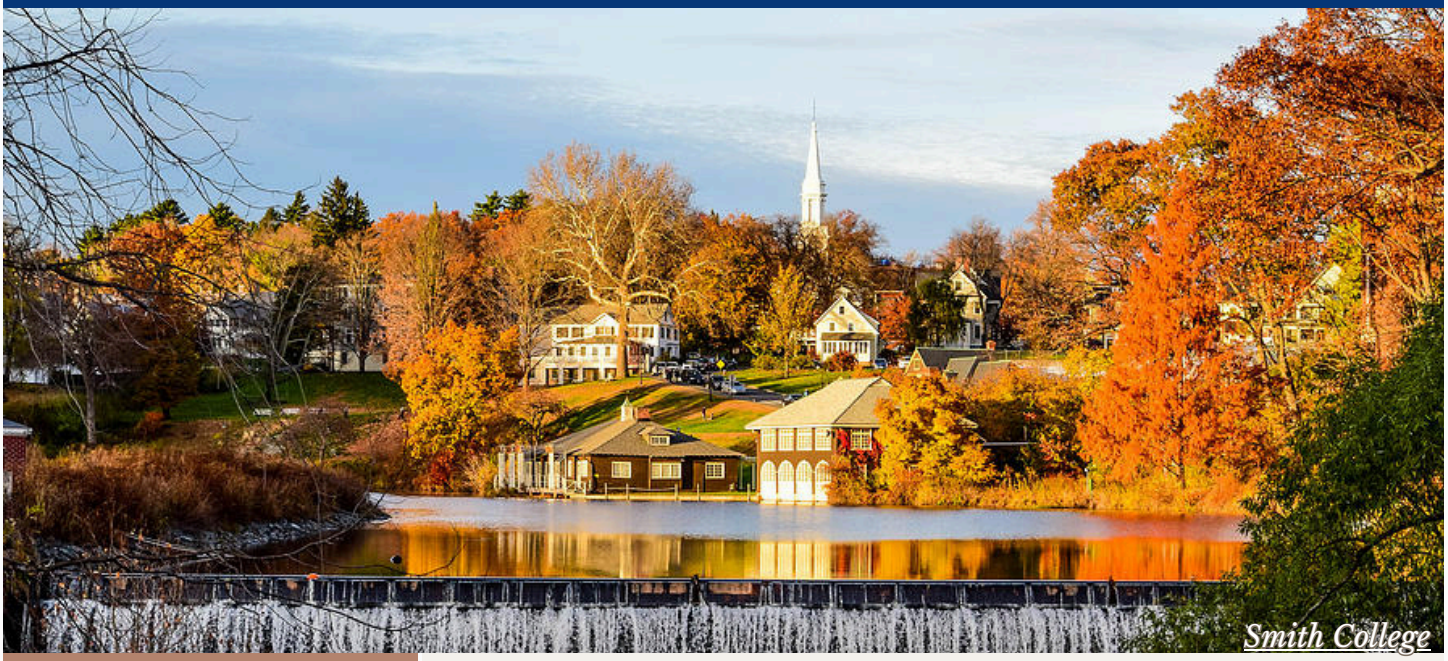
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COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



Smith College

You've Got Mail.

Application Update.

Busy season is upon us, seniors! As of today, I have sent out all requested transcripts and available recommendations in support of over **330** applications for **54** students to nearly **150** different colleges Congratulations on submitting these applications!

Wondering what was sent? By clicking on the college on your My Colleges page of Scoir, you can see the supporting documentation. Please note that a confirmation of materials being sent will only appear there, not on the Common Application nor any other application.

You may get a notification from a college via email or your applicant portal that they are "missing" information, even though you can see when we sent it on Scoir. Please keep in mind that it takes time (sometimes 2-3 weeks!) for colleges to process thousands of applications and to update their databases and websites accordingly. We will be happy to contact the colleges if you receive such a notice and have concerns. Speaking of notifications, **it's super important to keep up with your email.** You will be recieving requests from colleges to set up your applicant portal, report grades, and more.

This is the time of year when rolling decision letters start returning. Some of you may have already received decision letters. If so, please forward us copies of those decisions whether the news is good or not so good. While we hope that you receive an acceptance, you might receive a deferral, wait list or denial letter. If this is the case, please see your counselor and we can talk about what course of action we should take, if any.

No matter what news your letter brings, please update Scoir and share a copy of your letter to us, for our files. It is important that we keep track of what students are accepted or not accepted to which colleges. We share this information in various communications and marketing materials. We do not, hoever, share the names of students accepted, waitlisted or denied. This is your news to share, if you choose.

Oh my STARS!

Self Reporting

Many colleges and universities (certainly not all) require you to self report your high school grades and courses through STARS (Self-Reported Transcript and Academic Reporting System). You are manually reporting every single course, grade, and credit earned in high school. **Start your STARS record here.** You can link your STARS record with as many schools as you need to. Please see Erin if you want help completing this important form, and keep an eye on your emails. Without a STARS record, some colleges will often be unable to make an admission decision.

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Scheduling link!

Financial Aid Events

FAFSA and more!

Thanks to everyone who attended the two financial aid events with Candace Powell-Kinard, founder of EduDreamer. We received really positive feedback from the virtual session on October 22, and the **FAFSA** Completion Night was a hit! Thanks to everyone who attended these sessions, and please feel free to send along your feedback so that we can improve the programming we do in the college cunseling office.

The **CSS Profile** will need to be completed for many colleges and universities, as that is how they determine institutional aid. Students should be keeping up with their applicant portals to check for missing forms.

Meeting Deadlines

Scoir and SAT.

Nov. 6: Deadline to register for the December 12 ACT.

Nov. 15: Deadline to submit transcript requests (through Scoir!) for applications with a Dec. 21-January 5 due date.

Nov. 20: Deadline to register for the December 5 SAT.

December 5: Deadline to submit transcript requests (through Scoir!) for applications with a January 6-31 due date.

Keep in mind that **deadlines are crucial to college admissions**; colleges can deny an application simply for being a day late!

Remember, given the volume of applications and care put into the supporting documentation, it might take up to 3 weeks (or longer!) for colleges to receive all of the required materials. **Please note that I will also send out updated transcripts at the end of the trimester, unless you tell me otherwise.**

College Visits

Meet The Rep!

We are nearing the end of college visit season! Here are a few reminders:

- Please let us know if you are unable to attend a meeting for which you have signed up. If you register, we are expecting you. These counselors come prepared with materials and information, and this could tell them that we are not interested and affect the likelihood of our students being accepted.
- You must ask a teacher for permission to attend a college visit. We have heard from teachers that students are telling them they have to miss class to visit a college, and that is not the case. Please ask to be excused, and if it's a class you need to attend, we would be happy to gather materials for you and connect you with the admission counselor via email.

Thanks to all of those students who have been proper representatives, as the visiting counselors have loved meeting you! Some have shared that their visit to Solebury was one of the best of the season! Just please keep in mind that class comes first. If you ask the day before or even the morning of the visit, it is hard for teachers to plan ahead. **And please return to class as soon as the visit ends.** If you have a free period, please sign up in advance. *College visits will be in the Carriage House first floor conference room unless otherwise indicated.T* he following colleges are planning to visit in November:

Mon Nov 2nd, 09:15AM - University of Scranton (VIRTUAL)
Mon Nov 2nd, 11:30AM - University of Hartford
Mon Nov 2nd, 1:00PM - Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts (VIRTUAL)
Tue Nov 3rd, 1:00PM - High Point University
Fri Nov 6th, 11:30AM - Virginia Commonwealth University
Mon Nov 9th, 1:00PM - Pace University (New York City)
Wed Nov 11th, 1:00PM - Bryant University
Thu Nov 12th, 11:30AM - Lebanon Valley College
Fri Nov 13th, 1:00PM - Elizabethtown College
Fri Nov 13th, 1:45PM - Mount St. Mary's University

Final Thoughts

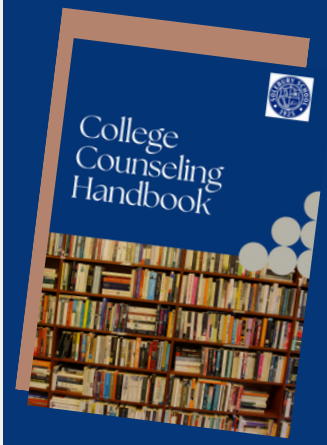
Remember to breathe, proofread, and check your emails regularly. You've got this. And finally, Happy Tech Week to the cast and crew of *A Midsummer Night's Dream!* Break a leg this weekend!

College Fairs

College fairs – even online ones – are a good way to re-iterate interest in specific colleges, or you can use them to explore colleges if you are still undecided. We hope you've been taking advantage of these opportunities!

November Virtual College Fair
Sun., Nov. 6, 1:00-6:00pm
Register here!

Trenton Central HBCU College Fair
Sun., Nov. 15, 12:00-4:00pm
Register here!



Our handbook!