



College Newsletter Winter 2009



Finding the best college fit has never been more crucial. According to the US Department of Education, the number of high school graduates will peak at 3.33 million in 2009 and total college enrollment will increase each year through 2016! It's imperative that students find schools that are right for them!

The number of college applications is skyrocketing across the United States. Princeton University recently reported that it has seen a 60% increase in applications in the last six years. While the number of applications mounts, the overall acceptance rates have remained the same. Thus, the percentage of student applications accepted by many colleges has decreased. Harvard expects an acceptance rate for the class of 2013 of approximately 7%. More students are graduating from high school and attending college than ever before.

Source: New York Times reported by InternationalCounselor.org – 1.24.09

This is one of several factors that high school students need to keep in mind when they approach the college application. Guidance counselors and Educational Consultants work with students individually to focus on finding colleges that fit each student well. They then work as a guide in the application process, helping the student navigate each step. This winning combination sets students on a focused journey toward a successful collegiate career.

High School Tips

- 1) Choose your classes for the next academic year wisely. Colleges view your choices as a reflection of your commitment to learning.
- 2) Become involved and stay involved in a few co-curricular activities that interest you. Colleges prefer to see depth instead of breadth in commitments.
- 3) Start learning about the differences in colleges – public or private, in-state or out-of-state, small or large, urban or rural – and begin thinking about what characteristics you would like in your college.

Soaring Applications

The number of applications for the class of 2012 grew at most top universities and colleges. Here is a sampling.

	APPLICATIONS*	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	
Harvard	27,278		+ 19%
U. of Chicago	12,277		+ 18
Amherst College	7,800		+ 17
Northwestern	25,000		+ 14
Dartmouth College	15,593		+ 10
Williams College	7,064		+ 9
Cornell	32,655		+ 8
M.I.T.	13,350		+ 7
Princeton	20,118		+ 6
Duke	20,250		+ 5
Columbia	22,249		+ 4
U. of Virginia	18,776		+ 4
Stanford	24,564		+ 3
U. of Pennsylvania	22,641		+ 2

*Through Wednesday; final figures could change slightly.

Source: The universities and colleges

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

www.fastweb.com

www.college-scholarships.com

www.finaid.com

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