

Final Countdown: The Changing Landscape of College Admissions

**Believe it or not: your
kids will be applying this
time next year....**

Objectives

- **FIT + Financing = Finishing**
- **Balance & Wellness for your student**
- **Learn from past P2P students**
- **Scoir - how to use it?**
- **College admissions testing**
- **How to pay for college**

Counseling Staff at P2P

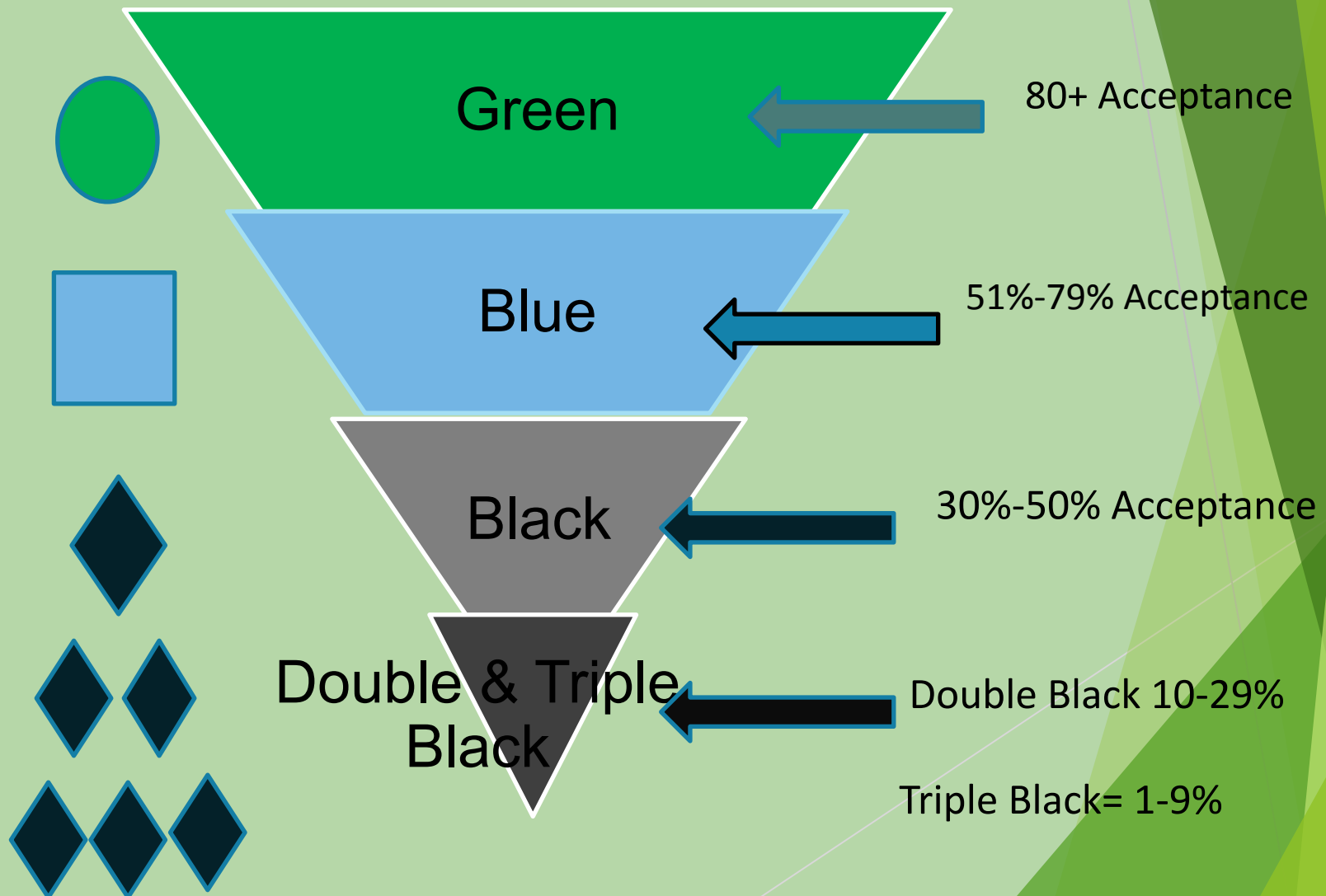
- Ms. Gannett: A-D
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- Ms. Bostic: L-R
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- Ms. Holmes Fuller: Post-Grad Coordinator & K-12 Counseling Intern
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Trust the Process

- Don't ask about majors, careers.....
- Don't use “good college” terms
- DO utilize counselors!
- DO visit (not just black schools)
- DO use net price calculators

Junior Parent/Guardian Night: College selectivity* (P2P terms only!)



What has changed in the last 12 months?

1. 2,000+ colleges test optional for 2024
2. Tenn/Purdue/FL/GA/MIT/military academies/Georgetown returning to tests. (sometimes more money w/ tests!)
 - UC schools NO tests.
3. 20-40% increase in apps.: 0 of 9 into Duke from P2P 2022, 1 out of 7 in 2023, 4.6, 34/1520 SAT
4. Northeastern: 96,000 apps (up 31,000 or 49.5% in last 4 years!!!). 5.6% acceptance
5. UCLA: 150,000 apps up 10,000. 12% acceptance, less out of state.

Good News: The Seventy-Seventy Rule

70% of colleges
accept MORE than
70% of their applicants!

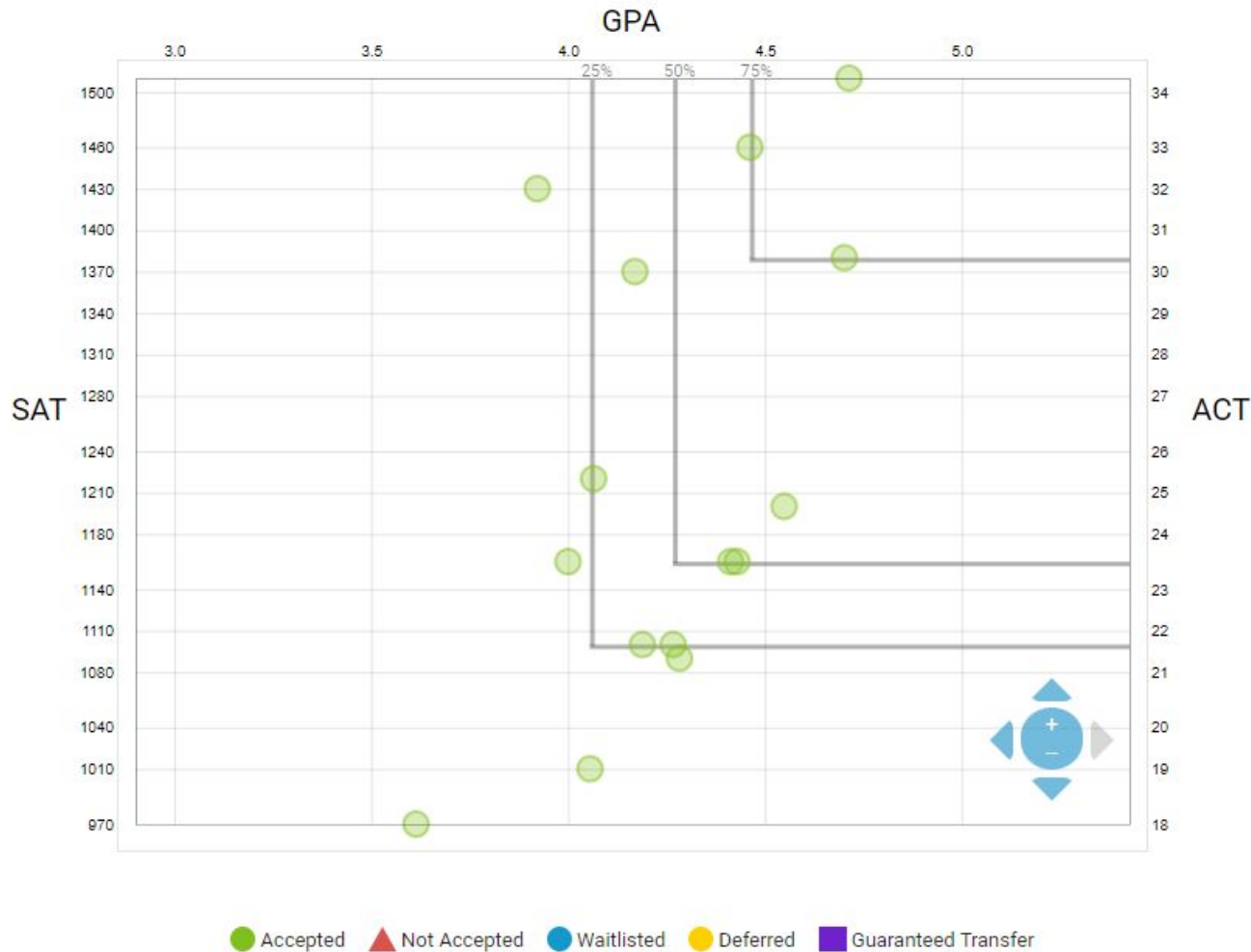
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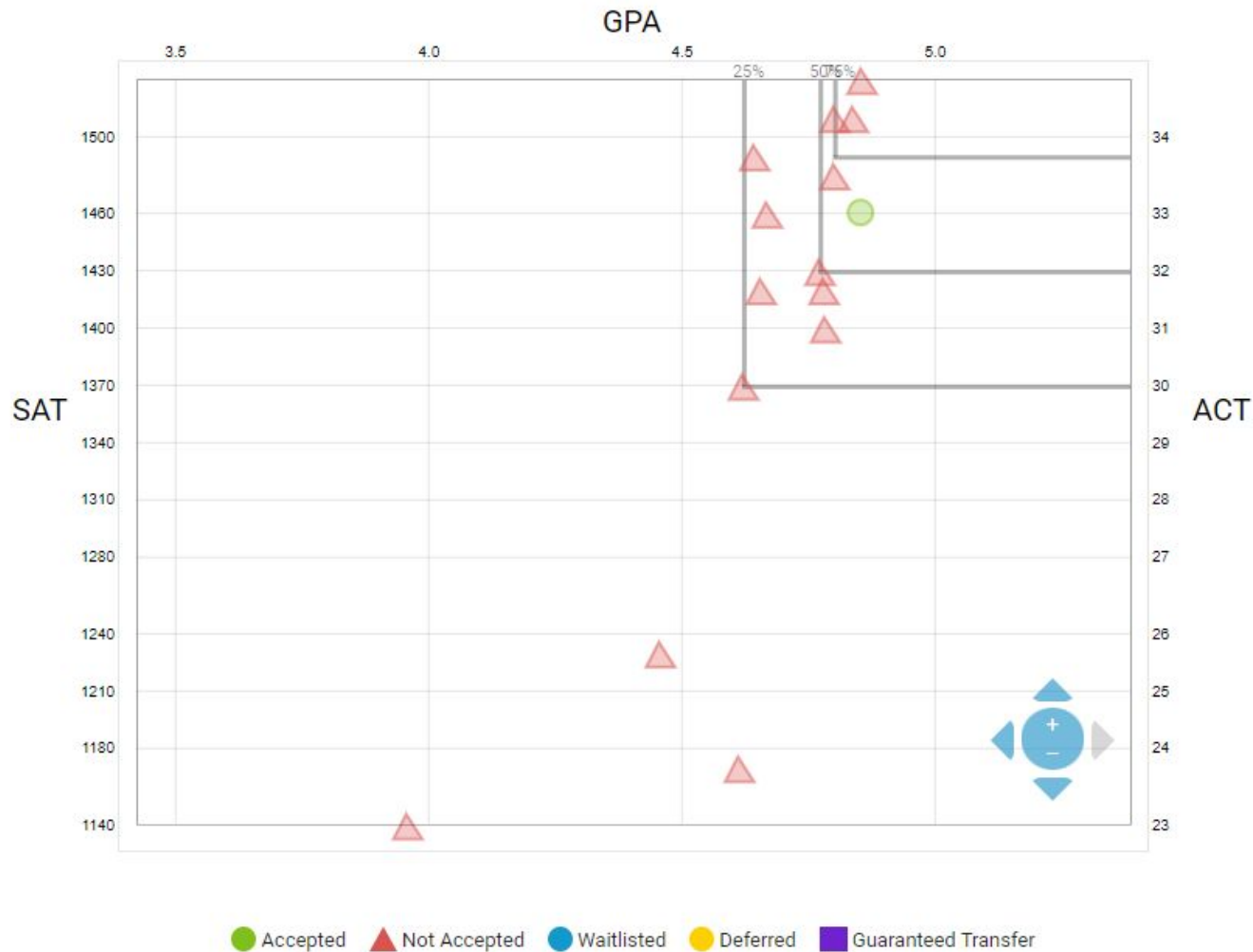
90-99%

Scoir - Univ. of Utah scattergram



- Average GPA of accepted students: 4.26
- Acceptance rate: 65%
- 17 students applied from P2P in last 2 years; 15 accepted

Scoir- Stanford scattergram



- Average GPA of accepted students: 4.85
- Acceptance rate: 4%
- 18 students applied from P2P in last 2 years; 1 accepted

Scoir

- **Students-** single sign on
- **Parents account-** brag sheet, scattergrams

College day: Oct 4th- sign up next week!

Need parent volunteers!

Counseling Digest: Additional colleges coming to P2P

Smart list of colleges- different for ALL!!

2 GREEN schools: accepts 80-100%, affordable, at least one rolling, Apply by Nov 1

2 BLUE: accepts 51-79%, apply by Nov 1

2 BLACK: accepts 30-50%

2 DOUBLE BLACK: accepts 11-29%

2 TRIPLE BLACK: accepts 1-10%

No more than 10 applications recommended

Quality Visit? Ideally:

- Before May, next fall OR after accepted
- Your child's interests? attend a game? concert? cafeteria?
- go to depts of interest
- visit town
- talk to students/prof: get away from marketing
- DO admissions tour/talk: demonstrated interest key
- DO: see different colors/sizes
- Don't judge schools by tour guide....

What matters for class of 2025?

1. Grades (9-11)
2. Scores (test optional, many....BUT/instead (save essays this year)
3. Rigor (including senior year)

Ability to pay (unless need blind)

Essays

Major

Letters of Rec

DEPTH outside of school: internships, volunteer, research

extracurricular (CS, job, passions)

Athlete? Alumni? First Gen? Diversity: all kinds

Demonstrated interest, location

Amount of out of states allowed to admit

Yearly Costs of Attendance Living on Campus (2023-24 data)

Not including \$2000 - \$4000 for books, travel, & personal expenses

CO Schools includes COF

- Front Range CC (2-year) \$5,352 (15 credit hours, live at home)
- Metro State U \$11,180 (15 credit hours, live at home)
- U of Northern CO \$27,214
- Northern Arizona U (4-year) \$24,456 (w/ WUE & Gold scholarship--3.5+ gpa)
- Colorado State \$27,575
- CU Boulder (A & S) 4-year **\$30-36,000** (business/engineering/sciences more)
- University of Wyoming \$37,508 (\$24,218 w/ WUE)
- Colorado School of Mines \$38,010
- Montana State \$44,846 (\$24,394 w/ WUE)

P2P
&
Triple
Blacks
(2021-
2023)

	Apply	Accept	Attend
Penn	19	1	1
Princeton	8	1	0
Columbia	8	0	0
Dartmouth	19	4	4
Brown	18	1	0
Yale	20	2	1
Harvard	21	0	0
Cornell	23	3	2
Colorado C.	32	16	3
Duke	28	2	1
Stanford	26	3	3

P2P
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Blacks
(2021-
2023)

	Apply	Accept	Attend
Michigan	<u>27</u>	4	3
UCLA (several 4.8's/above 1500\'s denied)	32	3	0



P2P & Blues & Greens (2021-2023)

	Apply	Accept	Attend
Butler	15	15	4
Gonzaga	28	27	2
U of Denver	72	62	8
CSU	171	162	24
Cornell College	24	21	3
CU Boulder	225	213	75
Lewis & Clark	17	16	3
St. Louis Univ.	21	21	5



Expand Your Search- keep an open mind!

Western Undergraduate Exchange

Colleges that Change Lives

Jesuits

Private Colleges

100 Hidden Gems

ACM Colleges

Concerned about Money??

DIFFERENT Strategies: CHESS game!

GREEN schools: Many out of STATE schools give little/none/LESS (exceptions: MSU, Boise, OSU, Arkansas, Mizzou, Kansas, Utah, Vermont...)

BLUE: MERIT (\$ based only on grades)- small to medium schools **OFTEN** more money!

BLACK, Double Black & Triple Black: Mostly **NEED** (\$ based only on assets, income)

Average P2P family pays: \$30,000-\$50,000 year

What you can and cannot afford?

(now thru Dec 31st THIS year, is what is looked at for year 1 of college!)

How? NET price calculators

Where? On every school's website

We hear: “We will figure it out”

We hear: “We will apply for lots of outside scholarships to cover the gap”

We see: Tears. Reality= heartbreak in senior year. Especially if they get in and they can't afford it.

MAX Student Loan= \$5500 year as a freshman!

Need Based Aid

Meets full Financial need:

Example:

Colorado College (30% ED, 19% EA, 4% RD)

Average GPA: 4.6 from P2P

Colorado College Pledge:

\$60,000 or less: FREE**

\$60-\$125,000: only room and board**

\$125,000-\$250,000: = to CU total cost of attendance**

**** with typical assets**

Merit Based

Butler University (Blue)

Peak to Peak Students

SAT: 1320

GPA: 4.24

95% acceptance from P2P apps

COA approx. \$59,600

Average Merit: \$10-\$28,000

Out of pocket: \$30-\$49,000

NET PRICE CALCULATORS

Dartmouth: TRIPLE BLACK

(P2P GPA 4.72 weighted, 1520 SAT)

Total COA: \$84,748

1. Gross income \$50,000,
out of pocket: \$2,400
2. Gross income \$100,000
out of pocket: \$19,700
3. Gross income \$175,000
out of pocket: \$43,800
4. Gross income \$300,000
out of pocket: \$83,802

Sample P2P Net Price: SAI 47,000 (student aid index)

CU Boulder	\$30- 36,000* better \$ for lower income families now!
Colorado State	\$28,502
Bowdoin	\$36,237.00 ED* (binding)
Colby	\$46,200.00 ED2* (binding)
Oregon State	\$37,497.00
Puget Sound	\$42,246.00
Lewis & Clark	\$44,452.00
Univ. of Oregon	\$51,275.00
Chapman (high)	\$55,946.00
Univ. of Redlands	\$37,661.00
Knox (low)	\$28,697.00

What we need you to do BEFORE the 1-1 JUNIOR MEETING:

- 1. Talk about what you can and cannot afford with your child.**

NEED VS. WANT

(ie: “need” warm, beach, affordable, big)

- 2. VISITS**

JUNIORS missed out on their 9th grade visit to CU

CSU/CU: large

UNC/DU: medium

UCCS/CC: field trip with us this spring!

Testing & Timeline

1.) PSAT (digital) October 11th! (NO STRESS—practice SAT for most students!)

Practice SAT: February

Optional Practice ACT: Feb/March

2.) CO STATE SAT April 10, 2024- MANDATORY

**3.) Sign up on your own for additional SATs/or ACT
SAT (collegeboard.com) and ACT ([ACT.org](https://act.org))**

Recommended: June, July or August SAT or ACT

Junior year:

January- April class: CRS once every week in SH or OC

January: First time parents/guardians kick off

Jan-March: Junior Parent/Guardian meeting 1-1

Feb 29th: Case studies: optional but college FAIR excellent.

March: Draft list ready

June: Parent/G brag sheet due

Senior year:

August: Boot Camp/start applying

Aug-Sept: Senior meeting FINALIZE list

Oct-Nov: FAFSA/CSS (based on this year's income)

Nov 1st: Most Apps in

Dec 1-March 1-Outside scholarships

Decision: May 1st

What is the CRS class?

(College Research Seminar)

- **Required class junior spring and senior fall: 2.5 credits each/graded.**
- **Fit: college comparison project**
- **College research & list creation**
- **College field trips: UCCS & CC (NOT important if not on list)**
- **Majors & careers exploration (Strong Inventory, Indigo)**
- **Financial Aid process; WUE information**
- **Common Application**
- **Prepare a Questionnaire for Counselor writing letter of Rec**
- **Junior/Senior Meetings**

Creative ideas:

- ▶ **Live at home**
- ▶ **Gap year, work, “in state angels”**
- ▶ **Visit AFTER get in**
- ▶ **Community college, transfer**
- ▶ **Small- Medium schools= MORE MONEY**
- ▶ **Free Diversity Fly ins (Fall senior yr)**
- ▶ **Attend College Abroad**
- ▶ **Leadership Scholarships (national merit- PSAT)**
- ▶ **Apply to schools that offer big merit based aid, or meet full NEED)**
- ▶ **Be open minded....**

True or False?

1. Lots of P2P kids get “Full rides”
2. You should start looking for scholarships now
3. High GPA will get you TONS of money
4. You can get a scholarship with a 3.0. How about a 2.9?
5. Where you apply is the most important.
6. Senior year grades don't matter.
7. Community Service key
8. Knowing the admissions rep is important
9. You can appeal a financial package
10. Most P2P kids want BIG schools

Peak to Peak 2022 students

Student A: GPA: 4.88 weighted, 4.0 unweighted, pre med,
SAT 1420

Barnard: Denied

Bates: Denied

Brown: Denied

UC Berkeley: Denied

UCLA: WL/denied

UC San Diego: Accepted

UC Santa Barbara: Denied

Claremont McKenna: WL/D

Colby: WL/denied

CU Bldr/CU Denver: accepted

CSU: accepted

Emory: Denied

Univ Michigan: denied

UNC Chapel Hill: accepted

Northeastern: accepted

Rochester: accepted

Tufts: WL/denied

Union: accepted

Vanderbilt: denied

William & Mary: accepted

Williams: WL/denied

Yale: denied

Student B

GPA: 4.5 weighted, 3.9 unweighted,
bioengineering/psych/dance, ACT 32

Centre:	accepted
Colorado Mesa:	accepted
Elon:	accepted
Gonzaga:	accepted
Hendrix:	accepted
Millsaps:	accepted
Univ of Nebraska:	accepted
Puget Sound:	accepted
Rhodes:	accepted
Saint Louis Univ:	accepted
Wake Forest:	WL

Student C

GPA: 4.3 weighted, 3.7 unweighted, engineering, no scores

CU Boulder:	accepted
CU Colorado Springs:	accepted
Colorado School Mines:	denied
CSU:	accepted
Cornell College:	accepted
Montana State:	accepted
Western Colorado:	accepted

Student D

GPA: 3.7 weighted, 3.2 unweighted, education major, no tests

Colorado Mesa: accepted

DU: accepted

Drake: accepted

Illinois Wesleyan: accepted

Univ of Michigan: denied

Missouri State: accepted

Muhlenberg: accepted

Nebraska Wesleyan: accepted

UNC: accepted

Rider: accepted

Sweet Briar: accepted

Univ of Utah: accepted

Syracuse: accepted

Student E

GPA: 4.5 weighted, 3.9 unweighted, undeclared,
SAT 1250 no tests sent

Barnard: ED/denied

Boston College: WL/denied

Northeastern: WL/ denied

Saint Louis University Madrid: accepted

Villanova: deferred/denied

Student F

GPA: 4.4 weighted, 3.8 unweighted, business, SAT 1460

Boston Univ: **denied**

UC Berkley: **denied**

UCLA: **denied**

Gonzaga: **accepted**

UMass Amherst: **accepted**

Univ Michigan: **WL/ then admit Jan start.**

NW: **denied**

UPenn: **denied**

Purdue: **accepted**

Univ of Oregon: **accepted**

Villanova: **WL/denied**

Univ of Washington: **WL/denied**

Breathe!!

- ▶ **TRUST the process**
- ▶ **College consultants not needed, utilize the expertise of your counselor!**
- ▶ **Seniors NOW doing great-essays/class, 1-1 meetings, drop in help time.**
- ▶ **6.7% attend college in WORLD**
- ▶ **No such thing as a “right” path/college**
- ▶ **“Your worth is not determined by the university you go to.” Maria Shiver**