

COLLEGE GUIDANCE REPORT – CLASS of 2022

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APPLICATIONS/ACCEPTANCES

* The 163 members of the Class of 2022 filed 1177 applications to 255 different colleges and universities, an average of 7.2 applications per student—slightly fewer than last year’s class. These applications resulted in 691 (59%) acceptances, 348 (30%) denials, 134 (11%) waitlists/deferrals, and 4 still pending.

*They were accepted at a PDS-record 209 colleges in 36 states, the District of Columbia, and 4 foreign countries (England, France, Italy, and Scotland), and they will attend 85 different schools in 27 states, the District of Columbia, England (King’s College and U. Hertfordshire), and Italy (Bocconi U).

* 63 students filed binding Early Decision applications (39% of the class—significantly more students than our 5-year average of 30%), and 35 (56%) were accepted to their first-choice school. These ED applicants will be attending: Amherst, Bucknell, Centre, Cornell, Davidson, Duke (2), Elon (2), Emory, Furman, Hamilton, Middlebury, NYU, Syracuse (2), Tufts, Tulane (3), U Chicago, U Miami (3), UNC Asheville, U Penn, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest (5), Wash U, and William & Mary.

* UNC-Chapel Hill accepted 26 of 62 applicants, denied 23, and 13 remain on the waitlist. The 42% acceptance rate is about 13% lower than our 5-year average, as UNC has taken a big jump up in selectivity over the past two years.

* While we celebrate every acceptance that our students earn, some of the more selective schools to accept our students this year were: Amherst, Bates, Boston U, Bryn Mawr, Bucknell, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Davidson, Duke, Emory, Furman, George Washington, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Hamilton, Howard, Johns Hopkins, Kenyon, Lehigh, Macalester, Middlebury, NYU, NYU Shanghai, Northeastern, Oberlin, Purdue, Reed, RPI, Rice, Sewanee, SMU, Stanford, Syracuse, Tufts, Tulane, UCLA, U Chicago, Georgia, Florida, U. Miami, Michigan, UNC Chapel Hill, U Penn, US Naval Academy (Annapolis), Richmond, Rochester, U Southern California, U. St. Andrews (UK), Vanderbilt, Villanova, Wake Forest, Washington & Lee, Wash U, and William & Mary.

ATTENDANCE PATTERN

to in-state public: 41 (25.3%)

to in-state private: 12 (7.4%)

to out-of-state public: 52 (32.1%)

to out-of-state private: 56 (34.6%)

entering military service: 1 (0.6%)

* After a year of heavily private (55%) and out-of-state (72%) attendance in 2021, the Class of 2022 returned to a pattern more typical of PDS’s five year average, with 33/67 in-state/out-of-state and 57/43 public/private attendance this year.

* The most popular destinations: NC State (11); UNC-Chapel Hill (9); Appalachian State (7); U. Tennessee and Wake Forest (5); 4 students each to Furman, NYU, Tulane (4); 3 students each to Duke, East Carolina, George Washington, Indiana U., Purdue, U. Colorado, U. Miami, UNC Wilmington, and Vanderbilt; and 2 students each to Clemson, Davidson, Elon, Fordham, Georgia Tech, Miami OH, Penn

State, Syracuse, TCU, U. Georgia, U. Kentucky, U. Maryland, U. Mississippi, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, and Virginia Tech.

* 39 students elected to remain on waitlists, and as of today, 3 have been accepted from these waitlists with perhaps a few more in the coming weeks.

AWARDS/HONORS

*82% of the seniors were offered merit scholarships or academic honors, and the earned scholarship amount was over \$15 million. Of particular note are the 6 seniors who will pursue military options via the U.S. Naval Academy, The Citadel, ROTC programs, and direct entry into the Marine Corps.

*There were 9 National Merit Semifinalists and 11 Commended Students in the Class of 2022. Thus far, 3 of the Finalists (Phoebe Brannan, Liam Eustis, and Rachel Hobby) have won National Merit Scholarships.

*Following the May '21 AP Exams, 36 members of the Class of 2022 were named AP Scholars, 27 were named AP Scholars with Honor, and 19 were named AP Scholars with Distinction. These numbers will rise significantly following the release of the May '22 AP Exam scores this summer.

*26 senior student-athletes have committed to play college sports—17 at the Division I level:
Nate Abraham- football @ Western Carolina, Tate Arrington- track @ Davidson, Donovan Atwell- basketball @ UNC, Harrison Barnett- baseball @ Marshall, Bleu Coleman- football @ East Carolina, Caroline Doffermyre- lacrosse @ Mercer, Cassidy Doffermyre- lacrosse @ Arizona State, Ijeoma Eziri- track @ U Penn, Connor Glosson- lacrosse @ U.Tampa, Tony Harris- football @ Western Carolina, Ava Hellner- soccer @ U. Kentucky, Addy Holgorsen- soccer @ Clemson, Ashley Horwitz- track @ Tulane, Leah Horwitz- field hockey @ U. Maryland, Claire Miller- track @ Middlebury, Cam Nichols- football @ US Naval Academy Prep, Connor Ostrowski- bowling at U. Pikeville, Reagan Peterson- beach volleyball @ U. Washington, Emily Ritchie- field hockey @ Centre, Bryce Scott- basketball @ Randolph Macon, Falon Spearman- track @ Duke, Santana Spearman- track @ Vanderbilt, Jackson Sword- eSports @ Prebyterian, Spencer Turtz- golf @ U. Wisconsin, Griffin Weidner- soccer @ Hamilton, Zach Villegas- track @ Amherst

*103 seniors have been named to the National Honor Society.

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

* 16 seniors will graduate with a Global Studies Diploma.

STANDARDIZED TESTING MEANS

SAT (148 test takers): 1296 (national mean: 1051)

ACT (150 test takers): 27.4 (national mean: 20.3)

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