

*Sewanee University*

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## Undecided?

### *It's Common.*

Does it seem like your friends have a dream school and know exactly what they want to study? Are you wavering between a few different passions and colleges? Thinking you'll have five different minors? Don't worry. This dilemma is more common than you realize. About 1/3 of students go to college undecided. In fact, many colleges don't ask you to declare a major until the end of your sophomore year! Half of college students change majors (an average of 3 times), and most people change careers (an average of 8 times!). So you are in good company if you're not sure! Tim had nearly a dozen majors in mind when he applied to colleges, and Erin had over 20 jobs in her 20s! Size, type of college, location, atmosphere, flexibility of curriculum, inclusion on campus ... there are so many factors to consider when starting this next adventure. Regardless of the factor, we hope to help you find the right fit.

You may not even be sure if you're ready for college right now. We encourage you to still pursue a college search first and then, if you are still not sure, look into options for deferring enrollment. Colleges may allow you to delay enrolling for up to two years. This path would give you more flexibility than not applying to college at all. Solebury has prepared you well for a college experience, full of discovery, growth and academic pursuits. Please don't miss out on that because you are undecided.

## College Athletics

### *NCAA Eligibility*

Solebury School has a strong tradition of students who participate in athletics. While some students participate for fun and exercise, others have a passion and talent that they wish to pursue and develop beyond high school. Without a doubt, college athletics (even at Division III schools) will be much more intense than in high school. College athletes will need to balance their time and structure their days to get it all done. But the camaraderie and scheduling can be really beneficial, and can lead to academic success. Colleges also tend to have well structured academic advising for athletes, which can help them stay on top of their studies. We recommend talking to coaches and counselors about each college's program and the options that are available to help you excel both in the classroom and in sports. Last but not least, if you are thinking about college athletics, be sure to get in contact with coaches and, if it Division I or II, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center [here](#).

## Scoir & Common App

### *Which Is Which?*

We realize that using Scoir and the Common Application in conjunction may seem a little overwhelming (especially with FAFSA, CSS Profile, and applicant portals!), but feel free to ask any questions. There are a lot of moving parts, and we are here to help you navigate them. Scoir continues to be a helpful tool for students, counselors and colleges, and we assure you that with clear communication from students (moving that college over in Scoir!), colleges will receive everything they need from us in plenty of time.

# Financial Aid Events

*Mark Your Calendars!*

## Financial Aid Webinar with Salve Regina

Wednesday, November 5 at 7 p.m EST

*Learn about the ins and outs of the financial aid process from Brock Walsh, Associate Director of Financial Aid.*

## College Financing Webinar with Rory Sullivan from The College Funding Coach

Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m EST

*Learn about maximizing your dollar for financial aid with regard to taxes, savings and investments.*

**FAFSA is open early!** We encourage students and parents to create their studentaid.gov account [here](#) (parents and students will create them separately), and begin the financial aid process. Here is a helpful [video](#)!

## Meeting Deadlines

### *Scoir and SAT.*

**Oct. 3:** Deadline to indicate in Scoir that you are applying to colleges with a Nov. 1 - 20 due date (by moving colleges to the "Applying" column).

**October 24:** Deadline to register for the November 8 SAT. Solebury will provide transportation for boarders to Council Rock North HS in Newtown, PA.

**Oct. 31:** Deadline to indicate in Scoir that you are applying to colleges with a Nov. 21- Dec. 20 due date (by moving colleges to the "Applying" column).

It takes time to process the amount of applications we'll see with the quality that colleges expect of Solebury. We want to make sure that we are presenting the best possible applications to them. So be sure to meet these application indication deadlines. **You do not need to submit your application by these dates, just indicate your intent to apply through Scoir.** Without the college being moved to the Applying or Applied column, we can't send anything for you!

While the registration deadlines for the Dec. 6 SAT and the Dec. 13 ACT aren't until November, be sure to register well in advance of this deadline to get your first choice testing center as seats fill quickly. Solebury will provide transportation for boarders to Central Bucks HS East for the Dec. SAT and Neshaminy HS for the Dec. ACT.

## Touring A College?

### *There's a form for that.*

If you are planning to visit a college in person, we encourage you to do so when you have do not have school. If you must miss school, you will need to fill out the College Visit Permission form (found [here](#) on the College Counseling page of Solebury's web site). Present this form to any teachers whose classes you must miss and return it to Tim or Erin before you leave for your trip.

## College Visits

### *Meet The Rep!*

Don't forget to go to the Upcoming Visits section of Scoir to sign up for college visits. *Even if you can only stay for a few minutes, we encourage you to come and meet with the representatives from colleges you are interested in. This helps establish/maintain a relationship with the person who may be making the decision on whether to admit you or not!*

Visits will be in the carriage house first floor conference room unless we say otherwise. The following colleges will be visiting Solebury through the first week of November:

- Drexel University (PA):** Wed., Oct. 1, 8:30
- Virginia Commonwealth University:** Wed., Oct. 1, 12:15
- Goldey Beacom College (DE):** Wed., Oct. 1, 1:00
- St. Joseph's University Academy of Food Marketing (PA):** Wed., Oct 1, 1:45
- Binghamton University (NY):** Thu., Oct. 2, 8:30
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY):** Fri., Oct. 3, 10:00
- Pace University (NY):** Mon., Oct. 6, 10:15
- Brown University (RI):** Tue. Oct. 7, 8:30
- Guilford College (NC):** Tue. Oct. 7, 1:00
- Wellesley College (MA):** Tue. Oct. 7, 2:30
- University of California (Berkeley):** Wed. Oct. 8, 8:30
- Lehigh University (PA):** Wed. Oct. 8, 10:00
- Pomona College (CA):** Wed., Oct. 8, 12:15
- University of Rochester (NY):** Wed. Oct. 8, 1:00
- Bard College (NY):** Wed. Oct. 8, 1:45
- University of Dayton (OH):** Wed., Oct. 8, 2:30



### **SAT | November 8**

Register [here](#) by October 24.

### **ACT | October 18**

Registration is closed.

*\*Boarders must sign up for ACT/SAT transportation through SCOIR.*

We know that some students are still eager to take either the ACT or SAT in senior year, as scores tend to go up with multiple sittings, which can strengthen your possibilities for admissions and/or scholarships.

However, over 80% of colleges are test optional. *Please remember that test optional truly means test optional.* You will still receive full consideration at most colleges without them.



## College Fairs

This month, the following college fairs will be held:

### PACAC College Fair

(Thu., Oct. 9, 6:00-8:00)

North Penn High School, Lansdale, PA

### PACAC College Fair

(Tue., Oct. 14, 6:30-8:00)

Jefferson University North Falls Campus, Philadelphia, PA

### October Virtual College Fair

(Sun., Oct. 19, 1:00-6:00 ET)

### PACAC College Fair

(Thu., Oct. 23, 6:30-8:00) Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA\*

### National College Fair

(Sat., Oct. 25, 11:00-3:00)

Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia\*

*\*We will provide transportation to these fairs if enough students are interested. Sign up through Scoir.*

**Vanderbilt University (TN):** Tue., Oct. 14, 10:45  
**Colby-Sawyer College (NH):** Tue., Oct. 14, 1:45  
**Clark University (MA):** Tue., Oct. 14, 2:30  
**Miami University (OH):** Wed., Oct. 15, 8:30  
**Albright College (PA):** Wed., Oct. 15, 10:00  
**Rider University (NJ):** Wed., Oct. 15, 12:15  
**Christopher Newport University (VA):** Wed., Oct. 15, 1:00  
**Rochester Institute of Technology (NY):** Wed., Oct. 15, 1:45  
**University of Massachusetts (Boston):** Wed., Oct. 15, 2:30  
**Saint Joseph's University (PA):** Thu., Oct. 16, 2:30  
**University of California (Davis and Riverside):** Fri., Oct. 17, 8:30  
**Brandeis University (MA):** Fri., Oct. 17, 9:15  
**Marist College (NY):** Fri., Oct. 17, 11:30  
**Drew University (NJ):** Fri., Oct. 17, 1:45  
**Union College (NY):** Fri., Oct. 17, 2:30  
**Alvernia University (PA):** Mon., Oct. 20, 11:30  
**Purdue University (IN):** Mon., Oct. 20, 12:15  
**Denison University (OH):** Mon., Oct. 20, 1:00  
**Mount Saint Mary College (NY):** Mon., Oct. 20, 1:45  
**Saint John's University (NY):** Tue., Oct. 21, 11:30  
**American University (DC):** Tue., Oct. 21, 1:00  
**Providence College (RI):** Tue., Oct. 21, 1:45  
**Bowdoin College (ME):** Wed., Oct. 22, 8:30  
**Bryn Mawr College (PA):** Wed., Oct. 22, 2:30  
**High Point University (NC):** Thu., Oct. 23, 10:00  
**University of Massachusetts Amherst:** Thu., Oct. 23, 10:45  
**University of Pittsburgh Johnstown (PA):** Thu., Oct. 23, 11:30  
**Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ):** Thu., Oct. 23, 2:30  
**Hofstra University (NY):** Fri., Oct. 24, 8:30  
**Muhlenberg College (PA):** Fri., Oct. 24, 10:45  
**Hamilton College (NY):** Fri., Oct. 24, 11:30  
**Dickinson College (PA):** Fri., Oct. 24, 1:00  
**Marietta College (OH):** Fri., Oct. 24, 1:45  
**University of Arizona:** Fri., Oct. 24, 2:30  
**Rhode Island School of Design:** Mon., Oct. 27, 11:30  
**Clarkson University (NY):** Mon., Oct. 27, 1:45  
**Wagner College (NY):** Mon., Oct. 27, 2:30  
**Xavier University (OH):** Wed., Oct. 29, 8:30  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY):** Wed., Oct. 29, 10:00  
**Temple University (PA):** Wed., Oct. 29, 11:30  
**Montserrat College of Art (MA):** Thu., Oct. 30, 11:30  
**Virginia Tech:** Fri., Oct. 31, 1:45  
**Wesleyan University (CT):** Fri., Oct. 31, 2:30

This list is subject to change. Schools may change their visit time or date, and we may add other schools to the list. Additionally, Bard (2nd half of D Period on 10/8) and UMass (1st half of E Period on 10/23) will be speaking with Lauren's Personal Essay classes, and Hobart & William Smith (2nd half of B period on 10/3) and St. Joe's (2nd half of A Period on 10/16) will be speaking with Mike's Personal Essay class. They will be talking about how they consider essays as part of their application review. If you are not in the class and have a free period then, feel free to join the class. Just let us know!

## Final Thoughts

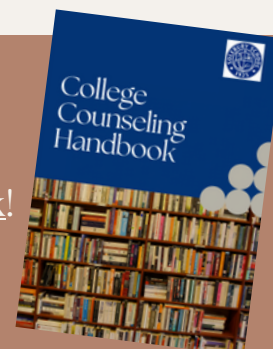
### *Making a list, checking it twice.*

Staying organized, meeting deadlines, and communicating with your counselors will make the application process so much smoother. Mark your calendars with important deadlines and college visits, indicate each application's status in Scoir, and take 20 minutes each day to work on your applications. This is an exciting time, and we are here for you!

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