

COLLEGE COUNSELING BY THE NUMBERS

98%

of the Class of 2024
matriculated to a 4-year
college or university

484

Unique schools to which
members of the Class of
2024 applied

13

Average number of
colleges to which
Xavier students apply

\$4,504,620

in scholarships earned by Xavier students in the 2023-24 admissions season

33%

of the Class of 2024
opted for Early Decision

105

Colleges visited Xavier's
campus during the 2023-
24 admissions season

4

Members of the Class of
2024 enrolled in a United
States service academy



“Our approach to college counseling encourages students to reach choices that are the best fit for their individual circumstances. We take a three-pronged approach to fit: academic, socio-emotional, and financial. By fostering self-reflection, conversation, and collaboration between students and families, we aim to set Sons of Xavier up for success at the next stage of their journey.”

Megan Fraker, Director of College Counseling

MATRICULATION LIST 2021-24

Adelphi University
Alvernia University
American International College
American University
Amherst College
Bard College
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brigham Young University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Cal Poly
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Christendom College
The Citadel - The Military College of South Carolina
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Music
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of Mount Saint Vincent
College of the Holy Cross
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Concordia University
Cooper Union
Cornell University
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College
CUNY Brooklyn College
CUNY The City College of New York
CUNY Hunter College
CUNY Queens College
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Hofstra University
Holy Cross College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University
Iona University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
King's College London
Lafayette College
Le Moyne College
Long Island University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Manhattan College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
McGill University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Montclair State University
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
Muhlenberg College
National University of Ireland
Nazareth College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Queen Mary University of London
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rikkyo University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Edward's University
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Skidmore College
Southern Illinois University
St. Bonaventure University
St. Olaf College
St. Francis College
St. John's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Purchase
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University
The Catholic University of America
The George Washington University
The University at Albany
The University of Alabama
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Military Academy Preparatory School - Army
United States Naval Academy
University at Buffalo
University College Dublin
University of California-Irvine
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Wells College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

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.
- Freshmen are encouraged to get involved at Xavier and in the community.
- When selecting courses for sophomore year, students are encouraged to pursue advanced standing.

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 and career interests.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

For Students

- In September, sophomores receive PSAT information 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 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, students are encouraged to add electives in subjects of interest and pursue multiple AP options.

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 and possible career paths.
- Occasionally discuss some of the college materials arriving in the mail with your son.
- If possible, visit a nearby college and plan a college trip for February or April break of junior year.

JUNIOR YEAR: FIRST SEMESTER

For Students

- In September, juniors receive the PSAT/NMSQT information 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, students are encouraged to demonstrate rigor through the courses they choose.

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 during February or April break to get comfortable with the visit process.

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JUNIOR YEAR: SECOND SEMESTER

For Students

- Junior College Group Guidance begins in early February. Topics include: self-reflection, brag sheet, college search and list development, teacher recommendation process, admissions process, financial aid, visiting schools, careers and 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).
- Complete brag sheet (April).
- 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.
- College lists finalized 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.
- Senior/Parent Financial Aid Workshop (October).
- 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 YEAR: SECOND SEMESTER

For Students

- Finalize remaining applications.
- Visit colleges they have been accepted to and start narrowing down schools they may attend.
- Continue to work hard with the awareness that most colleges require mid-year grades sent after the second quarter.
- Share admissions and scholarship decisions with college counselor.
- 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!