



Fall 2019 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.

Tuesday, September 24

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: Lynn University (Boca Raton, FL)

(A private university in Boca Raton, Fla., Lynn enrolls 2,300 undergraduate students and is considered one of the country's most innovative colleges.)

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)

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

(Connecticut College has an idyllic campus with a majestic location on the coast of Connecticut overlooking Long Island Sound. Its academic strengths include the performing arts, humanities, and its many study abroad options. A member of the New England Small College Athletic Conference – NESCAC – it is similar to peers like Williams College and Bowdoin College, but admits a higher percentage of applicants, 38%)

11:15 AM: 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.)

11:15 AM: Warren Wilson College (Swannanoa, NC)

(WWC is a small community of 680 students with a 1,135 acre campus and other assets including a 110-acre farm and 600-acre forest. The academic experience at WWC is set apart by its Work Program, through which every WWC student works on campus as a graduation requirement. Students manage most aspects of the campus operation on work crews ranging from plumbing to IT network maintenance to farming. WWC describes itself as a self-sustaining community where everybody does their part to keep the college running. The liberal arts academic program features 25 majors and 26 concentration areas.)

3:15 PM: Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY)

(Marist is a mid-sized college enrolling approximately 4,900 undergraduate students on its campus in Hudson River Valley about 90 miles north of New York City and 80 miles from Albany. Known for its academic fashion program and for Sports Journalism and Communication, Marist offers a mix of emerging disciplines and traditional liberal arts departments – and business. Not many northeast colleges other than the Ivies share Marist's size and Division I athletic profile, so students interested in Providence College, U. of Vermont, or Dartmouth should take a look. Marist's branch campus in Florence, Italy is a study abroad option and home to the Freshman Florence Experience.)

3:15 PM: 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.)

3:15 PM: Winona State University (Winona, MN)

(Winona State is a mid-sized public college enrolling 8,600 undergraduates in a quirky, riverside city of Winona in southeastern Minnesota. WSU is a good option for students looking for a Minnesota option for studying Nursing, Education, Business, or Materials Engineering. Lots of school spirit and a compact, nicely updated campus make WSU worth a look for students interested in being "away" for college but still close by. Half the size and twice as far from home as MSU-Mankato)

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 AM: 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.)

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

(Sarah Lawrence enrolls 1,600 students on its campus in suburban New York City, about 30 minutes by car and one hour by train from the heart of Manhattan. While a co-ed institution, about 70% of students are women. The SLC experience is eclectic and oriented to the more independent, intellectually motivated student interested in exploring their interests both on and off campus. Writing, the visual arts, and filmmaking are among SLC's traditional academic strengths.)

8:00 AM: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Minneapolis MN)

(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. The combination of a big university in a premier metropolitan area is something we might take for granted as residents of the Twin Cities, but it is rarer than you may think.)

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)

11:15 AM: Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ)

(ASU is a HUGE university, but there is an opportunity to make it a lot smaller through its renowned Barrett Honors College which features its own residential college format and separate course offerings for the 6,800 honors students. You can study anything under the sun at ASU, but some unique academic offerings include earth and space exploration, aeronautical and aviation studies, and construction engineering)

11:15 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)

1:30 PM: 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: 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)

1:30 PM: Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)

(Adelphi is Long Island's oldest university with 5,200 students studying Arts & Science, Business, Nursing, and Psychology. The diverse student body hails mainly from the east coast. A unique offering is the full School of

Psychology where it is possible to study neuroscience and complete an accelerated master's program in general psychology)

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: Lewis & Clark College (Portland, OR)

(Lewis & Clark is a residential liberal arts college in Portland, Ore. with approximately 2,000 undergraduate students. Known for its strong international programs, L&C also has the only School of Law in Portland and offers a 3+3 BA/JD program – as well as a guaranteed admission program to L&C's law school for L&C BA graduates who meet straightforward requirements.)

Thursday, September 26

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.)

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

(Miami University is often called a "Public Ivy," for being a major public university of Ohio with a deep liberal arts tradition, an enrollment that is a fraction of that at Big Ten universities, and storybook campus suitable for Hollywood. Miami has the classic college look and is located in the classic small college town of Oxford, about one hour from Cincinnati, where nearly every student lives within a one square mile area. Distinguishing features include the strong Greek Life, academic programs in Architecture, Engineering, and Business, and a Division 1 ice hockey program)

11:15 AM: 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)

1:30 PM: Macalester College (St. Paul, MN)

(Macalester, located in the heart of St. Paul, is one of few selective, top-tier residential liberal arts colleges located in a major metropolitan area. Known for its commitment to internationalism, about 24% of Macalester students are citizens of another country - and, overall, just 17% of Mac students are from Minnesota. Over 60% of Mac students go abroad for traditional study, independent research, or internships. All freshmen and sophomores live on campus. Popular majors include international studies, political science, economics, biology, and mathematics/computer science.)

Friday, September 27

8:00 AM: Earlham College (Richmond, IN)

(Included among the Colleges that Change Lives, Earlham is a national liberal arts college of 1,100 students located 70 miles from Indianapolis and 45 miles from Dayton. Earlham graduates routinely earn grants for post-graduate international study such as the Fulbright award. The 800-acre campus includes a 600-acre stretch of woods, streams, ponds, old fields and prairie used for scientific research and recreation. Currently, 94 percent of students reside on campus in one of eight residence halls or more than 20 theme and friendship houses.)

1:30 PM: University of California, San Diego

(USCD is a leading public university and a distinguished campus of the renowned University of California system. With 28,000 undergraduate students and over 2,500 faculty, UCSD is an influential institution with significant strengths in science research, engineering, oceanography and more. The student experience occurs within the "College system," an innovative arrangement in which students belong to one of six colleges – not based on major – of about 4,700 students each)

Monday, September 30

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)

8:00 AM: St. Lawrence University (Canton, NY)

(SLU is a university for snow lovers located in far upstate New York near the Canadian border – the nearest U.S. city is Syracuse, but the Canadian capital of Ottawa is even closer. Bounded by abundant natural features, the SLU campus is similar to that of Dartmouth or Middlebury and the campus atmosphere is close-knit. Division 1 in hockey and Division 3 in other sports, SLU fulfills the best small college ideals with 99% of students living on campus and over half studying abroad.)

8:00 AM: University of San Diego (San Diego, CA)

(U. of San Diego could go on any college list that includes Pepperdine, TCU, St. Thomas, or Creighton. This Catholic university of 5,600 students offers beautiful weather, proximity to the beach, and strong programs in business and engineering. The campus directory includes an entire section dedicated to the campus's many plazas and enclosed gardens.)

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

(Rose Hulman is one of the country's elite colleges for undergraduate engineering education, with over 90% of the most recent graduating class holding a job, a graduate school appointment or position as a commissioned military officer at Commencement. Rose Hulman enrolls 2,200 students on its campus in Terre Haute, Ind., about 70 miles from the Indianapolis airport)

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)

Tuesday, October 1

8:00 AM: Bryant University (Smithfield, RI)

(Bryant appears at first glance to be a typical small New England college, but it offers a very distinctive integrated business-and-liberal arts curriculum. Every student must major in either the College of Business or College of Arts and Science while minoring in the other. Bryant enrolls 3,500 undergraduate students and is located 15 minutes from Providence, R.I. and one hour from Boston)

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

(Mason has become well-known in the last decade for "March Madness" basketball success, but it also stands out as an academically accessible large university of 22,000 students located minutes from Washington, D.C. Academic offerings include Nursing, Health Administration, atmospheric sciences, computer game design, BFA theatre, business, and engineering)

8:00 AM: 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)

11:15 AM: Florida Southern University (Lakeland, FL)

(Located midway between Tampa and Orlando, Florida Southern enrolls 2,100 students and competes in Division II athletics. Strong Greek life and Methodist church affiliation may call to mind SMU in Texas, but on a smaller scale. Offers lots of sun, a lakeside campus setting touted for beauty, and academic programs in business, nursing, dance education, and music. Compares well to High Point University or Elon University, or as a smaller school with similarities to TCU.)

11:15 AM: Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)

(Seton Hall can be sensibly grouped with Creighton, Marquette, Fordham, Providence College. It is a good option if you are looking for good academic options for serious Catholic students, classical studies, Great Books, a strong honors program, Nursing, and Business with great internship options befitting a college near NYC. The dual-degree programs in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and Physician Assistant should be on radar for any student looking to get a bachelor's and terminal degree in these fields on one campus and in less time)

3:15 PM: University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)

(You may not immediately think of UNH when thinking of Boston-area colleges, but this campus is only one hour from Boston and minutes from New Hampshire's Seacoast and beaches. UNH enrolls 13,000 undergraduate students, typical of the smaller enrollment found at the flagship campuses of the New England states. With small class sizes, 96% of first-year students living on campus, Division 1 athletics, and proximity to the metropolitan hub of Boston, UNH might be an unexpectedly good fit.)

3:15 PM: Goldsmiths, University of London (London, UK)

(Goldsmiths is located in south-east London and specializes in the study of creative, cultural, and social subjects.)

Wednesday, October 2

1:30 PM: Catholic University of America (Washington, DC)

(The only U.S. college chartered by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, CUA is truly "of" the Catholic Church and is home to many excellent Catholic scholars and 3,400 undergraduate students. Located in the heart of Washington, D.C. with Division III athletics, CUA offers a very wide range of academic programs given its relatively small size. Academic strengths include architecture, education, classical languages and civilization, business, engineering, theology, and music.)

1:30 PM: Hope College (Holland, MI)

(Hope is a Christian liberal arts college located minutes from the Lake Michigan shoreline in Holland, a quaint college town about 30 minutes from Grand Rapids, Mich. Hope's 3,300 students experience a strong Christian college atmosphere, where chapel is offered 3 times per week and is very well attended. Catholic students comprise about 20 percent of the student body and are served by a priest-chaplain and the faculty-formed Saint Benedict Institute. Students interested in colleges such as Hillsdale, Wheaton, TCU, Benedictine, or Pepperdine should have a look at Hope.)

3:15 PM: University of Maryland (College Park, MD)

(The name may say Maryland, but UMD's location screams 'Washington, D.C.' The University of Maryland is a flagship public research university where students can jump on the D.C. Metro transit system and be anywhere in D.C. in the blink of an eye. Now belonging to the Big Ten conference, Maryland has a large 1,200-acre campus punctuated by major athletic facilities and its academic offerings include business, journalism, engineering, behavioral & social sciences, and more.)

Thursday, October 3

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)

3:15 PM: Winthrop University (Rock Hill, SC)

(Winthrop is a public college of South Carolina located 35 minutes from the major hub of Charlotte, N.C. with an undergraduate enrollment of 5,000 students. With students from 45 states and an average class size of 21,

Winthrop is a bit of a 'hidden gem' campus with Division 1 athletics and favorable tuition costs. Winthrop's dynamic student life and first-rate campus facilities make it a distinctive college option.)

Monday, October 7

8:00 AM: 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)

2:25 PM: Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, CA)

(Santa Clara is a Catholic/Jesuit university with great weather situated in the heart of Silicon Valley. For strong students, there are better scholarship opportunities and admission chance here than at Notre Dame, Vanderbilt or Stanford. SCU has a sizeable College of Engineering and College of Business.

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

(Loyola is an excellent option for students looking for a major Catholic university with professional schools and excellent journalism and business programs. Loyola includes both a beautiful campus on Lake Michigan and an active campus in downtown Chicago that is home to the business and communications programs)

Tuesday, October 8

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: 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 a wider variety of business disciplines than most colleges its size, plus a major in healthcare administration)

3:15 PM: Cornell College (Mount Vernon, IA)

(Cornell is a beautiful Iowa college with a unique one-course-at-a-time academic calendar. Part of the Colleges that Change Lives consortium, this is the place for students seeking a close-knit residential liberal arts experience along a road less traveled)

Wednesday, October 9

8:00 AM: 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.)

11:15 AM: University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN)

(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)

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.)

1:30 PM: Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ)

(GCU is a large, private, Christian university in Phoenix. After spending some years as a for-profit institution, GCU returned to non-profit status earlier this year. The campus has been transformed through a very aggressive construction effort in the last decade, leaving GCU with enviable living and learning facilities. This infrastructure includes new classrooms, laboratories, libraries, student support centers, residence halls and recreational facilities. The introduction of Division 1 athletics has further enhanced campus life and the academic offerings are vast, including an honors college, nursing & health professions, engineering & technology, business and more.)

Thursday, October 10

11:15 AM: University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)

(KU offers a classic flagship university experience with attainable admission standards and strong programs in Engineering, Business, and Journalism/Mass Communications Almost every MN student qualifies for a renewable \$10,000 scholarship. KU prides itself on the global recognition for its academic programs, the "rah rah" Jayhawk experience, ,and on being a close knit community)

11:15 AM: University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, WA)

(Included in the Colleges that Change Lives guidebook, Puget Sound is a national liberal arts college enrolling 2,600 students. Seventy-four percent of UPS students are from out-of-state. A four-year core curriculum in the liberal arts tradition is a springboard into 50+ academic programs, including less common small-school offerings like Business & Leadership, Mathematics & Computer Science, Neuroscience, and International Political Economy. UPS is on the relatively short list of national liberal arts colleges located in major metropolitan areas; Macalester, Rhodes, Trinity College, Occidental, the Claremont colleges, and Trinity University are others.)

1:30 PM: College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University (Saint Joseph/Collegeville, MN)

(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)

Friday, October 11

1:30 PM: St. Catherine University (St. Paul, MN)

(St. Kate's is one of the best options in the Twin Cities Metro for a 4-year nursing program offering direct admission. The campus is in an appealing location in the safe and leafy Highland neighborhood in St. Paul, and is short distance from the University of St. Thomas and Macalester College campuses. The Associated Private Colleges of the Twin Cities consortium provides opportunities to take classes or pursue other majors at St. Thomas, Hamline, Macalester, etc)

Monday, October 14

2:25 PM: 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)

Tuesday, October 15

11:15 AM: University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA)

(University of Iowa may be in the state of Iowa, but it is not a rural college. The campus is adjacent to downtown Iowa City and is more compact than University of Minnesota. Popular programs include business, biomedical engineering, and journalism, and unique programs include creative writing, hearing sciences, business analytics, and public health. Offers the Big Ten experience without the massive enrollment of UofM or UW-Madison)

3:15 PM: Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)

(Kansas State is known for its classic college town environment and academic specialties in veterinary medicine, architecture, engineering, and food sciences. Many academic programs have a discounted price due to reciprocity agreements among Midwestern states. A good option to consider if Iowa State or U. of Nebraska are on your radar. The rabid Wildcats fanbase is one of the most loyal in the country.)

Monday, October 21

3:15 PM: 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. Greek Life is more prominent at DePauw than at most colleges and the honors-type "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.

Tuesday, October 22

8:00 AM: Drake University (Des Moines, IA)

(Drake is Iowa's urban private university, located in the heart of Des Moines and enrolling over 3,300 undergraduates. Many professional programs are available, including journalism, pharmacy, occupational therapy, education, business, and law. Career development and internship offerings are among Drake's

strengths. It is sensible to consider Drake if you like University of St. Thomas, Loyola University Chicago, or Creighton.)

11:15 AM: University of Portland (Portland, OR)

(UP's size – 3,500 students – places it firmly in between a small college and a mid-sized university. 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)

3:15 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)

Wednesday, October 23

11:15 AM: Westmont College (Santa Barbara, CA)

(Westmont is a 1,300 student Christian liberal arts college located along the beautiful California coast. Go to this visit if you are seeking a college option similar to Wheaton, Hillsdale, or Pepperdine)

11:15 AM: Bethel University (Saint 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)

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

(A third college located near the heart of Nashville – along with Vanderbilt and Belmont – Lipscomb is a distinctly faith-based college closely affiliated with the Church of Christ with an enrollment of 2,700 full-time undergraduate students. The campus is located in the quiet and affluent residential section of the city and the academic offerings include business, computing & technology, engineering, and entertainment & the arts. The athletic rivalry with nearby Belmont is one of the more prominent campus traditions.)

Thursday, October 24

11:15 AM: 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 vibrant and creative city that is great for college students with a warmer-yet-still-seasonal 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)

This guide will be updated with information for colleges visiting October 29 and later

Tuesday, October 29

11:15 AM: Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY)

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

3:15 PM: University of Tampa (Tampa, FL)

Thursday, October 31

8:00 AM: University of Dallas (Irving, TX)

11:15 AM: University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA)

Friday, November 1

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

11:15 AM: Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne, FL)

Tuesday, November 5

11:15 AM: University of Minnesota, Duluth

Thursday, December 3

11:15 AM: North Dakota State College of Science (Wahpaton, ND)