UPPER SCHOOL COLLEGE COUNSELING



OES COLLEGE COUNSELING PROGRAM

The college admission process involves planning for the future, exploring a range of options, and facing a good dose of uncertainty—which can be both exciting and daunting! Our goal is to help students and parents navigate the process effectively. Two college counselors and an administrative assistant guide and support students through all stages of researching and applying to college. Beginning in ninth grade, the college counselors provide relevant college admissions information to families, and welcome conversations with OES students and parents.

Students are encouraged to take ownership of the process. The goal is to help students find colleges in which they can flourish intellectually, socially, and emotionally—both in and beyond the classroom. In addition, we want students to understand the key skills and steps involved in investigating educational and career opportunities. Students learn to reflect on their goals, needs, and priorities; to research options in a thorough and thoughtful manner; and to present themselves effectively. We also talk with seniors about making the transition into college, and we encourage them to begin thinking about how they are going to make the most of the next stage of their education. We want students to understand that what they do in college is as important, or more important, than where they attend college.

COLLEGE COUNSELING AT OES — KEY COMPONENTS

- · College counselors begin to educate students and parents in ninth grade about the college admission process.
- · Tenth and eleventh graders take the PSAT.
- Eleventh graders participate in a college counseling retreat in September that introduces them to key components of the college search and application process: research, interviews, testing, college visits, activity resumes, career exploration.
- Eleventh graders have a Q & A session with college admission deans.
- Eleventh graders and their parents participate in a case studies program in which they read applications and take on the role of an admission officer.
- Individual meetings with students (and their parents) begin in January of eleventh grade and continue through twelfth grade.
- We guide and assist students with all aspects of the college search and application process. Eleventh graders have a session that prepares them to write college essays. Eleventh and twelfth graders attend sessions with visiting college admission representatives (over 100 colleges visit each year).

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

OES students attend a wonderful range of colleges. The numbers below represent average attendance over five years:

Private Colleges and Universities	79%
Public Universities	21%
West	47%
East	33%
Midwest	11%
South	7%
Outside the U.S.	2%

COLLEGE NIGHTS FOR PARENTS

Grade 9: Finding Balance and Making Wise Choices in a College Preparatory Setting

Grade 10: Introduction to College Counseling (researching options and applying to college)

Grade 11: Junior College Panel (college admission deans and a past OES parent offer perspective and advice)

Grade 12: Senior College Night (maintaining a sense of perspective and supporting one's child in the application process)

All Grades: Financing a College Education (presentation by a college financial aid director)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION www.oes.edu/college

OES STUDENTS WERE ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES FROM 2016–2018

Quest University Canada

Reed College

Agnes Scott College Allegheny College American University Amherst College Arizona State University Babson College Bard College Barnard College Bates College **Baylor University** Beloit College Boston College **Boston University** Brandeis University Brigham Young University **Brown University Bucknell University** California College of the Arts California Institute of Technology California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo California State University, Long Beach California State University, Northridge Carleton College Carnegie Mellon University Carroll College, Montana Case Western Reserve University Chapman University Claremont McKenna College Clark University Clarkson University Colby College Colgate University College of Saint Benedict College of the Holy Cross Colorado College Colorado State University Columbia University Connecticut College Cornell College Cornell University Cornish College of the Arts Davidson College Deep Springs College **Denison University** Dickinson College DigiPen Institute of Technology Dominican University of California Drew University **Drexel University** Duke University Elon University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach **Emerson College Emory University** Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles Fashion Institute of Technology

Florida Institute of Technology

Fordham University

Fort Lewis College

Georgetown University

Pratt Institute

Princeton University

Purdue University

Queen's University

Gonzaga University Goucher College Grinnell College Hamilton College - NY Hampshire College Harvard University Harvey Mudd College Haverford College Hiram College Hobart and William Smith Colleges Hofstra University Howard University Hult International Business School Indiana University at Bloomington Ithaca College Johns Hopkins University Kalamazoo College Kenyon College Lafayette College Lawrence University Lehigh University Lewis & Clark College LIM College Linfield College Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Maryland Macalester College Maryland Institute College of Art Massachusetts Institute of **Technology** McDaniel College McGill University Miami University, Oxford Michigan State University Michigan Technological University Middlebury College Mills College Milwaukee School of Engineering Montana State University. Bozeman Mount Holyoke College Mount Saint Mary's University New York University Northeastern University Northwestern University Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences Oberlin Conservatory of Music Occidental College Olin College of Engineering Oregon State University Otis College of Art and Design Otterbein University Pacific Lutheran University Pacific University Pennsylvania State University Pepperdine University Pitzer College Pomona College Portland State University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhode Island School of Design Rhodes College Rochester Institute of Technology Roger Williams University Rutgers University - Camden Rutgers University-New Brunswick Sacred Heart University Saint Mary's College of California Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and School of the Art Institute of Chicago School of Visual Arts Scripps College Seattle University Simmons College Skidmore College Smith College Southern Methodist University Southern New Hampshire University Southwestern University St. Edward's University St. John's College St. Lawrence University St. Olaf College Stanford University Stevens Institute of Technology Swarthmore College Syracuse University Texas A&M University Texas Christian University Texas Tech University The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina The College of Wooster The Evergreen State College The George Washington University The New School The Ohio State University The University of Alabama The University of Arizona The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill The University of Texas, Austin The University of Texas, Dallas Trinity College Trinity University Tufts University Tulane University Union College, New York Universidad CEU San Pablo University of British Columbia University of California, Berkeley University of California, Davis University of California, Irvine University of California,

Los Angeles

University of California, Riverside

University of California, Santa Barbara University of California, Santa Cruz University of Chicago University of Colorado at Boulder University of Connecticut University of Dayton University of Denver University of Hawaii at Manoa University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Maryland, College Park University of Massachusetts, Amherst University of Michigan University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania University of Portland University of Puget Sound University of Redlands University of Richmond University of Rochester University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of Southern California University of Toronto University of Utah University of Vermont University of Victoria University of Virginia University of Washington University of Wisconsin, Madison Vanderbilt University Vassar College Villanova University Virginia Tech Wake Forest University Washington State University Washington University in St. Louis Wellesley College Wesleyan University Western Washington University Westminster College Westmont College Wheaton College MA Whitman College Whittier College Whitworth University Willamette University Williams College Worcester Polytechnic Institute Yale University

University of California, San Diego



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