



Fall 2018 College Visits Users' Guide

Providence Academy College Counseling

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REMINDER: To attend college meetings scheduled during the Light Blue or Pink elective periods, students must obtain a college visit pass from Mrs. Peterson at least one day in advance of the visit and then, also at least one day in advance, speak with and obtain the signature of their elective course or study hall instructor. With a signed college visit pass, students may proceed directly to the college meeting at the start of the period.

Friday, September 7

1:30 PM: Holy Cross College (South Bend, IN)

(Holy Cross College is a small, Catholic liberal arts institution sharing a similar mission and values with University of Notre Dame, which is located right next door. Students can complete a four-year degree in this residential small college setting, or complete one or two years of honors coursework before transferring to a larger, more selective university. HCC is a good option for students wishing to access the student activities, classes, club sports, and academic resources of the University of Notre Dame – including tickets to ND football games – but for whom starting college with more personal attention is the better fit)

Monday, September 10

8:00 AM: Trinity University (San Antonio, TX)

(Trinity U. might be under-the-radar compared to some other Texas colleges, but it has very impressive attributes: one of the largest endowments in the country for a college of its size; an upscale park-like campus 4 miles from downtown San Antonio; and a diverse curriculum including classical languages, mathematical finance, international studies, and engineering science. With 2,400 students, extremely successful Division 3 athletics, and a lively hometown boasting great weather and a multitude of entertainment and cultural options, Trinity certainly merits a look alongside its larger Texas college peers)

Thursday, September 13

8:00 AM: University of Chicago (Chicago, IL)

(UChicago offers a distinctively intense intellectual focus on ideas, a rigorous core curriculum, all offered on a big and grand campus and in one of this country's most famous big cities. Among elite universities, Chicago is known as a campus where conservative voices are welcome)

11:15 AM: Coe College (Cedar Rapids, IA)

(Coe is an example of that harder-to-find small liberal arts college that is located in a city of some size. Cedar Rapids has a population of 130,000 and is about 30 minutes from Iowa City, which leads to ample internships and other off-campus opportunities. Similar to colleges like St. Olaf, St. Mary's-Minnesota, or Gustavus Adolphus, but in a much bigger town than any of those, attend this visit if you are looking for an intimate academic experience and the expectation that every student will participate in an internship, research, or study abroad experience.)

1:30 PM: University of Denver (Denver, CO)

(University of Denver is the only mid-sized private university between Omaha and the West coast. Academic offerings include business and programs in hotel and tourism management, political science and international affairs. With a bucolic campus embedded in one of the most economically vibrant cities in the country, DU is a dynamic college where 68% of students are from out-of-state. Study abroad is real strength and the college hockey program is a national powerhouse.)

Monday, September 17

8:00 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 out-of-region colleges. Almost any academic interest can be served at UMTC, and the campus is much more residential than it was several decades ago)

Tuesday, September 18

8:00 AM: Viterbo University (La Crosse, WI)

(Viterbo is a Catholic college enrolling 1,800 undergraduates in the scenic small city of La Crosse, Wisc on a tidy, compact campus embedded in a residential area near downtown. Viterbo has a large nursing program in close proximity to two highly regarded hospitals and extensive performing arts facilities both on campus and downtown. The BFA programs in music and theatre attract students from across the country.)

11:15 AM: St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN)

(St. Olaf is an excellent small college with impressive facilities and a well-rounded, thoughtful approach to the college experience. It is a place that invites students to think seriously about the role religion plays in the world and in discerning a vocation. Music and the sciences are among the notable academic strengths. St. Olaf is becoming ever more national in its enrollment figures and competitive in its admissions process, but it still has accessible admission standards. St. Olaf is a college of the Lutheran church (ELCA), with the Catholic student community comprising 14% of student body)

11:15 AM: Bethel University (St. Paul, MN)

(Minnesota's largest evangelical Christian college known for its Christ-centered campus environment...offers perhaps the widest range of majors found in the MIAC except for at University of St. Thomas...studying abroad and community service are highly emphasized...students abide by a "Covenant for Life Together" which outlines special behavioral expectations for Bethel students)

11:15 AM: Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona, MN)

(If St. Mary's is less familiar to you than St. Olaf, St. John's/St. Benedict, or Gustavus Adolphus, you should learn about this quintessential small Catholic college in the beautiful bluff region of southeastern Minnesota. St. Mary's has long been known for its great opportunities in music, theater, and sciences. An impressive new science building opened in fall 2017. St. Mary's has lower tuition than other MN private colleges. Division III MIAC athletics, including hockey, are important, but with only 1,100 students, there might be better opportunities to contribute and compete here than at some of the other MIAC colleges)

Wednesday, September 19

8:00 AM: Elon University (Elon, NC)

(Elon is a 'cosmopolitan campus set in the south,' with just 20 percent of its students hailing from North Carolina and many students enrolling from the Northeast, Texas, and California. Its classic campus architecture, communications programs, strong arts and theater presence (esp. musical theater), strong school spirit and 'Division 1 campus life' make Elon a must-add to any college list that includes places like Wake Forest, U. of Richmond, William and Mary, Vanderbilt, or Washington & Lee)

8:00 AM: Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA)

(Bucknell is a highly selective, private, and residential college well known for its highly rated undergraduate engineering program. Located on a pastoral campus in the central Pennsylvania town of Lewisburg, Bucknell shares many attributes with other East Coast schools with small, rural locations such as Dartmouth or Colgate. With 3,600 students, Division I athletics, and major academic programs in business, engineering, and liberal arts, Bucknell could be considered alongside Catholic universities such as Notre Dame, Villanova, or Boston College, or Ivy League institutions, or mid-sized, national universities such as Wake Forest or Vanderbilt)

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

(Perhaps no other small college in the country can offer a campus as beautiful and pastoral as Lake Forest's that is also located within a Top 5 metropolitan area. Lake Forest offers significant "big city" programming that utilizes Chicago, is a small Midwest college with heavy out-of-region draw, and is a small college where it is possible to study business and entrepreneurship. A good Chicago-area option for students not interested in the urban experience of Loyola or DePaul, and not looking for the elite admission criteria of Northwestern and U. Chicago)

11:15 AM: Northeastern University (Boston, MA)

(Northeastern has become famous for its pre-professional education options and hands-on experiences like co-ops. The city campus, steps from Boston's museums and Fenway Park, is in one of the most exciting urban areas in the country. Northeastern might appear on the same college lists as University of Pennsylvania or New York University)

11:15 AM: Trinity College (Hartford, CT)

(Trinity could stand in for the classic East coast academic environment, with 2,100 undergraduate students and one of the rare urban locations among the most prominent New England liberal arts colleges. Trinity merits a look if you are interested in a traditional New England college offering modern research and a distinct urban-global perspective. Trinity is one of the few small liberal arts colleges to offer an ABET-accredited Engineering major)

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

(Villanova is worth a look from anyone who is also interested in Notre Dame, Boston College, or Vanderbilt. Villanova offers a Catholic university environment with strong programs in business or engineering, great school spirit, as well as a safe and suburban campus near a major East coast city offering plentiful opportunities)

3:15 PM: Luther College (Decorah, IA)

(Luther is a Lutheran college of 2,300 students with an expansive, scenic campus in Decorah, about 2.5 hours from the Twin Cities. Luther stands out for the opportunities it offers to student musicians, its programs in the sciences and in Nursing, and for its high quality Division III athletics program. A "January term" academic calendar allows over two-thirds of Luther students to go abroad during college. Decorah gets high marks as a charming college town)

3:15 PM: University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

(As indicated by its fight song, "Hail to the Victors," the University of Michigan is a bold and distinguished public university enrolling 30,000 undergraduate students. Campus life is marked by deep traditions and one of the most storied college athletics programs in the country. Service to society through academic and research distinction is the university's mission, and nearly all of the undergraduate programs are highly rated. About 45 percent of students are from out-of-state and the admission rate for out-of-state applicants was 22 percent in fall 2017.)

Thursday, September 20

1:30 PM: Tufts University (Medford, MA)

(Tufts campus overlooks the Boston area from the suburban town of Medford, about 6 miles from downtown Boston and 2.5 miles from Harvard's campus. Tufts is a research-intensive university of 5,500 undergraduate students – and just as many graduate students - with a curriculum built upon interdisciplinary pursuits. Tufts seeks students looking to combine different interests together and who will pursue research opportunities. Tufts may fit students who are interested in Brown, University of Chicago, other metropolitan private universities like Wash. U. or Northwestern, or other northeast liberal arts colleges)

1:30 PM: Iowa State University (Ames, IA)

(Iowa State offers a classic Midwest college town campus with strong engineering, science, and business programs, all within 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 such as business or engineering)

3:15 PM: Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)

(This "college by the battlefield" is steeped in Civil War history and located mere steps from the Gettysburg National Military Park. History and English are strong departments at the college, as is the Sunderman Conservatory of Music. Students interested in a classic East Coast college experience along the lines of Lafayette, College of William and Mary, or Bucknell should consider checking out Gettysburg)

Friday, September 21

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

(Davidson should appeal to any students interested in the Carolinas, Vanderbilt, or the smaller Ivies like Dartmouth or Princeton. Davidson is very small, selective, and ascendant academic institution where a high percentage of students compete at the highest level of college athletics. Located in an idyllic small town near Charlotte and boasts a strong honor code system)

1:30 PM: North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)

(NCU is a small Bible-based college enrolling 1,100 students, located in downtown Minneapolis. Academic offerings include education, journalism, counseling, and music production)

3:15 PM: Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC)

(A more religious, more traditional peer to competitive universities such as Duke, Vanderbilt or Emory, Wake Forest enrolls 4,800 students on its stately campus on the edge of Winston-Salem. The nickname is "Work Forest" due to the high academic rigor, but Greek Life and major college athletics help to shape the campus culture as well. For a university with an expansive national reputation, the Wake Forest community is intensely tight-knit.)

3:15 PM: Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)

(Syracuse has a similar profile to colleges such as University of Southern California and Boston University, offering a large enrollment - 15,000 undergraduates – that few other private universities can match. The "Orange" athletic teams are well-known and generate a lot of school spirit. The most prominent academic programs include communications/journalism, engineering, business, and public affairs. Visual and performing arts opportunities – and related options like architecture and design – are plentiful)

3:15 PM: Fordham University (New York, NY)

(Fordham has both a traditional campus in the Bronx and a second campus at Lincoln Center, the performing arts and media hub of Manhattan. Fordham is home to 9,300 undergraduates, about half of whom live in university residences on one of the two campuses. Fordham offers an Honors Program, undergraduate research opportunities, and a historic tie to the Catholic and Jesuit intellectual tradition)

Monday, September 24

8:00 AM: Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Geneva, NY)

(Hobart and William Smith Colleges offer a coordinated single-sex college model similar to College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, only in Upstate New York rather than an hour from Providence Academy. Known for its picturesque location with proximity to lakes and skiing (and a terrific sailing program), the campus is 45 minutes from Rochester, NY and offers economics, environmental sciences, architectural studies, dance and more)

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

(This is the small Catholic college option near Boston -2,500 students - with a smaller enrollment than Boston College, Holy Cross, or Providence. Division II athletics. Stonehill offers majors in wider variety of business disciplines than most colleges its size, plus a major in healthcare administration)

8:00 AM: College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA)

(College of the Holy Cross is a Catholic liberal arts college operated by the Jesuits, located 1 hour from Boston. It can be distinguished for being smaller than Boston College, Georgetown, or Providence College as it enrolls just 2,900 undergraduates and has no graduate students. With 90% of students living on campus and a 92% six year graduation rate, Holy Cross offers the great academic life typical of the best small colleges on the East Coast)

2:25 PM: Washington University in St. Louis

(Wash. U. appeals to students for a number of different reasons. It is comparable to Northwestern but without the Big Ten sports and with less bustling surroundings, similar to the Ivies but with a different vibe thanks to its Midwest location, and a lot like Vanderbilt but without as much Greek life. Wash. U. is known for Engineering, Architecture, an elite academic environment offering much personal support and advising, and its luxurious residence halls)

2:25 PM: Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)

(Rhodes College presents the hard-to-find option of a small, stunningly beautiful liberal arts college embedded in a big city. If you are drawn to bigger urban universities like Vanderbilt, Emory, or Wash. U. but would not mind something smaller, then Rhodes merits serious consideration. Rhodes is a hidden gem college that attracts serious students and offers exposure to a fascinating and complex city that has been one of the biggest contributors to American culture.)

2:25 PM: Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

(NSU is a private research university located in the South Florida megalopolis, about a 10 minute drive from the Fort Lauderdale airport. With roots as a technological university, NSU has programs in medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, oceanography, engineering and computing, and more. Undergraduate enrollment is about 4,200 and about 50 percent of students come from out-of-state. Founded in 1964, NSU has a more innovative, forward-looking culture than similar private universities)

3:15 PM: Salve Regina University (Newport, RI)

(A Catholic, coeducational university located amidst Newport, Rhode Island's iconic 19th century mansions and estates, Salve Regina enrolls about 2,200 students and offers programs in education, global business, health care administration, historical preservation, nursing, and more. 72 percent of students are from out-of-state and 58 percent live on campus.)

3:15 PM: Saint Michael's College (Colchester, VT)

(SMC is a Catholic liberal arts college set amidst inspiring views of Vermont's Green Mountains, just a few minutes outside of Burlington, considered to be among the country's best college towns. With on-campus housing guaranteed, nearly all undergraduates live on campus all four years. The only Edmundite college in the world – founded by the Society of Saint Edmund – SMC is one of just four Catholic colleges in the northeast to have a chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society and offers academic programs in business, media and journalism, digital arts, data science, and more.)

3:15 PM: Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA)

(In some respects, Pepperdine feels like the college version of Providence Academy, located on the California coast. Pepperdine offers a strongly Christian college setting with stout academic standards and incomparable ocean views. An active Catholic Student Association offers programming and events to enhance the faith experience of Catholics attending Pepperdine and offers shuttle service to the local Catholic Church on Sundays. The town of Malibu is about one hour from the LAX airport)

Tuesday, September 25

8:00 AM: University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)

(UBC is a very large, internationally recognized research university that recruits heavily from abroad, which includes recruiting U.S. students to its campus on the edge of the Strait of Georgia in Vancouver, Canada. The massive campus requires considerable independence and self-direction, but the academic programs are widely considered to be first-rate. Prominent programs include computer science, economics, and international relations.)

8:00 AM: University of Wisconsin, Madison

(UW-Madison is a very popular out-of-state university option due to the tuition reciprocity program for Minnesota residents and because of its attractive lakeside campus in one of America's preeminent college towns. The sheer size helps to define the UW-Madison experience. You can study just about anything at UW-Madison, but note that admission for Minnesota residents and to high demand programs like business and engineering is as competitive as at any highly selective university)

8:00 AM: Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)

(TCU is riding a wave of popularity and increasing visibility as a selective mid-sized private university with lots of academic options, big time college sports, a warmer climate than Minnesota, and very impressive and fresh facilities that won't be a step down from Providence Academy. Strong academic programs include Business, Journalism, Music and Theatre, Nursing, an impressive Honors College. The "town-gown" relationship with the city of Fort Worth is one of the more exceptional facets of the TCU experience)

11:15 AM: Boston University (Boston, MA)

(Boston University is the city of Boston's answer to New York University or George Washington Univ. The campus is located amidst urban, East Coast bustle, offering lots of diversity and energy. With 16,000 undergraduate students, this is a highly selective, large enrollment private university that belongs to the prestigious American Association of Universities research consortium. It is the rare urban campus to offer guaranteed student housing for all four years.)

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

(Located an 8-hour drive and one international border away from the Twin Cities, University of Manitoba has a traditional campus on the edge of Winnipeg and reciprocity tuition for Minnesota residents that makes it one of the most stunning college values to be found anywhere. About 250 Minnesotans are enrolled at the university, which has programs in business, engineering, music, science, art, and more. Intercollegiate athletics are offered at a level equivalent to Division 2 or 3 in the U.S.)

11:15 AM: Williams College (Williamstown, MA)

(Williams College belongs in the same breath as colleges like Dartmouth, Princeton, or Carleton. Students intrigued by the idea of a premier, highly selective liberal arts college of surpassing beauty, with a quintessential New England feel and students who forego urban creature comforts for the sake of the life of the mind should check out Williams)

3:15 PM: University of Dayton (Dayton, OH)

(The distinctive aspects of University of Dayton are its service-leadership focus, strong athletics at a small school, and an engineering program that includes harder-to-find chemical and aerospace engineering)

departments. The campus is home to the GE Aviation EPISCenter, a rare instance of a global company building a research center on a college campus. A good fit alongside other Catholic colleges like Marquette or Creighton, or other private colleges such as TCU, Bradley, or Butler)

3:15 PM: St. Norbert College (De Pere, WI)

(St. Norbert College is a bit of a hidden gem for the student looking for a primarily undergraduate liberal arts college that is Catholic, has serious D3 sports – especially hockey – and a classic campus feel. SNC is a good option to consider if some of Minnesota’s small Catholic liberal arts colleges seem a little too close to home. Campus life is shaped by the fact that students are required to live on campus for all four years. Enrollment is 2,100 undergraduate students – unfortunately, many are probably Packers fans.)

3:15 PM: Hult International Business School

(Hult offers a very non-traditional form of business education in which students study on campuses located in London, Boston, San Francisco and potentially a combination of other sites ranging from Dubai to Shanghai. Students have the flexibility to change their campus location from year to year and will earn a business degree accredited in both the United States and the United Kingdom.)

Wednesday, September 26

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

(Furman is a liberal arts university that offers a relatively conservative and religious environment in a beautiful region of South Carolina. About 70% of Furman’s 2,700 students come from out-of-state. The Furman Advantage program guarantees all students a major out-of-class experience such as a funded internship, study abroad, or a research opportunity. Come learn more, especially if you like Davidson, Elon, Pepperdine, TCU, or Wake Forest)

8:00 AM: North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND)

(North Dakota State University offers smaller, more student-centered flagship public university experience than is common here in the Midwest. If the very large enrollment at nearby flagship universities like University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Iowa State, or UW-Madison concern you, NDSU’s enrollment of just 12,000 undergraduates may be a better fit. NDSU has a very successful and increasingly prominent athletics program, particularly in Division 1 championship subdivision football. The “Bison Catholic” Newman Center is also a great resource and is planning for a major expansion)

8:00 AM: University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)

(U. of Rochester stands apart for its engineering and science programs as well as the prestigious Eastman School of Music. It has all of the academic strengths one would expect to find at an elite private university in the same mold as Carnegie Mellon, Wash. U., or Johns Hopkins. Over 75% of students participate in undergraduate research and 70% are from out-of-state. A high quality university in a snowy setting.)

11:15 AM: Creighton University (Omaha, NE)

(Creighton is a wonderful option for the student looking for business, nursing, or strong professional schools like dentistry, law, and medicine in a Catholic setting. Omaha’s healthy economy and safe environment adds to Creighton’s appeal and to students’ opportunities)

11:15 AM: University of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA)

(USF is a Catholic, Jesuit institution wedged into the heart of San Francisco, enrolling 6,000 undergraduates. The 55-acre campus is urban, though housing is guaranteed for the first two years. Notable academic programs include architecture, business, nursing, and many majors with an international emphasis.)

1:30 PM: Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)

(SMU is a mid-sized private university offering, among other things, a strong presence for conservatives anchored by the George W. Bush Presidential Library, very stately tree-lined pedestrian campus, Division I athletics, and the opportunity to study engineering, business, or at an esteemed School of Arts. Fifty percent of SMU students come from out-of-state. Connections to Dallas' 22 Fortune 500 companies abound.)

1:30 PM: Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)

(Vanderbilt is an elite private university from the same mold as Duke, Stanford, Northwestern, Washington University, and U. Penn. Nashville gets high marks as a great city for college students with a warmer-than-Minnesota-yet-still- four-season climate. Vanderbilt's strong points include its cohesive, arboretum-like campus within a large city, premier programs in education and human development, Engineering, tremendous first-year residential commons, and an impressive School of Music)

1:30 PM: Gustavus Adolphus College (Saint Peter, MN)

(Gustavus Adolphus offers the tried and true Lutheran college tradition, where exploration of religious values and finding one's vocation are emphasized. Gustavus is one of eight Minnesota colleges with a chapter of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor society, a signifier of excellence in the liberal arts. One of the classic friendly Minnesota colleges with a great legacy of small college excellence, where students are known as individuals and can prepare themselves very well in any liberal arts discipline, plus education and music. Participation in fine arts programs and athletics is extensive.)

3:15 PM: Seattle University (Seattle, WA)

(Seattle is a mid-sized Catholic and Jesuit college located a stone's throw from downtown Seattle. The distinctive urban college setting in a well-known city is one reason that students consider Seattle U. Other reasons include its strong programs in Business, Nursing, Engineering, and Computer Science)

Thursday, September 27

8:00 AM: Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)

(Butler is an attractive, big city private university located in a relaxed, residential area of Indianapolis...larger than a liberal arts college, smaller than places like Northwestern. It compares well to Creighton with an enrollment 4,400 students, Greek life and plentiful school spirit thanks to its appearances in the 2010 and 2011 NCAA Men's basketball national championship game. Notable academic offerings include dance, international business, pharmacy, and journalism.)

8:00 AM: Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN)

(Purdue is one of the most recognized science and technology universities in the country...pharmacy, nursing, business, and aerospace fields also offered...Has all the trappings of a Big Ten campus and is not quite as selective as University of Minnesota or UW-Madison with the exception of certain high demand majors within engineering and computer science)

8:00 AM: Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ)

(A public college located near the Grand Canyon with academic programs that include engineering, nursing, music, business, forestry, geography, and education. Offers fixed tuition with no year-to-year increases while a student is enrolled.)

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

(DePauw is a liberal arts college enrolling 2,300 students with a strong orientation towards experiential learning and career preparation located about one hour from Indianapolis. The Greek community is among the strongest in the country and the "fellows" programs provide enhanced opportunities in management & entrepreneurship, media, and science research. Similar to St. Olaf, Denison University, and akin to a micro-version of Miami University in Ohio.

11:15 AM: Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)

(Tulane is known as a southern university with considerable northern influences, as well as its one-of-a-kind location in mid-town New Orleans. On campus housing is guaranteed for 2 years, and about half of juniors and seniors also elect to remain on campus. Located along iconic St. Charles Avenue, which features a classic streetcar line into downtown New Orleans, and across from Audubon Park and its bucolic 385 acres, the Tulane experience is understandably eclectic. Notable academic offerings include engineering, sciences, business, music, political economy, and social policy & practice)

11:15 AM: University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)

(University of North Dakota offers excellent opportunities in the health sciences, energy, environmental, and aerospace/aviation fields at a very affordable price for Minnesota residents. Grand Forks is a college town environment and UND has its own medical school, law school, large education and engineering programs, and one of the most famous college hockey programs anywhere. The Newman House provides a faith-based residential option for Catholic women attending UND.)

1:30 PM: College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

(CSB/SJU offer excellence in the small college category, with a 4-year residential campuses for men and women, award-winning study abroad options, and a strong track record of effectively supporting students of different ability levels. The split campus approach enables the two colleges to cater to the real developmental differences between men and women while still offering an integrated academic and social experience)

1:30 PM: Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)

(Case Western is one of the country's premier research universities which, like Carnegie Mellon or Johns Hopkins, has a major emphasis in engineering, medicine, and science. Biomedical engineering, polymer science, biology, and nursing are among the strongest programs. Case is located on the eastern edge of Cleveland, five miles from downtown, amidst most of the city's major cultural, educational, medical, and research institutions)

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

(High Point is worth a look if you like TCU, Northeastern, Bradley. Well known for having a highly entrepreneurial culture and campus amenities that go way beyond the norm -- including an on-campus steak house which is part of the student meal plan and used to prepare students for business meal etiquette. This southern campus includes a high percentage of out-of-state students from mid-Atlantic and New England.

Unique majors include interior design, pharmacy, non-profit leadership, exercise science, interactive media and game design)

Friday, September 28

8:00 AM: Middlebury College (Middlebury, VT)

(Middlebury is synonymous with strong academics and rural Vermont charm. The experience fits with expectations of any prominent liberal arts college: accomplished students living on campus all four years in a charming town, doing advanced academic work at close range with committed faculty. Middlebury is especially close to excellent skiing and is a strong fit for students interested in environmental subjects or world language study)

11:15 AM: Northern Michigan University (Marquette, MI)

(Northern Michigan is a public college with an enrollment of 7,500 students offering programs in Art and Design, Business, Clinical Science, Nursing, Construction Management, and Education)

11:15 AM: New York University

(One of the most well-known universities in the world – and sought after by aspiring students from around the globe – NYU is a global educational brand in Manhattan’s Greenwich Village neighborhood. The undergraduate enrollment of 21,000 is very large for a private university and famous colleges such as Tisch School of the Arts and Stern School of Business help to anchor NYU’s academic reputation.)

3:15 PM: Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)

(Dartmouth is one of the world’s most intimate research universities, known for its deep traditions and being the Ivy League institution with the smallest number of graduate programs and smallest population of graduate students. The location in northern New England – 2 hours north of Boston – offers a great connection to the out-of-doors. High occurrence of study abroad and internship completion help define the student experience. Dartmouth is an out-of-the-way, world-of-its-own ‘college on a hill’)

Monday, October 1

8:00 AM: Lafayette College (Easton, PA)

(Lafayette has long had a niche as a comprehensive liberal arts college with engineering program. It is a short list, with Princeton and Trinity College in Connecticut as the other entries. Lafayette is also the smallest Division 1 college in the country with an enrollment of 2,500 students. Located one hour east of New York City, Lafayette provides a traditional ‘eastern’ college experience with a classic campus, deep traditions, old rivalries, Greek life, and a personal touch)

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

(UP’s size – 3,500 students – bridges that of small colleges and mid-sized universities. It is a Catholic university operated by the Congregation of the Holy Cross – the same order that founded Notre Dame – and offers direct entry programs into nursing, business, and engineering. Sensibly grouped with other Catholic college options on the West Coast such as Santa Clara, U. San Diego, and Gonzaga, but also shares similarities with TCU, U. Denver, and U. Dayton)

Wednesday, October 3

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

(Providence College, or PC, offers 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. PC has less of a national recruitment draw than BC or Villanova, with 90% of students hailing from New England or mid-Atlantic)

3:15 PM: Hillsdale College (Hillsdale, MI)

(Hillsdale is a competitive liberal arts college in the Midwest with a national draw due to its distinctive classical education and traditional academic values, which mirror those of Providence Academy. Most students are serious about their religious life and have wholesome and old fashioned sensibilities, making Hillsdale a comparable option to a range of colleges as diverse as Notre Dame, Hope College, and University of Dallas. Hillsdale is known for its strong network within conservative politics and journalism and also offers Division II athletics)

Thursday, October 4

11:15 AM: University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN)

(Minnesota's largest Catholic university boasts of a first-of-its-kind interdisciplinary Center for Catholic Studies, powerhouse Division III athletics, excellent campus facilities, and academic programs in business, engineering, or education)

3:15 PM: University of Minnesota, Duluth

(UMD is one of Minnesota's medium-sized public universities, along with MSU-Mankato...with 9,000 undergraduates, UMD is an alternative to the UofM's Twin Cities campus and can offer a more personalized experience while still providing a range of strong academic programs. Notable programs include business, engineering, education, theater, geography/geographic information science, and the only College of Pharmacy in Minnesota)

Friday, October 5

8:00 AM: Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI)

(Marquette is one of the quintessential Midwestern Catholic universities. Its downtown Milwaukee location is becoming more of an asset, and the urban setting is more noticeable here than at Creighton. Marquette's trademark is having a city location, popular Division I sports (no football, but highly accomplished in men's basketball), and lots of academic choices including programs in nursing, engineering, communication fields. The student body comes mainly from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota.)

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

(Kalamazoo, also known as K-College, is oft-cited as a "hidden gem" Midwest college held in high regard by anyone who is familiar with it. The distinctive "K-Plan" emphasizes study abroad, internships and research. An impressive 80% of K students study abroad, and the K-Plan makes it possible to do so up to three times. All seniors must complete an individualized project with one-on-one faculty supervision; K-College is in the top 5 percent of colleges whose graduates eventually earn a Ph.D. Part of Colleges that Change Lives, K-College enrolls 1,400 students and is located in the mid-sized city of Kalamazoo near Lake Michigan.)

1:30 PM: Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)

(Benedictine is a Catholic liberal arts college located about one hour from Kansas City on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River. With 1,900 undergraduate students, Benedictine has carved out a niche for its faithful Catholic identity and campus life steeped the Church's liturgy, prayer, and intellectual tradition. The completion of a new science and engineering facility is among the most impressive campus updates, and more than 400 students have attended the national conference of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students over the past two years.)

Monday, October 8

2:25 PM: Valparaiso University (Valparaiso, IN)

(Valparaiso is a Lutheran college located about an hour outside of Chicago in northwest Indiana. Important differences between 'Vaplo' and other Lutheran colleges include its more specialized curriculum – with colleges of business, engineering, and nursing & health professions available in addition to the liberal arts – and Division 1 athletics. With 3,200 students and a classic small-town college campus with over 60 academic and residential facilities, Valpo is bit larger and more complex than other small religious colleges. About 28% of students are Catholic, and 23% are Lutheran.)

Wednesday , October 10

3:15 PM: Chapman University (Orange, CA)

(Chapman is a private college similar to St. Thomas, TCU, or University of Denver, but located minutes from Disneyland in sunny Orange County, California. Many majors are available that cater to showbiz aspirations like film production, screen acting, and television writing, but business, communications, music, dance, and science majors are strong as well. The immediate surroundings of the campus are fairly quiet and residential)

Monday, October 15

2:25 PM: Boston College

(Boston College is an elite, east coast university with a heavily Catholic student body. Its distinguishing attributes include a beautiful and safe suburban campus very near a major city, great college hockey, no Greek life, serious philosophy and theology options, and schools of management, nursing, and education)

Tuesday, October 16

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

(Baylor's distinguishing characteristic is that it is a Christian university of considerable size and scale, with a wide-ranging curriculum, prominent Division 1 athletics program, and dynamic student life. Often compared to nearby TCU, Baylor is significantly larger – 15,000 students – and more distinctively Christian in its campus culture and academic requirements. Baylor's Baptist roots are obvious but, other groups, especially Catholics, are well represented.)

8:00 AM: DePaul University (Chicago, IL)

(DePaul is the Midwest's answer to 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)

8:00 AM: Augsburg University (Minneapolis, MN)

(Augsburg is an urban, Lutheran college enrolling 2,000 students located in the heart of Minneapolis and steps from the University of Minnesota Medical Center and the West Bank campus. Augsburg offers Division 3 athletics and is a member of the MIAC. Augsburg is recognized as a top institution for producing Fulbright scholars and in a recent year had the highest number of Goldwater Scholars of any Minnesota private college.)

11:15 AM: Denison University (Granville, OH)

(The beauty of the Denison campus will knock your socks off. It is the classic "small-town college-on-the-hill," with impressive views of the quaint town of Granville, located about 30 minutes from Columbus. Denison is at the larger end of the small college spectrum, with 2,120 students. About 70% of students are from outside of Ohio, and over half come from more than 500 miles away. Offers a very robust merit scholarship program.)

3:15 PM: The George Washington University (Washington, D.C.)

The George Washington University is an independent academic institution chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1821. Embedded in the national and international crossroads that is our nation's capital, the university enrolls 12,000 undergraduate students on its campus located just four blocks from the White House and mere steps from the headquarters of the U.S. Department of State. GW is one of the rare urban colleges where students are required to live on campus for 3 years. Freshmen enroll in the School of Engineering, School of Business, Elliott School for International Affairs, School of Public Health, or the College of Arts and Sciences)

Wednesday, October 17

11:15 AM: University of Notre Dame

(Okay, who doesn't know about 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)

Visits scheduled for October 22 and later (this guide will be updated in late September):

Monday, October 22

8:00 AM: University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)

8:00 AM: Cornell College (Mount Vernon, IA)

8:00 AM: Sarah Lawrence College (Bronxville, NY)

2:25 PM: Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)

2:25 PM: University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)

2:25 PM: Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ)

3:15 PM: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY)

3:15 PM: University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)

3:15 PM: Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN)

Tuesday, October 23

8:00 AM: George Mason University (Fairfax, VA)

8:00 AM: College of Wooster (Wooster, OH)

8:00 AM: Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL)

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

11:15 AM: University of Tampa (Tampa, FL)
11:15 AM: Loyola University Chicago
3:15 PM: University of California, San Diego (La Jolla, CA)
3:15 PM: University of Glasgow (Scotland)

Wednesday, October 24

8:00 AM: Westmont College (Santa Barbara, CA)
8:00 AM: Point Loma Nazarene University (San Diego, CA)
1:30 PM: The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC)

Thursday, October 25

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

Friday, October 26

8:00 AM: University of San Diego
3:15 PM: St. Lawrence University (Canton, NY)

Monday, October 29

8:00 AM: Sewanee – The University of the South (Sewanee, TN)
3:15 PM: Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles, CA)
3:15 PM: Drake University (Des Moines, IA)

Tuesday, October 30

8:00 AM: Bradley University (Peoria, IL)
11:15 AM: Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)

Wednesday, October 31

1:30 PM: Miami University (Oxford, OH)

Thursday, November 1

8:00 AM: Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)

Wednesday, November 28

11:15 AM: North Dakota State College of Science (Wahpeton, ND)
1:30 PM: Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN)