



DePaul College Prep
2022 Post-Secondary Report

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Department Goals and Vision

Department Vision:

DePaul College Prep features a comprehensive post secondary planning program, designed to educate, support, and serve our diverse student population. The vision of our multi-year program is rooted in our student-focused approach. Our intention is to guide and to lift our young learners towards their educational goals, in the spirit of our DePaul Prep mission.

Department Goals (2021/2022):

- Meet individually with each 2nd semester Junior and their family to begin building their personalized post secondary plan
- Develop and execute our first evening Spring College Fair
- Host on-site Financial Aid workshop - FAFSA completion
- Expand our Summer College RAMp up camp
- Integrate more financial literacy into our advisory program
- Develop a more comprehensive skills assessment for career exploration
- Recruit students for college tours with college counselors
- Recruit students for career exploration trips with college counselors
- Develop and enhance interview skills for Sophs and Juniors
- Provide more college-based, off-campus experiences/professional growth and learning opportunities for counselors

Overview of 2021/2022 Programming

DePaul College Prep offers a comprehensive and well-rounded college and post secondary preparatory program. Some features to highlight are:

- Personalized conversations and individual meetings with students and families - including our initial Family College Conference
- Classroom-based College and Career focused curriculum
- Junior College Conference with family to set post secondary plan
- Career Exploration/Education Event - DCP hosted 20+ professionals on campus in conversations with career curious students
- Full access to Naviance - our college search database and digital planning tool
- Letters of Recommendation process guidance and organization
- Professional Development sessions for faculty/staff on historical admissions practices/differences and best practices for letter writing/organized narrative model
- Direct connection to college admissions professionals via Rep Visits - 130 College Representatives visited with our students in the Fall
- On-Site, school-supported standardized testing including: PSAT 8/9, Pre-ACT, PSAT/NMSQT, ACT, SAT, Advanced Placement (AP) exams, and International Baccalaureate (IB) assessments

- Robust line up of college-focused evening programming and presentations (PEWS) - further details ahead
- Counselor-led resumé and interview skill development coursework
- In-person Financial Aid completion workshop in partnership with Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)
- Spring semester College Fair (the school's first ever evening fair) - 108 colleges in attendance
- 3-Day Comprehensive Pre-College Summer Course "RAMp Up"

 RAMp Up 2022

Parent Educational Webinars (PEWs Events):

[College Kickoff Event](#)

(Senior Focused) 9/8/21

DePaul Prep College Counselors, Joan Murphy and Tony Minestra preview Post-Secondary Advisory programming for the Fall, offer guidance on timing, share application insight, walk through testing options, and cover to-do lists for Seniors and their families. Tony and Joan were joined by College Admissions Reps from Augustana, Dickinson, DePaul University, Saint Mary's, and Northern Illinois University.

[Exploring and Understanding the Financial Aid Process](#) (embedded on website)

(All Levels) 10/5/21

DePaul University Financial Aid Director, Chris Rone and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission partner with our DCP College Counselors to tackle the college cost talk in this virtual experience. We cover everything from the real cost of college these days to streamlining the financial aid process and being an educated consumer when it comes to offers.

On-Site FAFSA Completion Workshop

(Senior Focused) 10/12/21

Andrea Janick, former ISAC corps member and current DCP counselor, joined by our College Counseling Team and along with current members of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission team, provide hands-on assistance, working with families in small group and individual settings, as we work through completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Families should come prepared with all recent tax, income and asset info, and if applicable, an FSA ID to retrieve tax and income info.

Continuing the College Conversation

(Senior Focused) 11/9/21

Reconnect with the DCP College Counseling Team, along with a panel of College Admissions Counselors from University of Wisconsin Madison, Ohio Wesleyan, and Michigan Tech, right after the early college application deadlines as we look to the next steps in the process. The focus will be re-engaging in the post secondary conversation to set a plan for the Winter and Spring ahead, and to help answer the question: “What happens next?”

The Road Ahead: Junior College Kickoff Program

(Junior Focused) 1/18/22

Joined by College Reps from Luther College, University of Oklahoma, and Miami (OH), the College Counseling Team kicks off the college conversation with our Juniors and Families. We lay out the college application timeline and share best practices for building a healthy college process. We also preview the College Readiness Advisory Curriculum we have developed for the class of 2022, and highlight all the post secondary resources available to our students.

[College Admissions and the NCAA Recruiting Process](#)

(All Levels) 2/22/22

Competing in collegiate athletics can be an incredible experience, but the path to get there can also be a complicated process. College Counselor (and former collegiate athlete and coach) Tony Minestra pairs with DePaul University Athletics Advisor and NCAA Compliance Officer Kim Smith, Aurora University Athletics Liaison Shawna Armstrong, and award-winning college quarterback and academic All-American Gavin Zimbelman to guide a conversation around the recruiting process and life as a student athlete at the next level.

[Making the Transition from High School to College](#)

(Graduating Senior Focused) 4/12/22

Taking the leap from high school to college can be exciting and overwhelming, all at the same time. The DCP Counseling Team joined forces with voices from Student Affairs and Residence Life professionals from DePaul University (as well as a DePaul U student perspective) to help guide a conversation around the big transition. We share perspective, what to

expect, and best practices for a healthy student experience in their first year on campus.

Building Your Summer Post Secondary Plan

(Junior Focused) 5/10/22

The DCP College Counseling Team lays out a plan to prepare your student for success ahead of the busy Fall application season. We lay out what to expect in the months ahead, share best practices for putting a timely plan together, and hear advice from the College Admissions side on what our soon-to-be Seniors could be focused on and what they should expect from the process. Guests include Admissions Reps from Ohio Wesleyan (with experience at Northwestern, Syracuse, and Marquette) and The Ohio State University.

Advisory Curriculum: Post-Secondary Focused Content

9/8/21: Senior Advisory 1

Application Timeline and Overview

Executing the Letter of Rec Process

College Essay Best Practices/Approach

Naviance + Common App Connection, Workshop

College Admissions Rep Visit Schedule Share/Sign-Up

10/20/21: Senior Advisory 2

Transcript Requests, College Application Management and Tracking

Exploring and Understanding Financial Aid

Introduction to LinkedIn, Creating a Professional Online Presence

2/23/22: Senior Advisory 3

College Application and Transcript Check-In

Reviewing Campus Safety and Identifying Campus Resources

Healthy Relationships in College

3/30/22: Senior Advisory 4

Understanding and Comparing Financial Aid Award Letters

Post-Secondary Financial Planning

Post-HS/Pre-College Checklist

10/6/22: Junior Advisory 1

Career Conversations/Rotations with Professionals

Personality Profile (16 Personalities) and Professional Fit

Professional Research and Job Market Analysis

1/12/22: Junior Advisory 2

Introduction to Naviance and College Search Process

7 Ps of the College Search, List-Building, Finding Fit

College Research Team Activity

Introduction to the Letter of Recommendation Process/Form

4/13/22: Junior Advisory 3

Developing positive interview skills

Mock Interview “competition”

Resume building/best practices

1/29/22: Freshman Advisory 3

Transcript Awareness/Review/Goal Setting

“Admissions Game” activity - exploring factors in admissions decisions

College info “Scavenger Hunt” group research activity

Spring College Fair

On March 9th, we hosted our first ever state-recognized evening College Fair.

- All Sophomores and Juniors, and their families, were invited to the event.
- 42 student ambassadors and the entire counseling team worked the evening to assist college reps, students, and families navigate the fair.
- Our facilities team, security team, and technology team were essential partners in the execution of the event.
- We hosted 108 College Admissions Representatives throughout the building from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.
- Our pre-fair event featured a catered dinner and student-lead musical entertainment (jazz band) for our college representatives.

[College Fair Map](#)

Institutions in attendance:

Albion College

Arrupe College Chicago

Augustana College

Aveda Institute-Chicago

Belmont Abbey College

Benedictine University

Binghamton University (NY)

Bowling Green State University

Bradley University

Butler University

Carroll University

Central College

Central Michigan University

Chicago State University

City Colleges of Chicago

Columbia College Chicago

Concordia University-Chicago

Cornell College

DePaul University

Dickinson College

Dominican University

Drake University

Eastern Illinois University

Elmhurst University

Franklin College

Hope College

Illinois College

Illinois Institute of Technology

Illinois State University

Indiana University-Bloomington

Indiana State University

John Carroll University

Kalamazoo College

Knox College

Lawrence Technological University

Lawrence University

Lewis University

Lincoln College

Lincoln College of Technology

Loyola University Chicago

Luther College

Lynn University

Marquette University

McKendree University

Miami University-Oxford

Michigan State University

Michigan Technological University

Millikin University

Monmouth College

National Louis University

Northeastern Illinois University	U.S. Navy
Northern Illinois University	University College Dublin
Northern Michigan University	University of Akron
Nova Southeastern University	University of Dayton
Ohio State University	University of Denver
Ohio University-Main Campus	University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy in St. Louis
Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Illinois-Chicago
Pacific Northwest College of Art	University of Illinois at Springfield
Providence College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Purdue University Northwest	University of Iowa
Roosevelt University	University of Kansas
Saint Louis University	University of Louisville
Saint Mary's College	University of Maryland
Saint Mary's University of MN	University of Minnesota
Saint Norbert College	University of Mississippi
Saint Xavier University	University of Missouri-Columbia
Salve Regina University	University of Oklahoma
School of Art Institute of Chicago	University of Oregon
Simmons University	University of South Alabama
Southern Illinois University	University of St Francis
Syracuse University	University of St. Thomas
Taylor University	University of Wisc-Stevens Point
The University of Tampa	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Trine University	Valparaiso University
Trinity Christian College	Wayne State University
Trinity Washington University	
U.S. Air Force	

Western Illinois University
Western Michigan University
Western State Colorado University

Winona State University
Xavier University

College Admissions Reps Fall Visits

From Sept 13th through November 1st, we welcomed representatives from over 130 different institutions to meet with our students, during the school day, every day of the week (except for Wednesdays - our Advisory and Colloquium days). 90 of these visits were offered in-person, on our campus, 41 were executed via Zoom (or an alternative virtual platform). We hosted up to 4 institutions per day, all meetings occurred during non-classroom dedicated time, in the 10:45 to 11:45 window (lunch and study hall).

Our visitors included:

Albion College
Augustana College
Bard College at Simon's Rock
Belmont Abbey College
Beloit College
Benedictine University
Boston University
Bradley University
Butler University
California Lutheran University
Carleton College

Carroll University
Champlain College
Chicago State University
Claremont McKenna College
Cleveland Institute of Art
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia University-Chicago
Cornell College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College

Dominican University
Drake University
Eastern Illinois University
EHL Hospitality Business School
Elmhurst University
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Franklin College
Gettysburg College
Grinnell College
Holy Cross College
Hope College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Iowa State University
John Carroll University
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Knox College
Landmark College
Lawrence Technological University
Lewis University
Lincoln College
Los Angeles College of Music
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Luther College

Lynn University
Madonna University
Marquette University
McKendree University
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Millikin University
Monmouth College
Mount Saint Mary's University
New College of Florida
Niagara University
North Park University
Northern Illinois University
Northern Michigan University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Pennsylvania State University
Providence College
Purdue University Northwest
Purdue University-Main Campus
Roosevelt University
Saint John's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Mary's University of MN

Saint Norbert College
Saint Xavier University
School of Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Southern Illinois
University-Carbondale
Syracuse University
Taylor University
Temple University Japan
Catholic University of America
The New School
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
Trinity Christian College
Trinity Washington University
United States Naval Academy
University College Dublin
University of Central Missouri
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
University of Health Sciences &
Pharmacy in St. Louis
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign
University of Kentucky

University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of St Francis
University of St. Thomas (MN)
University of Toronto
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Valparaiso University
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Wake Forest University
Wayne State University
Wilbur Wright College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

Post-Secondary Trends and Observations

Large % of Seniors were hesitant, uncertain about change

Finances drove the vast majority of enrollment choices

Heavy leaning on “Practical” majors/career paths

Midwest has a STRONG pull (in applications and enrollment choices)

The Southeast, Colorado and Arizona have out-of-region interest and draw

Test-Optional (almost universally) benefits our students

Top Career Cluster Interests (based on major):

Business/Accounting/Econ (39 students)

Lab Sciences (17)

Engineering (13 students)

Nursing (9 students)

Psychology (8 students)

Complete List of Self-Reported Intended Major Choices:

Accounting (2)

Actuarial Science

Aquatic Biology

Automotive Technician

Aviation Flight

Biochemistry and Molecular Bio

Biology (3)

Biomedical Sciences

Business (19)

Business - Finance (3)

Business - Marketing (10)

Business -Real Estate (2)

Business entrepreneurship

Chemistry (2)

Communication (5)

Comm. Sciences and Disorders (2)

Computer Science (6)

Criminal Justice (2)

Data Visualization	Global and Environmental Studies
Design Studies	Health and Sciences
Directing (Film)	Integrated Strategic Comm
Economics (2)	Journalism
Education (2)	Media Management
Engineering (4)	Neurology
Engineering - Aerospace	Neuroscience (2)
Engineering - Automotive	Nursing (9)
Engineering - Biomedical	Political Science
Engineering - Civil	Pre-Dental
Engineering - Computer	Pre-Med (3)
Engineering - Mechanical (4)	Pre-Physician Assistant
English	Psychology (8)
Environmental science	Public Policy
Exercise Science (3)	Sports Management (2)
Film and Television	Undeclared (12)
Forensic Psychology	Video Game Programming

Testing Data

National Testing Trends:

1,850 Test-Optional/Test-Blind Institutions for 2022

Just 5% of schools on the Common Application required scores for '22

52% of Common Application applicants (total) applied test optional

DePaul Prep Testing Outcomes and Optional Choices:

23 Seniors utilized test scores (ACT/SAT) in their admissions process (15%)

Average ACT Score submitted for admissions purposes - 27.2

Average ACT score overall for '22 Class - 22.8

Average SAT score overall for '22 Class - 1148* (only 44 scores reported)

College Application Data Review/Outcomes

Overall Applications and Acceptances

Total # of Seniors: 154, Avg. Applications Per Student: 8.75

Net Applications: 1,347, Total Admitted Applications: 994

Acceptance Rate Overall: 74%

Total # of Seniors Accepted into 100% of their schools: 59

Total # of Different Colleges Applied to: 307

Total # of Different Colleges Admitted to: 245

Total # of Students Admitted to their #1 School: 121 (self-reported)

Outcome Enrolling Summary by Post Secondary Category

4 Year College: 131 students

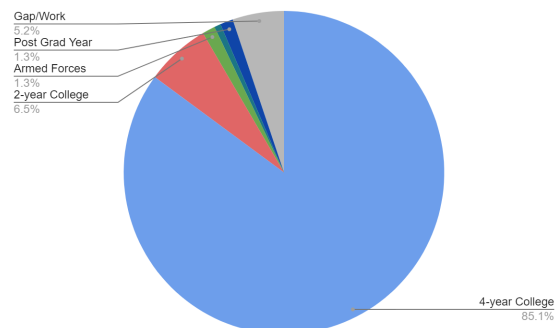
2 Year College: 10 students

Military: 2 students

Trades Program: 1 student

Post Graduate Year: 2 students

Work/Gap Year: 8 students



Outcome Enrolling Summary by Type of Institution

Catholic Colleges and Universities: 32 students

Top 50 National Colleges and Universities: 26 students

Top 50 Public Universities: 46 students

Top 50 Liberal Arts Colleges: 7 students

Big Ten Institutions: 27 students

Illinois State Public Schools (4-year): 22 students

DePaul University Admissions Outcomes:

47/67 Completed Applications Admitted*

9 Wait-Listed, 9 Denied, 2 Withdrawn

Average Admitted DCP GPA: 3.49

6 Enrolling

** 70% admit rate even with National average*

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Admissions Outcomes:

25/39 Completed Applications Admitted*

3 Wait-Listed

19 of 25 admitted into First Choice Major

9 Enrolling

3 Engineering and 1 Computer Science (Highly Selective Programs)

** 64% = Slightly above In-State Average*

Colleges that Received 20+ Applications from the Class of 2022:

DePaul University

Loyola University Chicago

University of Illinois UC

Marquette University

University of Illinois Chicago
University of Iowa
Bradley University
Illinois State University
Northern Illinois University

Xavier University
Michigan State University
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Purdue University

Colleges Where 3+ Students from the Class of 2022 will Enroll:

University of Illinois UC
Loyola University Chicago
University of Illinois Chicago
DePaul University
Purdue University
Wilbur Wright College
Marquette University
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Arizona State University
North Park University
Elmhurst University
University of Wisc-Milwaukee
University of Kentucky
The University of Tennessee
Triton College
University of Notre Dame

Complete Roster of Colleges Where the Class of 2022 will Enroll:

Arizona State University (3)
Boston College
Bradley University
Butler University
Carthage College
Champlain College
College of Charleston
Colorado College

Colorado State University
Columbia College - Hollywood
Cornell College
Denison University (2)
DePaul University (7)
Dominican University
Elmhurst University (3)
Grinnell College

Harry S Truman College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University (2)
Kalamazoo College
Kristiansand Folkehøyskole
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Loras College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago (9)
Macalester College
Marquette University (4)
Michigan State University (2)
North Park University (3)
Northern Illinois University (2)
Northern Michigan University (2)
Ohio University
Purdue University (6)
Saint Louis University
Southern Illinois University
St Francis University
St Mary's College, Indiana
St Norbert College
St. Leo University
Syracuse University (2)

The Citadel
Triton College (4)
University of Dayton
University of Arizona (2)
University of Denver
University of Illinois Chicago (10)
University of Illinois UC (9)
University of Iowa (3)
University of Kansas (2)
University of Kentucky (3)
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame (3)
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Alabama
University of St Thomas
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee (3)
University of Wisc-Madison (4)
University of Wisc-Milwaukee (3)
University of Wisc-Platteville
West Virginia University
Wilbur Wright College (5)
Xavier University (2)

Colleges where our 2022 IB Diploma Students will Enroll:

Boston College	Loyola University Chicago
Champlain College	Purdue University
Colorado College	University of Illinois UC (2)
Denison University	University of Wisc-Milwaukee
DePaul University (3)	Xavier University
Illinois Institute of Technology	

College Choices for Students 3.8 GPA and Above (48 students):

Boston College	Purdue University (3)
Bradley University	Syracuse University
Champlain College	University of Arizona
Colorado College	University of Illinois at Chicago
Cornell College	University of Illinois UC (6)
Denison University (2)	University of Michigan
DePaul University (4)	University of Mississippi
Grinnell College	University of Notre Dame (2)
Indiana University	University of Pittsburgh
Lawrence University	University of South Alabama
Louisiana State University	University of Tennessee
Loyola University Chicago (3)	University of Tennessee
Macalester College	University of Wisc Madison (4)
Norwegian Folk School	Xavier University

Post Secondary Choices for Students 2.5 GPA and Below (17 students):

Arizona State University	St. Louis University
City Colleges of Chicago (3)	Triton Community College (2)
DePaul University	U.S. Marine Corps
North Park University (2)	University of Kansas
St. Leo University	No College (4)

College Choices for Students Receiving Significant Financial Aid While Attending DePaul Prep:

DePauw University	Triton College (2)
Elmhurst University (2)	University of Illinois at Chicago
Lehigh University	University of Illinois UC
Loyola University Chicago (4)	University of Wisconsin Madison
North Park University	University of Wisconsin Platteville
St. Norbert University	No College (2)
The Citadel	

College Choices for Recruited Student Athletes:

Carthage College	Lawrence University
Colorado College	Macalester College
Cornell College	North Park University
Elmhurst University	Saint Leo University
Grinnell College	Saint Louis University
Illinois Wesleyan University	University of Wisc-Milwaukee
Kalamazoo College	Triton College

Preview of 2022/23 Programming and Future Focus

Expanding College Counseling Team: Growth from 2 counselors to 3

Restructuring Department: College Counseling establishes own department

Improve and Upgrade Space: College Resource Center Improvements

Transition of College and Career Software: Naviance to Maia Learning

Goals:

Strengthen Career Match and Exploration Curriculum

Decrease Caseload per CC, Develop more intentional relationships

Provide guided Off-Campus Experiential Opportunities for Students

Broaden and Formalize our Competitive Scholarship Selection/App Process

Develop more intentional Financial Literacy Planning Curriculum

Execute Career-Focused Colloquium and Encourage Hands-On Learning

Widen our reach/consideration in our college application pool

Deliver in-person College Information Sessions, twice annually (+ online)

Capture consistent admissions and scholarship data

