



**HOLLAND HALL**

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## **How Rice, Vanderbilt and Williams have become the new Harvard, Princeton and Yale**

**W**ith the class of 2010 safely off to college it is time to start the whole exciting process again. It is also a great time to take stock of the latest developments on the college front. No, I do not intend to give you the ten new ways colleges will use Twitter in the classroom or launch into the obstacles inherent in global meta-university building. The trends that affect our Holland Hall students are pretty much the same as they were last year. The number of students headed for college continues to rise, application numbers continue to rise, and universities appear to be increasingly selective as they turn away record numbers of applicants.

Often the ranking of colleges plays a part in their encouraging increased application numbers. Our students see more and more schools doing away with the application fee if they apply by a certain date or receive “likely letters,” — those mailings that tell students they are likely to be just the type student a particular school is seeking. The fact that rankings drive admission strategies on more than one front is pretty well known; my dislike for them is also pretty well known. Alex Beam, a staff writer for *The Boston Globe* in his article, “Grading on the Curves” says, “If you need a failed magazine like *US News & World Report* to tell you that Harvard, Yale

and Princeton are great universities, then you might consider getting your higher education information from old Rodney Dangerfield movies.”

The better approach by far would be for us all to start with a look at our prospective schools’ profiles. These profiles can often be viewed online and give information on the school’s most recently admitted class. From the valuable information listed on a profile — geographic distribution, mid-fifty percent SAT/ACT scores, average gpa’s and much more — we can get a better idea of our chances of being admitted. You will also find included, useful information on deadlines and the statistics on how many applications were submitted and how many accepted. When we find a school whose profile fits our stats, one that has a strong program in our possible majors, we are well on the way to “fit”. We also encourage our students to visit colleges whenever possible. There is no substitute for discovering the right campus chemistry where our students feel comfortable.

We in College Counseling are looking forward to another year of finding “fits”.

— Ms. Kathleen Housh  
Director of College Counseling & Registrar

## NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL AFFILIATION

If you are the proud owner of a CDIB card, please bring it to Mrs. Vance so that she can include a copy in each of your college and scholarship applications. What's a CDIB card, you ask? It is your official roll card verifying membership in a Native American tribe. Any Senior with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood needs to remember to take care of this important step in the application process. If you believe you qualify for a CDIB card but do not currently hold one; you may check with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for an application. If you have already applied for a card but have not received it, you may include a copy of the completed application.

## SENIORS: APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application Due Dates:	Must be in the College Counseling Office by:
October 1, 2010	September 10, 2010
October 15, 2010	September 23, 2010
October 30 & November 1 & 3, 2010	October 7, 2010
November 5, 2010	October 12, 2010
November 10, 2010	October 14, 2010
November 15 & 17, 2010	October 22, 2010
November 20, 2010	October 29, 2010
December 1, 2010	November 4, 2010
December 5, 2010	November 10, 2010
December 10 & 12, 2010	November 15, 2010
December 15, 2010	November 18, 2010
December 20, 2010	November 23, 2010
December 28 & 31, 2010	November 30, 2010
January 1, 2, 3, & 5, 2011	December 1, 2010
January 7, 8, & 10, 2011	December 6, 2010
January 15, 2011	December 9, 2010
January 20, 2011	December 14, 2010
January 31 & February 1, 2011	January 7, 2011
February 15, 2011	January 21, 2011
March 1, 2011	February 4, 2011

*If you miss a deadline, your application will be processed in the order in which it was received.*

*All seniors MUST have at least one application in by December 1.*

*\*Note: These deadlines are subject to change.*

HOLLAND HALL COLLEGE COUNSELING



FREE  
**BOOT CAMP**  
2010

## BOOT CAMP REVIEW

Since the Common Application did not become available until August 1, the second annual Holland Hall College Boot Camp took place the first week in August. Forty some seniors reported to the Lecture Center, filled out the Common Application, wrote first drafts of personal statements and updated their resumes. The only remaining steps for these seniors are to polish their essays, fill out application folders for each possible school, secure the necessary teacher recommendations and wait for the acceptances to come. We are very proud of these seniors who gave up a part of their summer to get a great head start on the process. After all, starting a new year and new classes can be a pretty busy time even without the flurry of applications.

## Don't Plan Dinner

Send your senior to **Senior Application Night** in the SMT Commons. He or she can work on applications, write an essay, register with the NCAA and eat pizza. If your student plans to register for the NCAA or submit a completed application, a credit card will be required to complete the process. The college counseling office sponsors two application nights each fall. The first will be held on Monday, September 13, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., with a repeat performance held on Monday, September 20, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

# PSAT PLAN



**PSAT - Wednesday, OCT 13, 8:00 a.m., FREE and required for all students in grades 10 and 11. You do not need to register**

**PLAN - Saturday, NOV 13, 8:30 a.m., Fee is \$15. It is open to grade 10. Registration will be available October 4-8. Contact Kathy Housh**

The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT and will give your student a test score for critical reading, one for math and one for writing. The highest possible score in each area is an 80 with a combined score possibility of 240. If you are curious about how this translates into a potential SAT score, simply add a zero to the PSAT sub-score to determine an estimated SAT score. For example, if your student made a critical reading score of 57, a math score of 59 and a writing score of 60, the estimated SAT score would be a 570, 590 and 600 for a combined score of 1760 out of 2400 or if reporting only a score of critical reading and math an 1160 out of 1600. Every October the PSAT is given

to all sophomores and juniors at Holland Hall. The following December each student will receive a copy of his or her test scores along with a corrected answer document. When these answer documents are given to the student he or she will also receive his or her the test booklet. Students can then use this information as a baseline to prepare for the SAT exam. **Students do not need to register for the PSAT.**

The PLAN is a practice ACT. Each student will receive a score ranging between 1 and 32 in each of the four sub categories: English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning. The sub scores are added together and averaged to determine the composite score. If you would like to a more thorough explanation regarding the PLAN, please check out the following website. <http://www.actstudent.org/plan/score/whatmean.html>

The highest ACT composite score is 36. When your student receives his or her PLAN results, it will contain an estimated

ACT range of scores. This shows students a range of composite scores they can expect to achieve providing they continue to study and take college preparatory courses.

**Sophomores will register October 4-8 with Ms. Housh, Ext. 719.**

While some colleges may prefer to receive more of one particular test, most colleges will take either an SAT or an ACT for admission. Therefore the college counseling office thinks it is important to offer our students an opportunity to practice their test taking skills in the comfort and familiarity of their own school. A relatively new but growing trend among some colleges is to allow students to report their ACT with writing score in place of SAT subject tests. If you believe that practice makes perfect or will take away some testing jitters, then make sure your student takes advantage of the above opportunities. The College Counseling staff recommends that students take each test at least once and when they take the ACT it should include the writing section.

## First One Out of the Nest



A mom of a recent Holland Hall graduate shared the following weblinks with college counseling. Lee Woodruff author, publicist and wife of Bob Woodruff, former news correspondent, prepared these segments for about sending your first baby off to college "Good Morning America". Thought you might enjoy! She posted them on her blog on August 11, 12 and 13.

<http://www.leewoodruff.com/blog/>

<http://www.leewoodruff.com/blog/2010/8/12/college-drop-off-day-part-2.html>

<http://www.leewoodruff.com/blog/2010/8/14/part-three-life-after-college-drop-off.html>

## THE DYNAMICS OF DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

Parents, would you like a new topic to discuss over dinner? Think about the following:

It is easier than ever to apply to college. There are over four hundred colleges using The Common Application. Most schools have an apply button on the prospective student page and after completing the application a simple click of a button transmits the application. In a recent article in the *Chronicle for Higher Education*, Eric Hoover states that as college applications continue to rise the colleges are looking for students who have not simply pushed the button, but have shown a genuine "demonstrated interest" by making contact with the college/university, attending regional information sessions and college fairs, meeting with the college reps when they visit your school, visiting campus, and participating in on-line chats for prospective students. (Participation is often noted in a student's file.)

The colleges wish to know that your student has done his or her research. Students at Holland Hall are fortunate to have multiple opportunities to demonstrate their interest. If your family was not able to attend the **Colleges That Change Lives Fair** on August 17, you might want to attend the **College Connection** on Sunday, September 12 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Central Park Hall Tulsa Expo. The College Connection staff recently sent invitations to your home via snail mail. This is a nice fall fair with over 75 colleges participating. Check the College Connection website for a list of attending colleges.

<http://www.misokdnn.com/tulsaconnection/ParticipatingSchools.aspx>

Also remind your student to check out **Naviance** for a current list of college reps who will be visiting Holland Hall. This is an additional opportunity to visit in a more personal environment; most of our representatives meet with students in the conference room across from the college office.

# CHECK IT OUT!



- Did you know you can find updates regarding campus visit days and events on the new College Counseling website? When we receive event information, we post these notices under the "College Open Houses and Campus Events" link on the college counseling page of the Holland Hall website. The menu is simply a running list of open houses for which our office has received a notice. It is by no means a complete list of all campus open houses or visit days. If you are interested in a particular college, we always recommend you call a college's admissions office or check the college's website for more options.
- Did you know information regarding scholarship opportunities is also posted? This is another list of particular scholarship offerings for which our office receives a notice. Again, you will want to contact a college's financial aid or scholarship office for more complete details and extensive lists.

**HOW TO FIND US** on the Holland Hall website: College Counseling is located under the Academics tab. Once on the college counseling page, navigate through various topics using the menu in the gray bar on the left side of the page. Easy!

**NEW!** Join all the counselors for chat sessions and Q&A at one or all of the following upcoming special *TEAM UP WITH COLLEGE COUNSELING!* events:

**"Warm Up!"** Monday, September 13, 7:15-8:00 am.

Get the scoop on current college admission trends with Boston University representative, Zoe Winkler. Coffee & bagels will be served.

**"Making the Cut!"** Monday, November 15, Noon-1:00 pm.

Q&A with the college counseling team. BYO brown bag lunch.

**"Time Out to Visit!"** Monday, February 7, 7:15-8:00 am.

Coffee & bagels served.

**"SAC!" (Summer Application Conditioning!)** Monday, April 11, Noon-1:00pm.

Special guest: tba.

*\*All "Team Up With College Counseling" sessions will meet in the Alumni Center.*

# College Representative Visit Opportunities - Fall 2010

For the most current list, with times and dates, visit [www.hollandhall.org](http://www.hollandhall.org)

## September 2010

- >>> Thursday, September 9/D-Day**  
**>>> Trinity University**  
 1:00 p.m.  
 Representative: Matt Barsalou  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Friday, September 10/E-Day**  
**>>> Sweet Briar**  
 8:15 a.m.  
 Representative: Mary Dance  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> University of the South**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Amy Hill  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Texas Christian University**  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Representative: Jessica Cargill  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Southern Methodist University**  
 1:00 p.m.  
 Representative: Randy Trevino  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Sunday, September 12**  
**>>> College Connection**  
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Tulsa State Fairgrounds,  
 Central Park Hall
- >>> Monday, September 13/F-Day**  
**>>> Boston University**  
 8:15 a.m.  
 Representative: Zoe Winkler  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Colgate University**  
 9:15 a.m.  
 Representative: Caroline Sprague  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> University of Chicago**  
 9:15 a.m.  
 Representative: Sarah Norville  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Tufts University**  
 11:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Donelle Durham  
 Location: 139
- >>> Drury University**  
 11:15 a.m.  
 Representative: Matt Valenti  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> College of Wooster**  
 12:00 p.m.  
 Representative: Tami Bergert  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> College of the Holy Cross**  
 1:30 p.m.  
 Representative: Amanda Ajurians  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Drake University**  
 2:15 p.m.  
 Representative: Ali Devries  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Tuesday, September 14/A-Day**  
**>>> University of Missouri**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Stephanie Zimmerman  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Saint Louis University**  
 9:15 a.m.  
 Representative: Lindsey Wagner  
 Location: 139
- >>> Fort Lewis College**  
 9:45 a.m.  
 Representative: Kelly Colford  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> William Woods University**  
 1:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Mary Grace Phillips  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Washington University in St. Louis**  
 2:15 p.m.  
 Representative: Gina Golliday  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Washington University in St. Louis**  
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
 Representative: Gina Golliday  
 Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tulsa
- >>> Wednesday, September 15/B-Day**  
**>>> Vanderbilt University**  
 8:15 a.m.  
 Representative: JoyBeth Bodie  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Colorado Christian University**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Chris Ray  
 Location: 139
- >>> DePauw University**  
 9:45 a.m.  
 Representative: Ted Jacoby  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> University of Kansas**  
 11:15 a.m.  
 Representative: Nick Lush  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Thursday, September 16/C-Day**  
**>>> Pitzer College**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Tim Campos  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Baylor University**  
 1:30 p.m.  
 Representative: Josh Lassiter  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Tuesday, September 21/F-Day**  
**>>> Princeton University**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Representative: George Schnetzer, III, M.D.  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Wednesday, September 22/A-Day**  
**>>> Vassar College**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Jessica Cho  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Knox College**  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Sarah Colangelo  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> University of Oklahoma**  
 1:30 p.m.  
 Representative: Mandy Mathes  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Thursday, September 23/B-Day**  
**>>> Villanova University**  
 8:15 a.m.  
 Representative: Matt Harris  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Tuesday, September 28/E-Day**  
**>>> Wabash College**  
 8:30 a.m.  
 Representative: Mike Dill  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> University of Notre Dame**  
 9:30 a.m.  
 Representative: Gabe Brown  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Wednesday, September 29/F-Day**  
**>>> University of Arkansas**  
 1:00 p.m.  
 Representative: Emerald Hames  
 Location: 131-B
- >>> Thursday, September 30**  
**>>> M.I.T.**  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Representative: Admissions Representatives  
 Location: Oklahoma School of Science and  
 Mathematics Auditorium  
 1141 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC  
 Location: 131-B

## College Representative Visit Opportunities Continued

October 2010

- >>> **Tuesday, October 5/D-Day**  
**John Brown University**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Ryan Terry  
 Location: TBA
  
- >>> **Tuesday, October 19/E-Day**  
**Northwestern University**  
 9:30 a.m.  
 Representative: Rob Walton  
 Location: TBA
  
- >>> **Thursday, October 28/F-Day**  
**Washington & Lee University**  
 11:00 a.m.  
 Representative: Jenny Ratzel  
 Location: TBA



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**Blast Off!**

Best wishes for a great year!

— College Counseling Office



## Calendar of Events 2010-2011

### College Connection

Sunday, September 12  
1-4 p.m., Expo Center - Central Park Hall

### Team Up with College Counseling #1

Monday, September 13  
7:15 – 8:00 a.m., Alumni Center

### Senior Application Night 1

Monday, September 13  
6:00 p.m., SMT Commons

### Senior Application Night 2

Monday, September 20  
6:00 p.m., SMT Commons

### PSAT

Wednesday, October 13  
8:00 a.m., US

### Financial Aid Night

Monday, November 8  
7:00 a.m., Lecture Center

### PLAN (practice ACT)

Saturday, November 13  
8:30 a.m., Lecture Center

### Team Up with College Counseling #2

Monday, November 15  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Center

### Junior Parent Night

Monday, January 24  
7:30 p.m., US Commons

### Team Up with College Counseling #3

Monday, February 7  
7:15 – 8:00 a.m., Alumni Center

### Deans' Night 2010

Monday, February 21  
7:30 p.m., Holliman Gallery

### Team Up with College Counseling #4

Monday, April 11  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Center

### Freshman/Sophomore Parent College Chat

Sunday, April 17  
4:00 p.m., Lecture Center

### College Affaire

Sunday, May 1  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Reynolds Center, University of Tulsa

### Sr. Lunch 7 Commencement Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 24  
12:00 p.m., Newman Theater/Branch Theater

### Baccalaureate

Tuesday, May 24  
5:00 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church

### Commencement

Wednesday, May 25  
7:00 p.m.,

## Are you ready for the 2010-2011 ACT and SAT?

### SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests:

#### Registration Deadlines and Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Added Fee)
October 9, 2010	September 10, 2010	September 24, 2010
November 6, 2010	October 8, 2010	October 22, 2010
December 4, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010
January 22, 2011	December 23, 2010	January 7, 2011
March 12, 2011 (SAT only - no subject tests)	February 11, 2011	February 25, 2011
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011	April 22, 2011
June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011

#### ACT: Registration Deadlines and Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Added Fee)
September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010	August 20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	Oct. 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011

Students may register online for the SAT by visiting: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Cost is \$32 without writing and \$47 with writing.

To register online for the ACT, visit: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Cost is \$45.

Test Dates are also available on the College Counseling Web site.