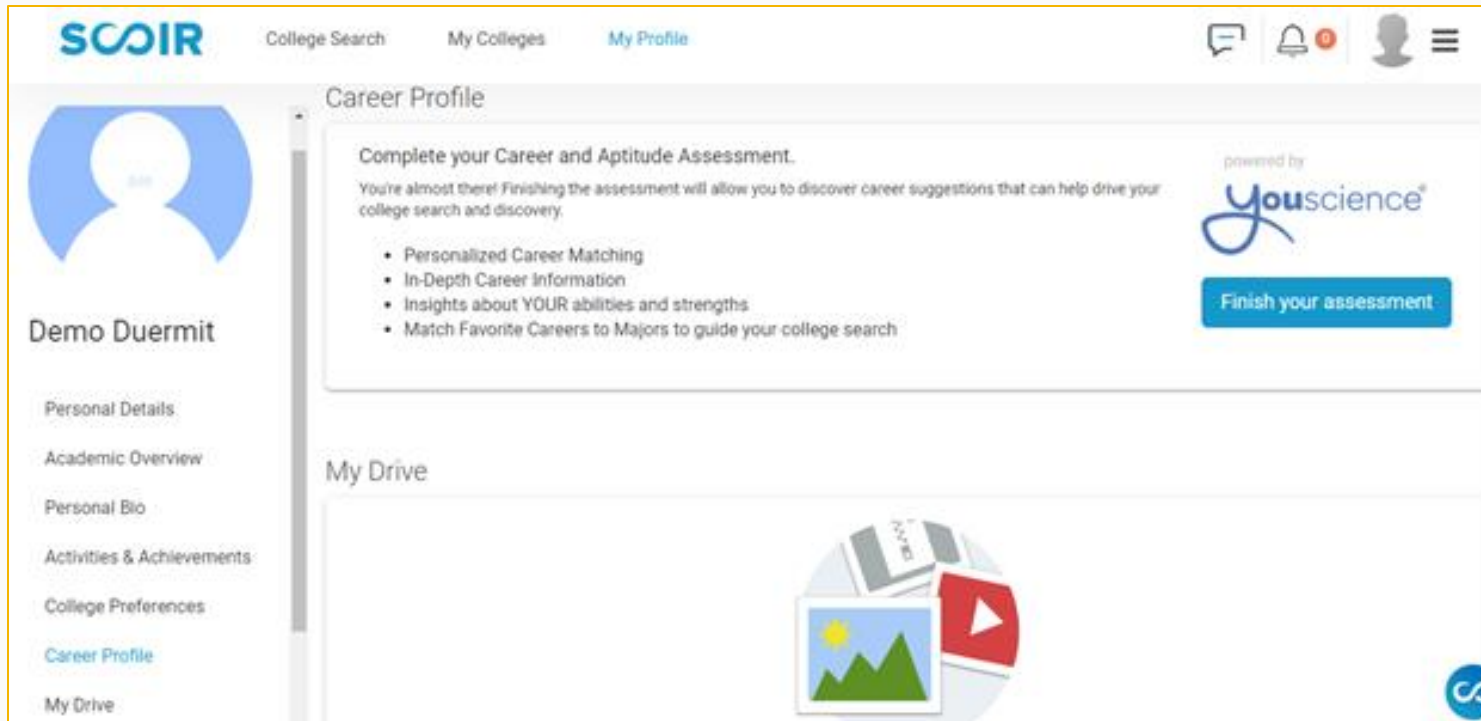
- Go to [www.ndpsaints.org](http://www.ndpsaints.org)
- Hover over "myNDP" on the right and then click "Students"
- On the left-hand side under "In This Section" scroll down and click "Scoir"



# Scoir

## YouScience

“My Profile” ⇒ “Career Profile” ⇒ “Get Started”

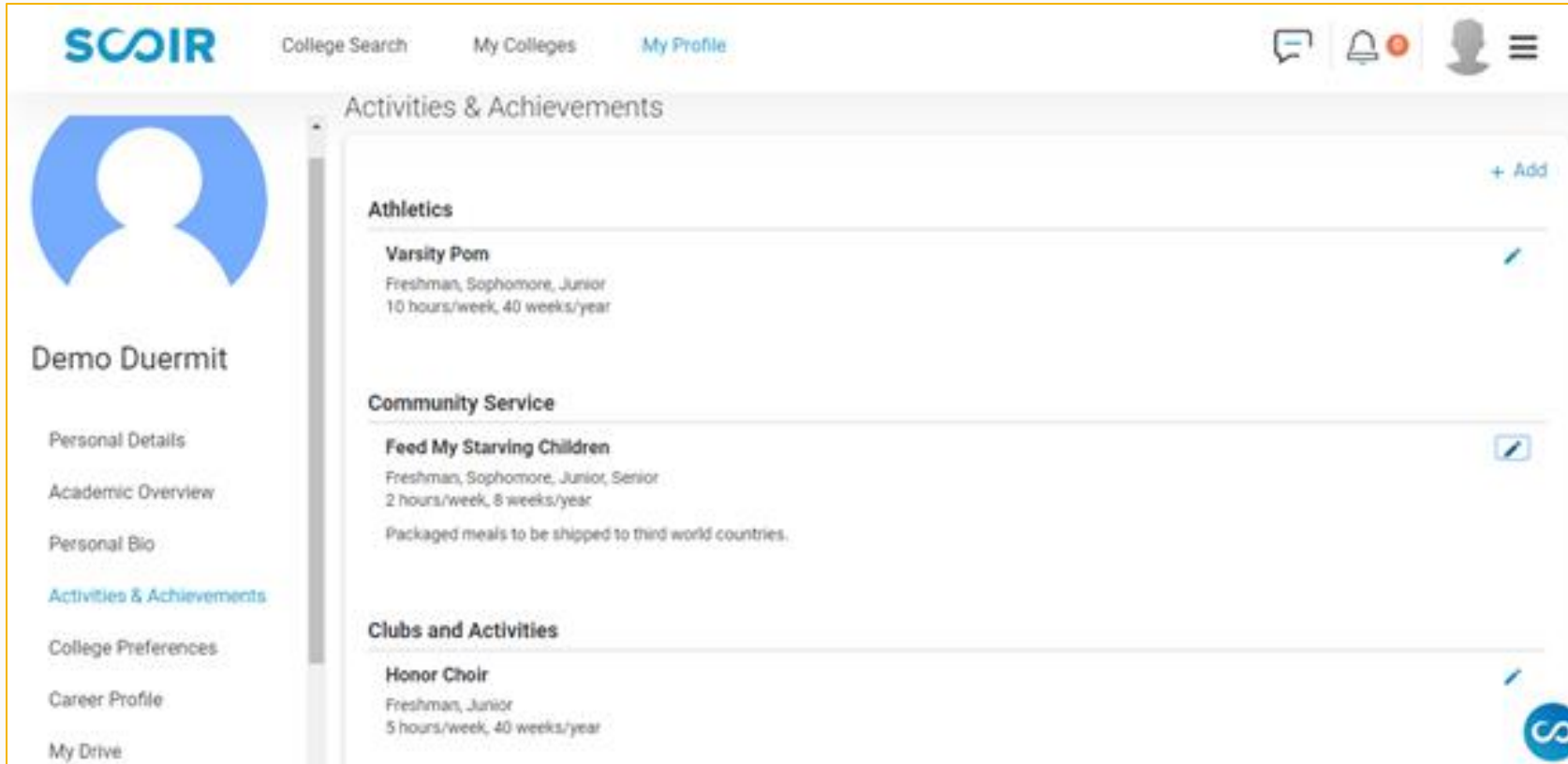


The screenshot displays the Scoir user interface. At the top, the Scoir logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'College Search', 'My Colleges', and 'My Profile' are in the center. On the right, there are icons for chat, notifications, and a user profile. The main content area is titled 'Career Profile' and features a large blue profile picture placeholder for 'Demo Duermit'. Below the name is a sidebar menu with options: 'Personal Details', 'Academic Overview', 'Personal Bio', 'Activities & Achievements', 'College Preferences', 'Career Profile' (highlighted), and 'My Drive'. The main content area contains a 'Career Profile' section with the text 'Complete your Career and Aptitude Assessment.' and 'You're almost there! Finishing the assessment will allow you to discover career suggestions that can help drive your college search and discovery.' It lists benefits: 'Personalized Career Matching', 'In-Depth Career Information', 'Insights about YOUR abilities and strengths', and 'Match Favorite Careers to Majors to guide your college search'. A 'Finish your assessment' button is present, along with the YouScience logo. Below this is a 'My Drive' section with a circular icon containing a folder, a photo, and a video. A small Scoir logo is in the bottom right corner.

# Scoir

## Creating a Resume

“My Profile” ⇒ “Activities & Achievements” ⇒ “+ Add”



The screenshot displays the Scoir user interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the Scoir logo, links for 'College Search', 'My Colleges', and 'My Profile' (which is highlighted). On the right side of the navigation bar are icons for messages, notifications, a user profile, and a menu. The main content area is titled 'Activities & Achievements' and features a '+ Add' button in the top right corner. The left sidebar shows the user's name 'Demo Duermit' and a list of profile sections: 'Personal Details', 'Academic Overview', 'Personal Bio', 'Activities & Achievements' (which is selected and highlighted in blue), 'College Preferences', 'Career Profile', and 'My Drive'. The 'Activities & Achievements' section is divided into three categories: 'Athletics', 'Community Service', and 'Clubs and Activities'. Under 'Athletics', there is an entry for 'Varsity Pom' with details: 'Freshman, Sophomore, Junior' and '10 hours/week, 40 weeks/year'. Under 'Community Service', there is an entry for 'Feed My Starving Children' with details: 'Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior', '2 hours/week, 8 weeks/year', and a description: 'Packaged meals to be shipped to third world countries.' Under 'Clubs and Activities', there is an entry for 'Honor Choir' with details: 'Freshman, Junior' and '5 hours/week, 40 weeks/year'. Each activity entry has a pencil icon for editing. A blue circular icon with a white 'S' is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

# Scoir

## Discover

“Discover” ⇒ “All Colleges” ⇒ Fill out preferences

The screenshot displays the Scoir Discover interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Discover', 'My Colleges', and 'My Profile'. A search bar is present with a 'Private Search' toggle and a 'Reset' button. The main content area shows a list of 2,893 colleges, filtered by 'Country - United States of America'. The list includes the following colleges and their statistics:

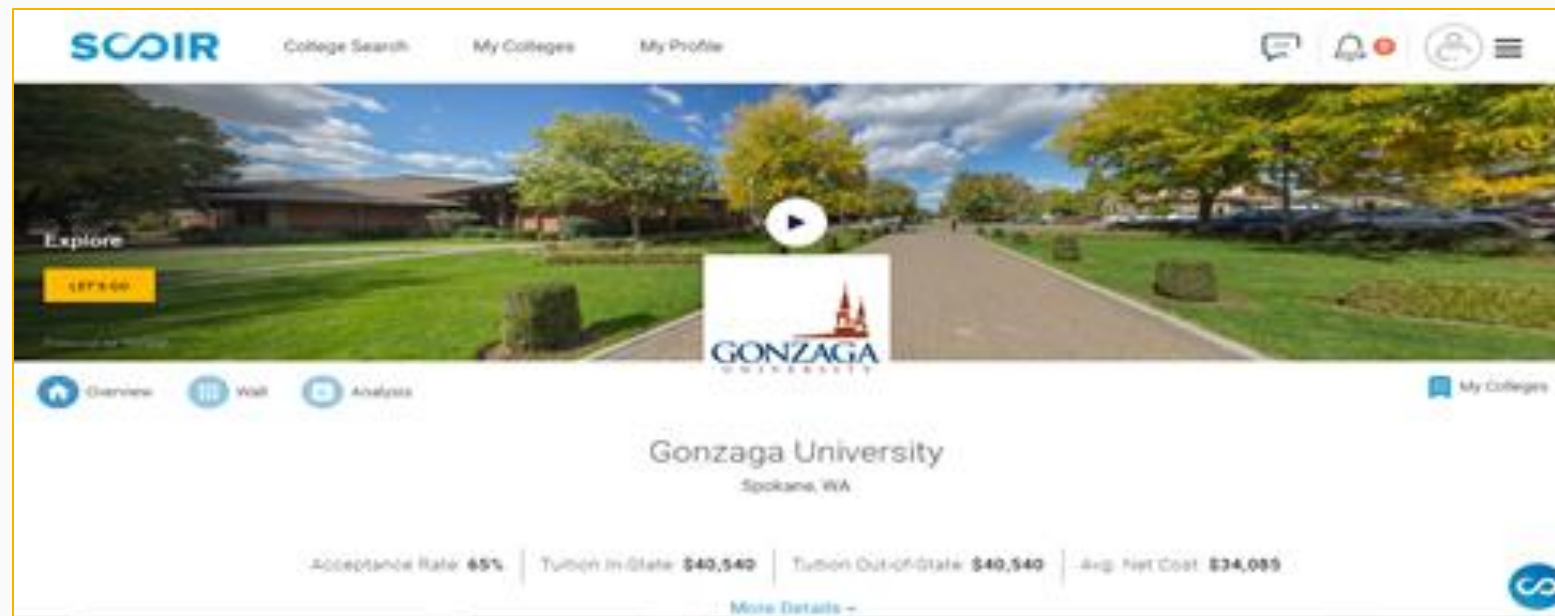
College Name	Average SAT Score	Average ACT Score	Acceptance Rate	No. Undergrads
<b>Aaniih Nakoda College</b> Harlem, MT	—	—	—	131
<b>Abilene Christian University</b> Abilene, TX	1122	24	61%	3,525
<b>Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College</b> Tifton, GA	1025	19	73%	3,927
<b>Academy for Nursing and Health Occupations</b> West Palm Beach, FL	—	—	—	552

Each college entry includes a 'Compare' and 'Follow' button. The left sidebar contains various filter categories such as 'Personal Interests & Activities', 'Academic Focus', 'Undergraduate Degrees', 'Distance/Location', 'No. Undergrads', 'Athletics', 'Test Scores/Acceptance Rate', 'School Type', 'Campus Setting', and 'ROTC Programs Offered'.

# Scoir

## Discover

You can then click on each college to find more detailed information. This includes acceptance rate, cost, virtual tours, average SAT/ACT scores, student life, makeup of the student body, retention rates, top majors, and proximity to transportation.





# Scoir

## My Colleges - Following

“My Colleges” ⇒ Add and view colleges under “Following”

The screenshot displays the Scoir 'My Colleges' interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'College Search', 'My Colleges', and 'My Profile'. The 'My Colleges' section is divided into three tabs: 'Following (13) Schools you like', 'Applying (0) Applications in Progress', and 'Applied (0) Submitted Applications'. The 'Following' tab is active, showing a list of colleges with their logos, names, locations, and safety ratings. A 'Not interested' button is visible on the left side of the list. The 'Applying' and 'Applied' tabs are currently empty.

Following (13) Schools you like	Applying (0) Applications in Progress	Applied (0) Submitted Applications
<p><b>ASU</b> Arizona State University (Main Campus) Tempe, AZ Safety</p> <p><b>CU</b> Chapman University Orange, CA Match</p> <p><b>GU</b> Gonzaga University Spokane, WA Match</p> <p><b>Loyola Marymount University</b> Los Angeles, CA Match</p> <p><b>NAU</b> Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, AZ Safety</p> <p><b>University of Northern Iowa</b></p>	<p>College application progress. Checklist and deadlines to help you along the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____</li></ul>	<p>Enrolling Where are you planning to attend?</p> <p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>

# Scoir

## Sign Up for College Visits

Home Page ⇒ “Visits & Deadlines” ⇒ “Filter” ⇒ “Count Me In”

The screenshot displays the Scoir interface for managing college visits. The page is titled "Visits & Deadlines" and features a navigation bar with "SCOIR", "College Search", "My Colleges", and "My Profile". A sidebar on the left contains a "Filters" section with options: "Application Deadlines", "College Visits", "All Upcoming Visits", "Visits from My Colleges", and "Only My Registered Visits". The main content area shows a calendar view of visits:

Month	Date	Day	College	Time	Location	Registered	View	Count Me In
March	21	Thu	West Chester University of Pen...	12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	TBD	0 Registered	View	Count Me In
April	2	Tue	Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA)	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	TBD	0 Registered	View	Count Me In
April	9	Tue	Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	TBD	0 Registered	View	Count Me In
			Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA)					
May	3	Fri	Villanova University	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	TBD	0 Registered	View	Count Me In

Thank you!  
Any questions?

