

**A SELECTED LIST OF
XAVIER'S COLLEGE
MATRICULATIONS,
2020-23**

Binghamton University
Boston College
Bucknell University
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Columbia University
Cornell University
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch
College
CUNY Brooklyn College
CUNY City College
CUNY Hunter College
Davidson College
Drexel University
Emory University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
George Washington
University
Georgetown University
Indiana University-
Bloomington
Iona University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount
University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New
Orleans
Manhattan College
New York University
Northeastern University
Pennsylvania State
University
Providence College
Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute
Rochester Institute of
Technology

XAVIER'S COLLEGE COUNSELING CHECKLIST

FRESHMAN YEAR

For Students

- Freshmen meet with their guidance counselor in Group Guidance once a cycle to discuss a number of transition topics in order to support students in a successful start at Xavier.
- Students are encouraged to get involved at Xavier and in the community.
- When selecting courses for sophomore year, consider rigor and challenge.

For Parents

- Freshman/Sophomore Parent College Information Night (March)
- Freshman/Sophomore/Junior Parent Meeting: Financial Aid (April)
- Discuss your expectations with your son for grades, homework, social life, extracurriculars, and family obligations.
- Discuss summer plans.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

For Students

- In September, sophomores receive the PSAT information booklet in Group Guidance along with an overview of the test.
- Sophomores sit for the PSAT exam at Xavier in mid-October.
- PSAT score results are distributed and discussed with sophomores in Group Guidance around Christmas break.
- Counselors instruct sophomores on creating a College Board account to show their PSAT results and useful practice tools.
- In the spring, counselors instruct sophomores in creating a Naviance account and introduce this college tool.
- When selecting courses for junior year, consider rigor and challenge.

For Parents

- Freshman/Sophomore Parent College Information Night (March)
- Freshman/Sophomore/Junior Parent Meeting: Financial Aid (April)
- Consider your son's involvement at Xavier and in outside activities.
- Discuss summer plans.
- Occasionally discuss some of the college materials arriving in the mail with your son.
- If possible, visit a nearby college.

JUNIOR YEAR: FIRST SEMESTER

For Students

- In September, juniors receive the PSAT information booklet in Group Guidance along with an overview of the test.
- Juniors sit for the PSAT exam at Xavier in October; score results are distributed and discussed with juniors in Group Guidance around Christmas break.
- Juniors begin using Naviance as the primary tool in the college application process.
- When selecting courses for senior year, consider rigor and challenge.

For Parents

- Junior Parent Meeting: Intro to the College Process (November)
- Discuss a standardized test plan, including which test to take, when, and if test prep is an option.
- Begin discussing the different types of colleges and universities, developing a rough draft list of potential colleges. Consider visiting a few schools to get comfortable with the visit process.

MATRICULATION LIST (CONT.)

Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Santa Clara University
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
St. Bonaventure University
St. Francis College
St. John's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY Oswego
Syracuse University
The Catholic University of America
Trinity College Dublin
Tulane University
University at Albany
University at Buffalo
University College Dublin
University of Alabama
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University

JUNIOR YEAR: SECOND SEMESTER

For Students

- Junior College Group Guidance begins in early February. Topics include: brag sheet, college search and list development, teacher recommendation process, admissions process, financial aid, visiting schools, majors, and essays.
- Many students take their first SAT in March, May, or June and/or ACT in February, April, or June.
- Junior Career Day (March)
- Students complete brag sheet (April).
- Students start planning senior courses to match their possible majors or career interests and develop an appropriately rigorous schedule.
- College admission rep visits open to juniors (April and May)

For Parents

- Freshman/Sophomore/Junior Parent Meeting: Financial Aid (April)
- Parents receive parent account for Naviance.
- Parents and students sign records release form, allowing Xavier to send school documents (i.e., transcript) to colleges.
- Discuss best courses for senior year, considering balance of challenge, interest, and potential majors in college.
- Plan to visit colleges, especially open houses.
- One-on-one junior family meetings with college counselor

SENIOR YEAR: FIRST SEMESTER

For Students

- Senior College Group Guidance runs through September and October. Students learn entire application process, including how to navigate the Common Application and request transcripts.
- August, September, October, November, and December are possible dates for seniors to take their final SAT/ACT.
- College admissions representatives visit Xavier from September through November.
- Students have finalized lists by November, and most applications are sent out by November.
- Apply for external scholarships.

For Parents

- Senior Parent Meeting: Applying to College (mid-September)
- Parents reach out to college counselors for individual conversations if needed.
- Visit colleges, especially open houses.
- FAFSA (available in December) required for financial aid consideration for ALL colleges
- CSS Profile (available in October) required for financial aid from many private colleges (in addition to FAFSA)
- Senior/Parent Financial Aid Workshop (October)

SENIOR YEAR: SECOND SEMESTER

For Students

- Students finalize remaining applications.
- Students visit colleges they have been accepted to and start narrowing down schools they may attend.
- Students continue to work hard with the awareness that most colleges require mid-year grades sent after the second quarter.
- Students share admissions and scholarship decisions with college counselor.
- Students deposit at one school by May 1.
- Celebrate your college choices and ultimate decision!

For Parents

- Closely analyze and compare financial award letters from colleges and contact financial aid offices at colleges with questions and appeals if necessary.
- Possibly revisit colleges in order to make decision on where student will enroll.
- Pat yourself on the back for all your hard work and caring support!