

COLLEGE GUIDANCE REPORT – CLASS of 2017

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APPLICATIONS/ACCEPTANCES

* The 140 members of the Class of 2017 filed 797 applications to 219 different colleges and universities, an average of 5.7 applications per student—about .5 fewer apps per student than last year. These applications resulted in 502 (63.0%) acceptances, 207 (26.0%) denials, and 85 (10.6%) waitlists/deferrals. 3 (.4%) application decisions are still outstanding.

*They were accepted at an impressive 177 colleges in 34 states, the District of Columbia, and 3 foreign countries (England, France, and, Scotland), and they will attend a record 78(!) different schools in 29 states, England (U. Cambridge), and Scotland (U. Edinburgh).

* 43 students filed binding Early Decision applications (31% of the class—6% higher than average of past five years), and 31 (72%) were accepted to their first choice school. These ED applicants will be attending these schools: Amherst, Boston U., Bowdoin, Brown (2), U. Chicago, Cornell (2), Davidson, Denison (3), Duke (2), Elon, Emory, Gettysburg (2), Macalester, Middlebury, NYU, Northeastern, Rensselaer, U. Richmond, Sewanee, Vanderbilt (2), Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Washington & Lee, and Williams.

* UNC-Chapel Hill accepted 38 of 54 applicants, denied 11, and waitlisted/deferred 5. The 70% acceptance rate, while not as high as last year's 79%, is slightly higher than our 5-year average and could increase slightly following wait list activity.

* 56% of the seniors were admitted to colleges and universities in the "Most Competitive" category (80 schools) as defined by *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, 13% higher than our 5-year average.

* While we celebrate every acceptance that our students earn, some of the more selective schools to accept our students this year were: Amherst, Babson, Boston College, Bowdoin, Brown, Cambridge (UK), Carleton, Durham (UK), UC Berkeley, U. Chicago, Cornell, Davidson, Duke, Edinburgh (UK), Emory, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Harvard, Kenyon, Lehigh, Macalester, Michigan, Middlebury, NYU, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Oberlin, U Penn, Rice, St. Andrew's, Tufts, UCL (London), US Air Force Academy, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Wake Forest, Wash U, Washington & Lee, William and Mary, Williams, and Yale.

ATTENDANCE PATTERN

to attend in-state public: 34 (24%)

to in-state private: 8 (6%)

to out-of-state public: 43 (31%)

to out-of-state private: 55 (39%)

* Compared to the PDS 5-year average, fewer seniors elected to attend NC colleges, both public and private (30% this year vs 37% over the past five years). That decline is due mainly to 15 seniors attending

UNC-Chapel Hill, down from a 5-year average of 24 seniors.

* The most popular destinations: UNC Chapel Hill (15 students); 10 students to NC State; 5 students to Georgia; 4 students each to Duke and Vanderbilt; 3 students each to Clemson, Denison, East Carolina, Alabama, and U. Chicago; and 2 students each to Auburn, Brown, Carleton, Cornell, Elon, Georgia Tech, Gettysburg, NYU, Northeastern, Syracuse, Mississippi, UNC Charlotte, UNC Wilmington, Richmond, South Carolina, U. Washington, and Virginia Tech.

* 25 students have elected to remain on waitlists, and as of today, 2 of those students have been admitted to schools from the waitlist.

AWARDS/HONORS

*89% of the seniors were offered merit scholarships or Honors Program opportunities, and the earned scholarship amount was approximately \$10,700,000.

*There were 14 National Merit Finalists, 16 Commended Scholars, and 1 National Hispanic Scholar in the Class of 2017; an impressive 21% of the senior class, the highest number and percentage of named National Merit Scholars in PDS history. Thus far, 7 of the Finalists (Blair Barton, Taylor Gerlach, Dylan Riddell, Manley Roberts, Tate Rosenblatt, Caroline Kurani, and David Conlin) have won National Merit Scholarships.

*Following the May '16 AP Exams, 35 members of the Class of 2017 were named AP Scholars, 31 were named AP Scholars with Honor, 19 were named AP Scholars with Distinction, and 1 was named a National AP Scholar. These numbers will rise significantly following the release of the May '17 AP Exam scores this summer.

*22 senior student-athletes committed to play sports in college—9 in Division I, 2 in Division II, and 11 in Division III:

Arman Azad: football @ Amherst, Janelle Bailey: basketball @ UNC, Reed Baker: lacrosse @ Bowdoin, George Carroll: baseball @ Williams, Kase Diehl: golf @ Sewanee, Ben Ferris: golf @ Gettysburg, Jack Fletcher: lacrosse @ Gettysburg, Jack Giardino: baseball @ W&L, Maddie Grace Hough: volleyball @ UNC, Zach Iverson: baseball @ Young Harris, Carson Jones: soccer @ Elon, Max Lahn: baseball @ Denison, Will Madairy: baseball @ Macalester, Parker Mosack: lacrosse @ Rollins, Emerson Porter: track @ UNC, Gabe Montgomery: football @ Butler, Julianna Roupas: softball at Appalachian State, Sam Russ: softball @ NC State, Abby Scully: field hockey @ Denison, Gracie Whelan: track @ Brown, Morgan Yarborough: Lacrosse @ Denison: cheerleading @ Stetson, Maddy McCorkle.

* 57 seniors have attended Providence Day since at least first-grade, and 6 seniors have at least one parent who graduated from Providence Day.

* 15 seniors will graduate with a Global Studies Diploma.

Class of 2017 Standardized Testing Means:

Old SAT (69 test takers): Critical Reading: 619, Math: 645, Writing: 621
Total: 1885 (national mean: 1484)

New SAT (102 test takers): Reading/Writing: 660, Math: 680
Total: 1340 (national mean: 1020)

ACT (109 test takers): English: 30.2, Math: 29.0, Reading: 30.2, Science: 28.9
Composite: 29.4 (national mean: 21.0)

SAT Subject Tests (with 7+ test-takers): Biology (23): 720, Chemistry (11): 721, English Literature (8): 690,
Math I (10): 620, Math II (43): 689, Spanish (7): 686, US History (58): 713, World History (51): 667

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