

Fall 2015 College Visits – A User’s Guide

Providence Academy College Counseling

Disclaimer: This guide is not intended to pigeonhole or stereotype any institution, but it includes descriptions formed from the combined experience of PA’s college counselors, input from admission representatives, feedback from PA students and graduates, and recognized college guides. We hope it helps you choose visits well and to broaden your college search!

REMINDER: To attend college meetings scheduled during the Light Blue or Pink elective periods, students must obtain a college visit pass from Mrs. Peterson or Mrs. Gregg at least one day in advance of the visit and then, also one day in advance, obtain the signature of their elective course or study hall instructor one day in advance. With a signed college visit pass, students may proceed directly to the college meeting at the start of the period. There is no need to report to the elective course or study hall first.

Tuesday, September 8

11:15 AM: Hope College (Holland, MI)

(go if you like Hillsdale College, Wheaton College (IL), or Baylor...go if you are looking for something double the size of Hillsdale [3,200 students attend Hope], an ecumenically Christian liberal arts college with 25% identifying as Catholic, a quaint college town location near the shores of Lake Michigan, a small college with 4-year on-campus programs in Engineering, Nursing, Dance, and Athletic Training)

Wednesday, September 9

11:15 AM: University of Glasgow (Scotland)

(you may not realize that many British universities recruit heavily in the United States! The University of Glasgow was founded in 1461, is the 4th oldest university in the English-speaking world, and with 18,000 undergraduates is about half the size of the University of Minnesota. Excellent programs in Art History, Archeology, Film and Television, and Life Sciences. Come to this presentation to learn about an “out-of-the-box” college option)

11:15 AM: University of Minnesota, Crookston

(go if you are looking for career-oriented and hands-on learning programs in animal sciences, equine science, environmental fields, aviation, horticulture, elementary/early childhood education, or sports and recreation management. Great equestrian team and facilities, plus Division II football. Get the advantages of a small student body – 1,800 students - with a very low cost of attendance)

Thursday, September 10

11:15 AM: Iowa State University (Ames, IA)

(go if you are looking for a classic Midwest college town campus with strong engineering, science, and business programs that is an easy 3 hour drive down Interstate 35. A very different setting and atmosphere than the University of Minnesota, but still with major college sports and less stringent admission requirements than UMTC or UW-Madison for popular academic programs)

1:30 PM: North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND)

(go if you are looking for a smaller flagship-type public university than is common here in the Midwest. If large campuses like University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Iowa State, or UW-Madison concern you, NDSU's enrollment of just 12,000 undergraduates may be more amenable. NDSU has a very successful and increasingly prominent athletics program, particularly in football)

Monday, September 14

2:25 PM: University of Chicago

(go if you are looking for distinctively intense intellectual focus on ideas, on a big and grand campus and in a big city)

2:25 PM: University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)

(go if you are looking for excellent opportunities in the health sciences, energy, environmental, and aerospace/aviation fields at a very affordable price for MN residents...college town campus with its own medical school, law school, big education and engineering programs, and one of the most famous college hockey programs anywhere)

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 AM: University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)

(go if you are looking for a more affordable or more attainable option in the East or a public university of manageable size that is in a very fun city with strong presence of winter sports like skiing...go if you like health science, engineering, environmental issues, business)

3:15 PM: Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)

(go if you like SMU, Baylor, Creighton, Pepperdine, the color purple, or if you think Mr. Estrada is an okay guy...go if you are looking for a mid-sized private university with lots of academic options, big time college sports, Frogs, warmer winters than MN, and very impressive and fresh facilities that won't be a step down from Providence Academy)

Thursday, September 17

11:15 AM: Gustavus Adolphus College (Saint Peter, MN)

(go if you are looking for the tried and true Lutheran college tradition, where exploration of religious values and finding one's vocation are emphasized. One of the classic friendly Minnesota colleges where students are known as individuals and can prepare themselves very well in any liberal arts discipline, plus education and music.)

11:15 AM: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

(Minnesota's flagship university has much more to it than you might think...UMTC is truly one of the country's premier public research universities and has global reach...popular programs like Carlson School of Management and the College of Science and Engineering have high admission standards, and the Honors program can be a serious option for students otherwise drawn to very competitive colleges. Almost any academic interest can be found at UMTC, and the campus is much more residential than it was several decades ago)

1:30 PM: Minneapolis College of Art and Design

Friday, September 18

1:30 PM: University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)

(go if you like UW-Madison, Indiana Univ-Bloomington, Purdue...go if you are looking for a classic flagship campus with attainable admission standards)

Monday, September 21

8:00 AM: Baylor University (Waco, TX)

(go if you like TCU or SMU but wish for more specifically Christian campus culture or if you like Wheaton, or Pepperdine but wish for something larger...go if you are looking for a notable Christian university of significant size and scale)

8:00 AM: University of Colorado, Boulder

(go if you like UW-Madison, UC-Berkeley, or UT-Austin...CU-Boulder is a public university with legendary scenery and has one of the highest academic statures in the Western U.S...a campus and town that are hives of activity, all the time)

Tuesday, September 22

3:15 PM: Jesuit Excellence Tour

(16 Jesuit colleges and universities will host a mini-college fair in the ARC. Come learn about lots of Catholic colleges all at once!)

Participating Colleges: Creighton University, University of Detroit-Mercy, Fairfield University, Fordham University, College of the Holy Cross, John Carroll University, Loyola University Chicago, Loyola University New Orleans, Marquette University, Regis University, Rockhurst University, Saint Louis University, University of San Francisco, Seattle University, Wheeling Jesuit University, Xavier University)

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 AM: Northeastern University (Boston, MA)

(go if you like Penn...go if you are looking for pre-professional education and hands-on experiences like co-ops offered on a city campus that is steps from museums and Fenway Park)

Thursday, September 24

11:15 AM: University of Missouri, Columbia

(go if you like the University of Minnesota or Wisconsin-Madison but would like to get a little further removed from the Upper Midwest and be in a place that is more college town than city...go if you are looking for Journalism, Business, Engineering, and big-time athletics at a newly-minted Southeastern Conference institution)

1:30 PM: Davidson College (Davidson, NC)

(go if you like the Carolinas, Vanderbilt, or small Ivies like Dartmouth or Princeton...go if you are looking for a very small, selective, and ascendant academic institution where a high percentage of students compete at the highest level of college athletics)

3:15 PM: Viterbo University (LaCrosse, WI)

(go if you like Winona State, CSB/SJU, St. Mary's-Minnesota, or St. Scholastica...go if you are looking for nursing or education. Very female-heavy student body...less than 30% are men)

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM: Northland College (Ashland, WI)

(Northland focuses on the liberal arts with a strong environmental emphasis that is anchored in its northern Wisconsin location near Lake Superior...a 600-student college with hard-to-find academic programs in Geographic Information Systems, Wildlife Ecology, Meteorology, Outdoor Education, and more)

11:15 AM: Grinnell College (Grinnell, IA)

(perhaps the best-funded small college in the Midwest, capable of helping students tremendously through financial aid, one of the most selective small colleges in the Midwest along with Carleton, a deluxe campus with a middle-of-Iowa location and a legacy of intense progressivism that will not fit everyone)

1:30 PM: Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)

(go if you like Hillsdale, Pepperdine, or Baylor...go if you are looking for arguably the premier evangelical Christian college, a conservative campus known for academic rigor that is featured in Colleges that Change Lives and has a convenient and safe suburban Chicago location)

1:30 PM: Trinity College (Hartford, CT)

(go if you like any East coast liberal arts college...go if you are looking for a traditional New England college with a Guided Studies program focused on Western civilization and the less common offering of an ABET-accredited Engineering program)

1:30 PM: Pomona College (Claremont, CA)

(go if you like Williams, Amherst, Carleton, Bowdoin (etc)...go if you are looking for an East coast-style liberal arts college with a lot more sun and warmer weather, a small college with more robust facilities and a bigger variety of students thanks to the Claremont colleges consortium that includes Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd, etc)

3:15 PM: Hamilton College (Clinton, NY)

(go if you like Williams, Dartmouth, Amherst, Brown, Carleton...go if you are looking for a very quaint, very small town liberal arts college experience in upstate NY where social sciences like economics, government, and international relations are the most popular majors)

3:15 PM: University of Dallas (Irving, TX)

(go if you like Benedictine, Hillsdale...go if you are looking for thoughtful Catholicism with the Great Books and great professors, a required Rome semester, and a suburban campus with rail access to a major city)

Monday, September 28

8:00 AM: Fairfield University (Fairfield, CT)

(go if you like Providence College, Seton Hall, Holy Cross...go if you are looking for another Catholic east coast option with strong engineering and nursing options, small town residential campus within 1 hour of NYC)

8:00 AM: Westmont College (Santa Barbara, CA)

(go if you like Wheaton, Hillsdale, Pepperdine, or Chapman...a 1,300 student Christian liberal arts college located along the California coast)

8:00 AM: Bradley University (Peoria, IL)

(go if you like St. Thomas or Creighton but do not necessarily want to stay local or be in a large city...go if you are looking for campus spirit and a college-town environment without having to be at a large university, if you want to study nursing, communications or sports journalism, or interactive arts and media)

2:25 PM: Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)

(go if you are looking for an elite university with heavily Catholic student body, a safely suburban campus very near a major city, great college hockey, no Greek life, serious philosophy and theology options, schools of management, nursing, and education)

2:25 PM: Washington University in St. Louis

(go if you like Northwestern but not the bustle of Chicago or Big Ten sports, the Ivies but not the idea the Northeast, Vanderbilt without as much Greek life...go if you are looking for Engineering, Architecture, a personally supportive elite university, luxurious residence halls)

2:25 PM: Lafayette College (Easton, PA)

(go if you like Princeton, Dartmouth, or Villanova...go if you are looking for a small college (2,500 students) offering engineering and Division I athletics, a stately eastern college with very smart students but a higher admit rate than the Ivies and a more moderate political atmosphere)

3:15 PM: Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, CA)

(go if you like Villanova, Stanford, Northwestern, or Wash. U....go if you are looking for a Catholic/Jesuit university with great weather situated in the heart of Silicon Valley, for strong students there are better scholarship opportunities and admission chances than at Notre Dame or Stanford)

3:15 PM: Goucher College (Baltimore, MD)

(small college of 1,400 students in suburban Maryland, outside Baltimore, that requires every undergraduate to study abroad, part of Colleges that Change Lives)

3:15 PM: McDaniel College (Westminster, MD)

(small liberal arts college in small-town Maryland, part of Colleges that Change Lives)

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 AM: Creighton University (Omaha, NE)

(go if you like St. Thomas, Marquette, Notre Dame, TCU...go if you are looking for business, musical theater, nursing, or strong professional schools like dentistry, law, and medicine in a Catholic setting that have strong admission preference for Creighton grads)

8:00 AM: University of Iowa

(go if you like UW-Madison, Iowa State, Indiana Univ.-Bloomington, Marquette...go if you are looking for creative writing, pharmacy studies, a distinguished public university offering more of an away-from-home experience than UMTC or Iowa State)

8:00 AM: Furman University (Greenville, SC)

(go if you like Davidson, Elon, Pepperdine, or Wake Forest...go if you are looking for a relatively conservative and religious environment in a beautiful region of South Carolina)

11:15 AM: Connecticut College (New London, CT)

(a beautiful New England college with a majestic location on the coast of Connecticut overlooking Long Island Sound...strengths include the performing arts, humanities, and study abroad...similar to Williams or Vassar, but admits a higher percentage of applicants, 37%)

11:15 AM: DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)

(go if you like St. Olaf, Denison College, Miami University...a career-oriented liberal arts college with an interesting "fellows" program in management, media, and science research, plus very strong Greek life)

11:15 AM: University of Notre Dame

(go if you like....okay, who doesn't like Notre Dame? Notre Dame admits just 19% of applicants and the ACT range is 32-35. Has all the characteristics of the most elite private universities, but add an iconic Catholic identity, strong dorm system instead of Greek Life, and an amazing number of Masses and chapels on campus. The athletic sports culture and hyper-driven academic atmosphere are not for everyone)

11:15 AM: Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)

(go if you like TCU or wearing bowties...go if you are looking for a strong presence for conservatives including the George W. Bush Presidential Library, very stately brick campus, the opportunity to study engineering, business, or at an esteemed School of Arts)

3:15 PM: Boston University (Boston, MA)

(go if you like Georgetown, NYU, or George Washington Univ...go if you are looking for urban, East Coast bustle and diversity in a city not quite as hectic as New York City)

3:15 PM: Villanova University (Villanova, PA)

(go if you like Notre Dame, Boston College, or Vanderbilt...go if you are looking for a Catholic environment to study business or engineering, a safe and suburban campus that is near a major East coast city offering plentiful opportunities)

3:15 PM: Elon University (Elon, NC)

(go if you like Wake Forest, Richmond, William and Mary, Washington and Lee...go if you are looking for an ascendant NC private university with classic campus architecture and reachable admission chances, communications programs, strong arts and theater presence (esp. musical theater), strong school spirit and campus life without the overwhelming size)

3:15 PM: Washington and Lee University (Lexington, VA)

(go if you like Princeton, Georgetown, Duke, Davidson...go if you are looking for the most selective small college in the south, tradition-bound atmosphere and stately campus, the only School of Commerce at a top-tier small liberal arts institution, strong presence for politically conservative and religious students...1,800 students in the small Shenandoah Valley town of Lexington makes for an intensely intimate school culture organized around a large fraternity/sorority scene...this may not be for everyone)

Thursday, October 1

8:00 AM: Claremont McKenna College (Claremont, CA)

(a highly selective, practical-minded liberal arts college known for very strong social science programs, particularly economics and government. CMC seeks that student who is ambitious for leadership in business and public affairs, but it is also more generally a very rigorous liberal arts college. Only 1,300 students attend CMC, but it is part of the Claremont consortium that includes Pomona College, Harvey Mudd, and others)

11:15 AM: Biola University (La Mirada, CA)

(go if you are interested in an evangelical Christian university in Southern California, significant academic requirements in Biblical studies...similar feel to Bethel)

11:15 AM: Hillsdale College (Hillsdale, MI)

(go if you like Notre Dame but think it may be too big, U. of Dallas...go if you are looking for classical education, conservative values, political opportunities within the Republican party, seriously religious students at a college without religious affiliation)

11:15 AM: Cornell College (Mount Vernon, IA)

(go if you are looking for a beautiful Iowa college with a unique one-course-at-a-time academic calendar...the road less traveled)

3:15 PM: High Point University (High Point, NC)

(go if you like TCU, Northeastern, Bradley...go if you are looking for highly entrepreneurial culture, campus amenities that go way beyond the norm, a southern campus with high percentage of out-of-state students from mid-Atlantic and New England, interior design, pharmacy, non-profit leadership, exercise science, interactive media and game design)

Friday, October 2

8:00 AM: Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY)

(go if you like Providence College, U. of Vermont, Dartmouth...go if you are looking for a branch campus in Florence, Italy, private liberal arts college named a "Top 25 Most Connected" campus, academic Fashion program, beautiful Hudson Valley location)

Monday, October 5

8:00 AM: Minnesota State University, Mankato

(go if you like UM-Duluth, North Dakota State, Winona State, Iowa State...go if you are looking for Engineering, renovated Business school, very competitive Nursing program (incl. Dental Hygiene option), Law Enforcement option offering fast-track to police academy...Honors Program available to students with approximately 28 ACT and GPA of 3.7...with 13,500 students, Mankato is a nice halfway point in size between UM-Twin Cities and places like St. Thomas)

2:25 PM: University of Mary (Bismark, ND)

(one of the most affordable Catholic university options in the country, all graduates of Catholic high schools receive, at minimum, free room and board. Has health science and business major offerings not often found at colleges this small. Part of the Cardinal Newman Society college list for strong Catholic identity but non-Catholics also attend)

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 AM: University of Nebraska, Lincoln

(a Big Ten university that is much smaller than the University of Minnesota or UW-Madison, with just over 20,000 undergraduate students...a public university known in Catholic circles for its outstanding Catholic student center and fairly high percentage of Catholic students...colleges include business, engineering, education, architecture, and journalism)

8:00 AM: Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)

(go if you like University of Nebraska, North Dakota State, University of North Dakota... go if you are looking for a really authentic slice of the Rocky Mountain West. With 22,000 students, CSU is smaller than most Big Ten universities. Known for great pre-vet, life sciences, graphic design, engineering, business and construction management, a great environment for a student who loves the outdoors)

11:15 AM: Michigan Technological University (Houghton, MI)

(Science, technology, and engineering disciplines abound at this college in Michigan's Upper Peninsula...5,600 students means there is a very different feel here than at Purdue, 75% male)

3:15 PM: Coe College (Cedar Rapids, IA)

(go if you like St. Olaf, St. Mary's-Minnesota, or Gustavus...go if you are looking for the expectation that every student participates in internship, research, or study abroad experiences, the harder-to-find small liberal arts college located in a larger city..the population of Cedar Rapids is 130,000 people)

3:15 PM: Northwestern University (Evanston, IL)

(the nearest highly selective, mid-sized research university to home, the only private university option in the Big Ten conference, opportunities in Engineering, Journalism, or Music with strong liberal arts requirements, bustling campus near, but not in, Chicago. NU is an elite university that still has a very good environment for religious students, including an active Catholic Student Center)

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 AM: Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)

(go if you like CSB/SJU, U. of Dallas, U. of Mary... go if you are looking for serious Catholic identity and unique leadership programs steeped in Catholicism)

1:30 PM: College of St. Benedict and Saint John's University (Collegeville, MN)

(go if you like St. Thomas, Dartmouth, or Hillsdale....go if you are looking for a serene campus, single gender living and social experiences while still in a co-ed academic environment)

1:30 PM: Wartburg College (Waverly, IA)

(a Lutheran liberal arts college similar to Gustavus, with large music programs and high percentage of student competing in sports...50% of students are Lutheran and 68% are from Iowa)

Thursday, October 8

11:15 AM: Augustana University (Sioux Falls, SD)

(don't confuse this with Augustana College in Illinois! Augustana U. has division II athletics, about 1,800 students, and lower sticker cost of attendance than nearly all Minnesota private colleges)

11:15 AM: Drake University (Des Moines, IA)

(go if you like Marquette, Creighton, St. Thomas, or want a TCU-type college in the Midwest...most Midwest options are either much larger or much smaller than Drake (5,100 students)...business, education, and pharmacy are 3 specialized programs)

11:15 AM: Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)

(go if you like Elon, Furman, Davidson, Hillsdale....go if you are looking for southern culture, a "world-of-its-own feel," small college of 1,500 students still offering Division I sports, Phi Beta Kappa, strong sciences)

1:30 PM: Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ)

(ASU is a HUGE university, but there is an opportunity to make it a lot smaller through its renowned Honors College...you can study anything here, but some unique academic offerings include earth and space exploration, aeronautical and aviation studies, and construction engineering)

Friday, October 9

3:15 PM: Winona State University

Monday, October 12

8:00 AM: University of Southern California

(go if you like Stanford, Northwestern, or Michigan...go if you are looking for a very large and very selective private university (16,000 student, admit rate 17%) with West Coast weather and culture, strong programs in creative fields like cinema/television, communications, arts, and more)

2:25 PM: Thomas Aquinas College (Santa Paula, CA)

(go if you are looking for Great Books, a college that is like Dr. Hippler's classes, a very small college with a serious Catholic identity and less than 500 students total)

3:15 PM: Marquette University

(go if you are looking for an old-line Catholic university with lots of academic choices, city location, nursing, engineering, communication fields, mostly Midwestern students)

Tuesday, October 13

11:15 AM: Grand Canyon University

11:15 AM: Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, IL)

(go if you like St. Olaf, St. Thomas, Coe, Gustavus, St. Norbert...go if you are looking for a very pastoral campus within a major metro area, significant “big city” programming that utilizes Chicago, small Midwest college with heavy out-of-region draw, a small college where it is possible to study business and entrepreneurship)

Monday, October 19

8:00 AM: University of Oregon

2:25 PM: Bemidji State University

(this is a quirky Minnesota State system campus! If you like the outdoors, want to stay in Minnesota, and/or want to study a biological or environmental discipline, you should think about Bemidji... With 5,000 undergraduates, this is small for a state university campus that still has an extensive array of programs)

2:25 PM: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (Terre Haute, IN)

(great option for an intimate technical education...with 1,900 undergraduates. Rose Hulman is very similar to more famous technical institutes like Cal Tech or Harvey Mudd...the athletic teams are called “The Engineers” and this is a place for students who want to immerse themselves in their love for science, computing, and engineering)

2:25 PM: Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)

(go if you like Creighton, Marquette, Fordham, Providence College...go if you are looking for good academic options for serious Catholic students, classical studies, Great Books, strong honors program, school near NYC with attainable admission standard)

3:15 PM: Augustana College (Rock Island, IL)

(don't confuse this one with Augustana University in South Dakota! This Augustana is Division III and has produced more NCAA Academic All-Americans than all but six other colleges regardless of NCAA division...a proud college with a classically beautiful campus and a strong Biology program)

3:15 PM: University of Portland (Portland, OR)

(go if you are looking for a size – 3,500 students – that bridges small colleges and mid-sized universities, Catholic university operated by the Congregation of the Holy Cross - same order that founded Notre Dame, direct entry programs into nursing, business, and engineering, one of the more conservative-leaning colleges on the West Coast)

3:15 PM: Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)

(go if you like Davidson or Sewanee, or if you are drawn to bigger urban universities like Vanderbilt, Emory, or Wash. U. but would not mind something smaller...go if you are looking for a charming gem of a southern campus with a strong academic reputation as a liberal arts college)

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 AM: Carthage College (Kenosha, WI)

8:00 AM: Purdue University

(one of the most recognized science and technology universities in the country...pharmacy, nursing, business, and aerospace fields also offered...all the trappings of a Big Ten campus, not quite as selective as University of Minnesota or UW-Madison)

8:00 AM: Saint Norbert College (De Pere, WI)

(go if you like St. Thomas, CSB/SJU, St. Mary's of Minn, Marquette, or the Packers...go if you are looking for a primarily undergraduate liberal arts college that is Catholic, has serious D3 sports – especially hockey – and a classic campus feel)

11:15 AM: University of Minnesota, Duluth

11:15 AM: Saint Olaf College

(go if you are looking for stunning facilities and a well-rounded, thoughtful college experience right here in Minnesota, a place where thinking seriously about the role religion plays in the world and in your life is welcomed not shunned. St. Olaf is becoming ever more national and competitive but still has accessible admission standards...strong Catholic community is 18% of student body with a great parish located near the campus)

11:15 AM: Wyoming Catholic College

(go if like Christendom College or Thomas Aquinas College...go if you are looking for a very small, intensely Catholic environment in the great outdoors...reading Aquinas while backpacking)

3:15 PM: University of Central Florida (Orlando, FL)

3:15 PM: Indiana University, Bloomington (Bloomington, IN)

(Flagship Big Ten university that attracts a larger percentage of out of state students than most...more out of region students than U. of Minnesota...world renowned music school, also strong in foreign languages, journalism, and business...the classic college town and campus)

3:15 PM: Providence College (Providence, RI)

(go if you are looking for a strong Catholic atmosphere on the East coast, but a change of pace from Boston College or Villanova. PC is a Catholic liberal arts college with no graduate programs, and its governance by the Dominican Fathers gives it a faithful, muscular, robustly intellectual Catholic feel...more regional draw than BC or Villanova, with 90% of students from New England or mid-Atlantic)

Wednesday, October 21

1:30 PM: University of California, Davis

1:30 PM: St. Mary's University (Twickenham, London, United Kingdom)

(a mid-sized Catholic university in the London suburbs...undergraduate degrees can be earned in just three years and many masters degrees possible in 4 years, accepts the Common Application...check this place out)

Thursday, October 22

1:30 PM: Aquinas College (Nashville, TN)

1:30 PM: Saint Louis University

(go if you like Marquette, Creighton, St. Thomas...go if you are looking for a city campus, strong programs in aviation, nursing, pre-med, dietetics)

3:15 PM: Regis University (Denver, CO)

Friday, October 23

8:00 AM: Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA)

11:15 AM: University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Canada)

(Minnesota residents receive tuition reciprocity benefits in Manitoba, making the University of Manitoba a very affordable college option that certainly offers more of an “away from home” experience than universities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, or the Dakotas...full range of academic programs offered, with 25,000 undergraduate students)

11:15 AM: University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)

(go if you like TCU, SMU, or Washington Univ. in St. Louis...go if you are looking for a small university with great engineering programs in a warmer setting than MN or the Northeast, friendly and unintimidating large city)

1:30 PM: University of San Diego

(go if you like Pepperdine, TCU, or Creighton...go if you are looking for a Catholic university with beautiful weather, proximity to the beach, a small university with good programs in business and engineering)

3:15 PM: DePaul University (Chicago, IL)

(go if you are looking for the Midwest’s NYU...business majors, especially Accounting, are leading programs...the College of Computing and Digital Media has rare programs like Information Assurance and Computer Game Design...go if you are looking for two campuses, one in a Brooklyn-esque neighborhood on Chicago’s northside, and the other a “vertical campus” in downtown Chicago)

3:15 PM: Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

3:15 PM: Saint Mary’s College (South Bend, IN)

(go if you are the right fit for a small college environment but want some of the vastly expanded academic and student life opportunities that come with proximity to and affiliation with Notre Dame, a women’s college, dual-degree program with ND Engineering)

Monday, October 26

8:00 AM: Miami University, Oxford (Oxford, OH)

(go if you like William and Mary, Indiana Univ., U. of Michigan...go if you are looking for a major public university a fraction of the size of Big Ten schools, a public school that looks like a stately private university, a classic small college town, Greek life)

3:15 PM: Montana State University, Bozeman

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 AM: Stonehill College (Easton, MA)

(This is the small Catholic college option near Boston, smaller enrollment than Boston College, Holy Cross, or Providence. Division II athletics. Offers majors in wider variety of business disciplines than most colleges its size, plus a major in healthcare administration)

2:25 PM: Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT)

Thursday, October 29

11:15 AM: Luther College (Decorah, IA)

go if you are looking for a very good small college that is just a little further from home than St. Olaf or CSB/SJU, great opportunities to participate in music and the arts)

Friday, October 30

11:15 AM: Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)

(go if you like Duke, Stanford, Northwestern, Washington University, UPenn...go if you are looking for a great city for college students, warmer but still four-season climate, premier programs in education and human development, Engineering, tremendous first-year residence program, great opportunities to study Western art music in a city known for its iconic popular music)