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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Every year, we in College Counseling, go to some lengths to plan what we refer to as Deans' Night but the title Deans' Night is really a little misleading. The distinguished deans who are our guests every February actually fly in on Sunday afternoon or evening and start their visit with a welcome dinner with the Head of School. They are then picked up very early on Monday morning in order to attend a full day of events designed to showcase who we are and what we do at Holland Hall.

They are introduced in morning meeting, meet with all underclassmen in chapel, take a tour of the school, go to a brunch with department heads, hold sessions to talk about their own separate institutions, attend classes and then return in the evening to speak to parents. We really ask a lot of them while they are here but judging from past comments, they feel they have a fairly comprehensive view of the quality of our curriculum, the caliber of our teachers and students. In short, Deans' Night is one of our best chances to connect our names and faces with those on the college level.

Deans' Night at Holland Hall started many years ago and has, just in the last few years, hosted deans from Princeton, Notre Dame, Texas, Indiana, Penn, Davidson, Brown, Michigan, TCU, Pitzer, Carleton and many more. The general aim in selecting the three deans we invite is to ask one from a state university, one from a small or medium sized liberal arts institution and one from a more competitive institution. This year's guests are no exception. We are so pleased to host Stephen Farmer, Associate Provost and Director of Undergraduate Admissions from the University of North Carolina, Michael Kyle, Vice President and Dean of Enrollment at St. Olaf College and Dan Warner, Director of Admissions from Rice University.

We would like to encourage parents of Upper Schoolers to be sure to attend the informative and often entertaining evening program on Monday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the WAC. In the increasingly complicated world of college selection and admission it is always nice to hear from and ask questions of the experts. Hope to see you there!

U of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC
Undergraduate: 18,579
Freshmen: 3,960
In-state 82% (state mandated)
Out-of-state: 18%
Mid 50% ACT composite: 27-31
Mid 50% SAT CR: 590-700, M: 610-710
Admit Rate: 32% including in-state

Rice
Houston, TX
Undergraduate: 3,262
Freshmen: 750
In-state 54%
Out-of-state: 46%
Mid 50% ACT composite: 30-34
Mid 50% SAT CR: 650-750, M: 690-790
Admit Rate: 21%

St. Olaf
Northfield, MN
Undergraduate: 3,156
Freshmen: 844
In-state 51%
Out-of-state: 49%
Mid 50% ACT composite: 27-31
Mid 50% SAT CR: 590-700, M: 610-710
Admit Rate: 55%

— Ms. Kathleen Housh
Director of College Counseling & Registrar

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TRAVELING?

Add A College Visit!

If your family is planning a spring break trip or summer vacation, you should consider including visits to colleges along your route or to those in the area of your final destination. It is important to contact these colleges in advance of your trip. Many schools require a reservation for a tour and/or information session. For the best and most up-to-date visit information, refer to the college's website.

If a trip to southern California or the Boston, Massachusetts area is in your future, take a look at the basic statistics for some of the areas' colleges below and then plan to visit!

Feel free to check the archived College Counseling Winter Newsletters for suggestions in other states and cities, just remember that statistics may have risen a little from the original research date. To find the archived newsletters simply go to the Holland Hall website, click Academics, click College Counseling and finally click College Counseling Newsletter in the column on the left. You will find the travel section in the winter issues. For the most current admission statistics feel free to check the college/university website or www.collegeboard.org.

Boston and Surrounding Area

Amherst College (Amherst)

Undergraduates: 1,795
 Freshmen Class: 490
 Mid 50% ACT: 30 - 34
 Mid 50% SAT M: 660-770, CR: 660-770
 Out-of-State: 88%
 Admit Rate: 15%

Babson College (Babson Park)

Undergraduates: 1,956
 Freshmen Class: 490

Mid 50% ACT: 25 - 29
 Mid 50% SAT M: 610-700, CR: 560-640
 Out-of-State: 71%
 Admit Rate: 40%

Bentley College (Waltham)

Undergraduates: 4,262
 Mid 50% ACT: 25 - 28
 Mid 50% SAT M: 590-670, CR: 530-630
 Freshmen Class: 962
 Out-of-State: 57%
 Admit Rate: 46%

Berklee School of Music (Boston)

Undergraduates: 4,275
 Freshmen Class: 704
 Out-of-State: 88%
 Admit Rate: 37%

Boston College (Chestnut Hill)

Undergraduates: 9,100
 Freshmen Class: 2,359
 Mid 50% ACT: 30 - 33
 Mid 50% SAT M: 640-730, CR: 610-700
 Out-of-State: 76%
 Admit Rate: 31%

Boston University (Boston)

Undergraduates: 18,714
 Freshmen Class: 4,409
 Mid 50% ACT: 30 - 34
 Mid 50% SAT M: 660-770, CR: 660-770
 Out-of-State: 80%
 Admit Rate: 58%

Brandeis University (Waltham)

Undergraduates: 3,341
 Freshmen Class: 690
 Mid 50% ACT: 28 - 32
 Mid 50% SAT M: 640-730, CR: 630-730
 Out-of-State: 76%
 Admit Rate: 35%

Clark University (Worcester)

Undergraduates: 2,317
 Freshmen Class: 578
 Mid 50% ACT: 24 - 30
 Mid 50% SAT M: 530-640, CR: 540-660
 Out-of-State: 62%
 Admit Rate: 69%

College of the Holy Cross (Worcester)

Undergraduates: 2,899
 Freshmen Class: 727
 Mid 50% ACT: 27 - 31
 Mid 50% SAT M: 600-690, CR: 590-680
 Out-of-State: 62%
 Admit Rate: 35%

Emerson College (Boston)

Undergraduates: 3,461
 Freshmen Class: 825
 Mid 50% ACT: 25 - 30
 Mid 50% SAT M: 560-650, CR: 590-680
 Out-of-State: 83%
 Admit Rate: 47%

Hampshire College (Amherst)

Undergraduates: 1,529
 Freshmen Class: 418
 Mid 50% ACT: 25 - 29
 Mid 50% SAT M: 550-660, CR: 600-700
 Out-of-State: 85%
 Admit Rate: 71%

Harvard College (Cambridge)

Undergraduates: 6,641
 Freshmen Class: 1,663
 Mid 50% ACT: 31 - 34
 Mid 50% SAT M: 700-790, CR: 690-800
 Out-of-State: 75%
 Admit Rate: 7%

M.I.T. (Cambridge)

Undergraduates: 4,299
 Freshmen Class: 1,067
 Mid 50% ACT: 32 - 35
 Mid 50% SAT M: 740-800, CR: 670-760
 Out-of-State: 89%
 Admit Rate: 9%

Northeastern University (Boston)

Undergraduates: 15,905
 Freshmen Class: 2,836
 Mid 50% ACT: 28 - 31
 Mid 50% SAT M: 630-710, CR: 600-680
 Out-of-State: 69%
 Admit Rate: 38%

Tufts University (Medford)

Undergraduates: 5,224
 Freshmen Class: 1,313
 Mid 50% ACT: 30 - 33
 Mid 50% SAT M: 680-760, CR: 670-740
 Out-of-State: 79%
 Admit Rate: 24%

Simmons College (Boston)

Women's college
 Undergraduates: 1,912
 Freshmen Class: 380
 Mid 50% ACT: 21 - 27
 Mid 50% SAT M: 500-590, CR: 500-600
 Out-of-State: 39%
 Admit Rate: 54%

Wellesley College (Wellesley)

Women's college
 Undergraduates: 2,411
 Freshmen Class: 633
 Mid 50% ACT: 28 - 31
 Mid 50% SAT M: 630-740, CR: 640-740
 Out-of-State: 88%
 Admit Rate: 34%

Williams College (Williamstown)

Undergraduates: 2,029
 Freshmen Class: 548
 Mid 50% ACT: 30 - 34
 Mid 50% SAT M: 660-760, CR: 670-770
 Out-of-State: 87%
 Admit Rate: 18%

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester)

Undergraduates: 3,649
 Freshmen Class: 910
 Mid 50% ACT: 26 - 31
 Mid 50% SAT M: 630-730, CR: 560-650
 Out-of-State: 54%
 Admit Rate: 59%

Los Angeles and San Diego, California Areas

Loyola Marymount U. (Los Angeles)

5,951 undergraduate
 Freshmen Class: 1,378
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 25-29
 Mid 50% SAT M: 560-660, CR: 550-640
 Out of State: 30%
 Admit Rate: 54%

Occidental College (Los Angeles)

2,089 undergraduate
 Freshmen Class: 573
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 26-30
 Mid 50% SAT M: 600-690, CR: 600-690
 Out of State: 53%
 Admit Rate: 42%

University of Southern California (Los Angeles)

Undergraduate: 17,380
 Freshmen: 2, 973
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 29-33
 Mid 50% SAT M: 650-750, CR: 620-720
 Out of State: 42%
 Admit Rate: 24%

Pepperdine University (Malibu)

Undergraduate: 3, 447
 Freshmen: 628
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 25-30
 Mid 50% SAT M: 560-680, CR: 550-670
 Out of State: 46%
 Admit Rate: 31%

Whittier College (Whittier)

Undergraduate: 1,400
 Freshmen: n/a
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 19-25
 Mid 50% SAT M: 460-590, CR: 470-580
 Out of State: 30%
 Admit Rate: 70%

Chapman University (Orange)

Undergraduate: 4,910
 Freshmen: 1,174
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 25-29
 Mid 50% SAT M: 550-660, CR: 540-640
 Out of State: 34%
 Admit Rate: 50%

Claremont McKenna College (Claremont)

Undergraduate: 1,261
 Freshmen: 314
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: n/a
 Mid 50% SAT M: 670-740, CR: 640-740
 Out of State: 53%
 Admit Rate: 17%

Harvey Mudd College (Claremont)

Undergraduate: 771
 Freshmen: 195
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 32-35
 Mid 50% SAT M: 740-790, CR: 670-760
 Out of State: 60%
 Admit Rate: 25%

Pitzer College (Claremont)

Undergraduate: 1,080
 Freshmen: 274
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 26-31
 Mid 50% SAT M: 590-680, CR: 610-690
 Out of State: 61%
 Admit Rate: 26%

Pomona College (Claremont)

Undergraduate: 1,586
 Freshmen: 394
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 31-34
 Mid 50% SAT M: 690-770, CR: 680-780
 Out of State: 66%
 Admit Rate: 14%

Scripps College (Claremont)

Women's college
 Undergraduate: 956
 Freshmen: 263
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 28-32
 Mid 50% SAT M: 630-710, CR: 640-740
 Out of State: 59%
 Admit Rate: 39%

Woodbury University (Burbank)

Undergraduate: 1,282

Freshmen: 103
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 17-25
 Mid 50% SAT M: 380-620, CR: 400-610
 Out of State: n/a
 Admit Rate: 68%

University of the Redlands (Redlands)

Undergraduate: 3,032
 Freshmen: 646
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 22-27
 Mid 50% SAT M: 520-620, CR: 520-620
 Out of State: 31%
 Admit Rate: 67%

California Lutheran University (Thousand Oaks)

Undergraduate: 2,545
 Freshmen: 536
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 22-27
 Mid 50% SAT M: 520-610, CR: 500-590
 Out of State: 16%
 Admit Rate: 47%

University of San Diego (San Diego)

Undergraduate: 5,388
 Freshmen: 1,150
 Mid 50% ACT Composite: 25-29
 Mid 50% SAT M: 570-660, CR: 550-640
 Out of State: 42%
 Admit Rate: 51%

Questions to research before you visit:

1. For what programs is the college well known?
2. What are the admission requirements?
3. What are the average SAT & ACT scores? Are scores required?
4. Do you need subject tests?
5. Does the college have a liberal arts or core curriculum?

If not answered during an information session or tour, ask the following:

1. Are freshmen required to live in the dorm?
2. How are roommates determined?
3. Is housing guaranteed for all four years?
4. Are dorms co-ed? How is the division?
5. Do you have living communities or houses?
6. How active is the student association?
7. What is a typical day in the life of a student?
8. Do students remain on campus or leave during the weekend?
9. Are students politically active?
10. What percentage of your graduates attained employment last year?
11. Who are the major corporations that hire your students in engineering, or advertising etc?
12. What percent of your graduates go on to graduate school?
13. When is the best time to sign up with the placement office? Do you have any special programs, or business etiquette classes?
14. Are you seeing any hiring trends that might benefit incoming freshmen?

THE INS AND OUTS OF GETTING IN: JUNIOR SEMINAR

Do I want to submit the Common Application or the university's application? What is the difference between Early Decision and Early Action? How do I put my best foot forward when visiting with college representatives or in that college interview? How will my transcript and letters of recommendation be sent if I apply online? These and many other questions about the process of selecting, applying to and getting in college are the subject of Junior Seminar. For those who are not familiar with this wonderfully informative second semester class for juniors, the following syllabus will give you an idea. As part of the course requirements, students will complete a pre-search questionnaire, draft a practice essay, build a résumé, and review the Common Application.

A Day: Mods 3 & 4**B Day: Mods 11 & 12****C Day: Mods 11 & 12**

Cycle 1: January 12, 13, 17

Introduction, Trends and Admission Definitions

The importance of the College Preferences Questionnaire

Housh, Casey, Cooper

Cycle 2: January 23, 24, 25

College Admissions Testing

The facts about ACT, SAT I & II

Homework Assignment: Turn in an ACT or SAT proof of registration ticket

Housh

Cycle 3: January 31, February 1, 2

Introduction to the Naviance program – Bring your laptop!

Naviance can be used to do multiple things, from signing up for a rep visit at HH to taking career interest & personality quizzes

Cooper

Cycle 4: February 8, 9, 14

Electronic Search Tools & “My College Quick Start” – Bring your laptop!

Early Decision, Early Action, Regular and Rolling Admissions, the College Counseling website, internet resources and scholarship searches

Cooper

Cycle 5

Deans' Week - No class

Assignment: Attend a Deans' information session during school on February 20

Optional Assignment: You and your parents attend Deans' Night: 7:30pm in the Holliman Gallery

Cycle 6: February 28, 29, March 1

College Fairs & Campus Visits

The purpose and goal of college fairs, how to get most out of a campus visit

Optional Homework Assignment: Mock interview with Mr. Casey

Homework Assignment: Take an official tour at the college of your choice by May 1

Casey

Cycle 7: March 7, 8, 9

Resume Construction – Bring your laptop!

Submitting a polished high school resume is a great help to college admissions offices.

Homework Assignment: Construct and complete your high school resume

Cooper

Cycle 8

Spring Break

Cycle 9: April 3, 4, 5

The Common Application

An introduction to the Common Application, its importance and how it is used

Assignment: Common App Information sheet

Assignment: Attend College Affaire: TU – Reynolds Center, Tuesday, April 10, 6-8pm.

Casey

Cycle 10: April 12, 13, 16

Writing a GREAT college essay

Tips, Topics and Techniques

Homework Assignment: Choose 1 question from the Common App & write an essay

Note: 500 word minimum

Housh

Cycle 11: April 20, 23, 24

Case Studies and the Life of a College Application

Part One

Casey & Cooper

Cycle 12: April 30, May 1, 2

Case Studies and the Life of a College Application

Part Two

Casey & Cooper

Cycle 13: May 9, 10, 11

Round Table Discussions

Q&A and the discussion of the senior-year timeline.

Current seniors talk about their own experience.

Casey

Cycle 14: May 17, 18, 21

Financial Aid for College - optional

Housh



PLAN and PSAT

Plan and PSAT Test results have been returned. If you have a freshman, sophomore or junior student and have not seen any test results from the PLAN (9) or PSAT (10 & 11) that were taken on October 13, it is time to ask your student to produce these papers. Mr. Casey and Mrs. Cooper have been busy meeting with the students to explain the results and share websites for each test. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to review the appropriate website with your student. The PLAN website can be found by clicking <http://www.actstudent.org/plan/index.html>. This website includes sample test questions, test score explanations, readiness benchmarks, a career search etc., and a section for parents. While the PLAN website is very informative it is not individually personalized like College Board's My College QuickStart. If your student took the PSAT and shared his or her e-mail, he or she most likely received a note encouraging registration. If not go to www.collegeboard.org/quickstart and register. This program is a wonderful tool that is full of helpful information. Be sure to check out the section titled My Study Plan, there you will find explanations for incorrectly answered questions, test-taking advice, skills feedback and a full practice test. If you have questions after talking to your student and reviewing the sight, feel free to call Ronda Cooper, 918-481-1111, X230 or Brent Casey, 918-481-1111, X718.

Calendar of Events 2011-2012

Junior Parent Night

Monday, January 23
6:45 p.m., US Commons

Team Up with College Counseling #3

Monday, February 6
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Alumni Center

Deans' Night 2012

Monday, February 20
7:30 p.m., Holliman Gallery

Team Up with College Counseling #4

Monday, April 9
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Alumni Center

GPACAC College Fair

Tuesday, April 10
6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Reynolds Center, University of Tulsa

Sr. Lunch & Commencement Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 29
12:00 p.m., Newman Theater/Branch Theater

Baccalaureate

Tuesday, May 29
5:00 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church

Commencement

Wednesday, May 30
7:00 p.m., Branch Theater

**Are you ready for the
2011-2012 ACT and SAT?
SAT Reasoning Test
and SAT Subject Tests:**

Registration Deadlines and Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Added Fee)
January 28, 2012	December 30 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012 (SAT only - no subject tests)	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

**ACT: Registration Deadlines
and Test Dates**

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Added Fee)
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 18, 2012

Students may register online for the SAT by visiting: www.collegeboard.com. Cost is \$49 with writing. Late registration fee is \$26

To register online for the ACT, visit: www.act.org. Cost is \$49.50 with writing. Late registration fee is \$21.

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

**Team Up with College Counseling on
February 6**

This is our second year to offer informal, noon meetings, host guest speakers and discuss the college process. Hopefully you have joined one of these sessions. If not, I encourage you to come. We meet once per quarter at noon in the Alumni Center. Our next meeting is February 6. Feel free to bring your lunch, we will provide a brownie or a cookie and lemon water for you to enjoy as you listen to our guests. You will not want to miss this meeting. This is your opportunity to hear what our state has to offer in the college ranks. Join Barb Adkins, The University of Tulsa, Mandy Mathes, The University of Oklahoma and Blair Robbins, Oklahoma State University as they each tell the story about their school. They will share changes they have seen in admissions, talk about new programs on each campus and happily answer questions. See you on February 6, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center.