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WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE?

Does it seem as if all of your friends know exactly what they want to do and where they want to do it? Not sure where to begin to look if you don't? Don't worry. This dilemma is more common than you realize. About 1/3 of students go to college undecided. Half of college students change majors (an average of 3 times!), so you are in good company.

I had nearly a dozen majors in mind when I applied to colleges, from English to Engineering. I had to ask myself what size and type of school I wanted, how could I get involved outside of class, what the location and atmosphere were like, how flexible the curriculum was and how diverse were the choices of major.

These factors will differ for each of you; I hope to help you find the right fit. Talk to me as well about interest inventories that are available, if you wish.

You may not even be sure if you're ready for college right now. However, I encourage you to still pursue a college search first and then, if you are still not sure, look into options for deferring enrollment. Colleges may allow you to delay enrolling for up to two years. This path would give you more flexibility than not applying to college at all. What would happen if you change your mind in the spring and decide to go to college, but you haven't applied?

By then it is too late. Solebury has prepared you well for a college experience. Please don't miss out on that because you are undecided.

By the way, I ended up majoring in Math and Philosophy, and here I am a college counselor. So don't think that picking a major will pigeonhole you into a specific career.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

In the last issue of *De Collegio*, I had not hammered down a solid date for our financial aid night. I'm still not quite there yet, but I am in talks with the Director of Financial Aid at Delaware Valley University. There are a handful of dates that we are considering. More information will come later!

A SPORTING CHANCE

Solebury School has a strong tradition of students who participate in athletics.

Some are pursuing their sports for fun and exercise, but for others sports can be a passion that they wish to pursue beyond high school.

Without a doubt, college athletics (even at Division III schools) will be much more intense than in high school. Some student-athletes may wonder if it may be so much of their burden that academics may suffer. But I have seen how students are forced to balance their time better and actually *improve* their grades

during the athletic season. Colleges also tend to have well-structured academic advising for athletes, which can help them stay on top of their studies. I would talk to coaches and counselors about what options are available to help you excel both in the classroom and in sports.

And if you *are* thinking about college athletics, be sure to get in contact with coaches and, if it Division I or II, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

CAUGHT IN THE WEB

As we enter our fifth year with Naviance, they have made some changes to their system and there have been some kinks, especially in regard to signing up for college visits. However, it appears as if they have been able to correct those.

I realize that using Naviance and the Common Application in conjunction may seem a little overwhelming (especially with the financial aid application process opening this month!), but feel free to ask any questions. I know that I have been able to answer most in our one-on-one meetings. And rest assured that even though there are different looks and feels, and there may be things that I can't manually update right away, everything will be done from my end for the colleges in more than sufficient time.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

If you are planning to visit a college, I encourage you to do so when you have do not have school. If you unavoidably must miss school, you must fill out the College Visit Permission form (available for download on the College Counseling

page of Solebury's web site). Present this form to any teachers whose classes you must miss and return it to me before you leave for your trip. You must also get a signed verification from the college and present it to me upon your return.

The full policy is clearly outlined in your student handbook.

ALL'S FAIR...

There will be several college fairs coming up in October and early November, and this is a great way to meet with representatives of colleges which you may be considering. This month, fairs will be held at:

Bucks County Community College*

PACAC Regional Fair

Thu., Oct. 4, 6:00-8:00

Newtown, PA

Colleges in attendance can be found here:

https://www.pacac.org/assets/CollegeFairs/sept16_2018_bucks%20web%20list.pdf

North Penn High School

PACAC Regional Fair

Thu., Oct. 11, 6:00-8:00

Lansdale, PA

Colleges in attendance can be found here:

https://www.pacac.org/assets/CollegeFairs/sept16_2018_montgomery%20web%20list.pdf

Philadelphia National College Fair

Pennsylvania Convention Center

Sun., Oct. 14, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Philadelphia

This is the second largest college fair in the country. There will be over 400

colleges there. If there is any fair not to miss, this would be it.

For more information about the Philadelphia National Fair, go to this page:

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/philadelphia-national-college-fair/>

*Solebury will provide transportation to the Bucks County College Fair. Sign up at least three days in advance on Naviance if you wish to ride with us. I strongly encourage it, especially if you are still not sure where you plan to apply.

THE SAT IS COMING!

Standardized test time has returned. I encourage students to take either the ACT or SAT in senior year, as scores tend to go up, which can strengthen your possibilities for admissions and/or scholarships. And since colleges consider your highest scores, it cannot hurt you to take them again.

Besides the SAT this Saturday, the next SAT is Nov. 3. Another admission test, the ACT, is offered on Oct. 27 (it's still possible to do a late registration).

Boarders can sign up for rides for these tests through Naviance; Solebury will provide transportation for boarders to George School for this ACT, and Central Bucks East for this SAT.

DEADLINES, MEET THE DEADLINES!

Mark your calendar with these important dates:

October 5: Deadline to register for the November 3 SAT.

Oct. 5: Deadline to submit transcript requests for applications with a Nov. 1 - 20 due date

Oct. 31: Deadline to submit transcript requests for applications with a Nov. 21 - Dec. 20 due date.

It takes time to process the amount of applications I'll see with the quality that colleges expect of Solebury. I want to make sure that we are presenting the best possible applications to them. So be sure to meet these transcript request deadlines. *Don't forget that you can only submit transcript requests through Naviance!!!*

While the registration deadlines for the **Dec. 1 SAT** and the **Dec. 8 ACT** aren't until November 2, if you wish to get your FIRST CHOICE TEST CENTER, be sure to register well in advance of this deadline.

I recommend at least a week, but the sooner, the better. For boarding students requesting rides, this is extremely important, as I can only drive to one center! For the SAT that is Central Bucks South in Warrington, PA, and for the ACT that is Council Rock North High School in Newtown, PA.

COLLEGE VISITS

Don't forget to go to the Colleges tab of Naviance to sign up for college visits (and get a pass if you must miss class to meet with a college representative). The following colleges will be visiting Solebury through the end of the month:

Case Western Reserve University (OH):
Mon., Oct. 1, 11:30

Colgate University (NY): Mon., Oct. 1, 1:45
Green Mountain College (VT): Tue., Oct. 2, 9:15
St. Joseph's University (PA): Tue., Oct. 2, 10:30
Drexel University (PA): Tue., Oct. 2, 1:45
Rider University (NJ): Tue., Oct. 2, 2:30
Randolph College (VA): Wed., Oct. 3, 9:00
Merrimack College (MA): Wed., Oct. 3, 9:45
Pepperdine University (CA): Wed., Oct. 3, 2:00
Wheaton College (MA): Thu, Oct. 4, 8:30
Juniata College (PA): Thu., Oct. 4, 9:15
Goucher College (MD): Thu., Oct. 4, 11:30
University of Washington: Thu., Oct. 4, 1:15
St. John's College (MD & NM): Thu., Oct. 4, 2:00
Immaculata University (PA): Thu., Oct. 4, 2:45
Washington College (MD): Fri., Oct. 5, 8:30
University of Pittsburgh (PA): Fri., Oct. 5, 9:15
University of the Sciences (PA): Fri., Oct. 5, 10:30
Wagner College (NY): Fri., Oct. 5, 11:15
McDaniel College (MD): Fri., Oct. 5, 1:15
Elizabethtown College (PA): Fri., Oct. 5, 2:00
University of Vermont: Mon., Oct. 8, 8:30
Marist College (NY): Tue., Oct. 9, 1:30
Vanderbilt University (TN): Thu., Oct. 11, 12:00
High Point University (NC): Thu., Oct. 11, 12:45
Hult International Business School: Tue., Oct. 16, 9:00
Adelphi University (NY): Tue., Oct. 16, 10:00
Elon University (NC): Tue., Oct. 16, 1:00

Rochester Institute of Technology (NY): Wed., Oct. 17, 9:00
Hampshire College (MA): Wed., Oct. 17, 10:00
Kenyon College (OH): Wed., Oct. 17, 10:45
Gettysburg College (PA): Wed., Oct. 17, 11:30
Hampden-Sydney College (VA): Thu., Oct. 18, 8:30
University of Miami (FL): Thu., Oct. 18, 9:15
Ursinus College (PA): Thu., Oct. 18, 10:00
Lebanon Valley College* (PA): Thu., Oct. 18, 10:45
Haverford College (PA): Thu., Oct. 18, 12:15
University of Chicago (IL): Fri., Oct. 19, 8:30
Boston University (MA): Fri., Oct. 19, 9:15
Roanoke College (VA): Fri., Oct. 19, 12:30
Elmira College (NY): Fri., Oct. 19, 2:00
Moore College of Art and Design (PA): Mon., Oct. 22, 10:00
University of Puget Sound (WA): Mon., Oct. 22, 1:30
Grinnell College (IA): Tue., Oct. 23, 8:30
Syracuse University (NY): Tue., Oct. 23, 9:15
College of Wooster (OH): Tue., Oct. 23, 10:15
Bryant University (RI): Tue., Oct. 23, 2:00
Muhlenberg College (PA): Tue., Oct. 23, 3:00
Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ): Wed., Oct. 24, 10:00
Lynn University (FL): Wed., Oct. 24, 1:30
University of California, Los Angeles: Wed., Oct. 24, 2:15
Quinnipiac University (CT): Wed., Oct. 24, 3:00
Eckerd College (FL): Thu., Oct. 25, 11:45

Allegheny College (PA): Thu., Oct. 25, 2:00
Millersville University (PA): Fri., Oct. 26, 8:30
School of the Art Institute of Chicago (IL): Tue., Oct. 30, 12:15
Lehigh University (PA): Tue., Oct. 30, 2:00
University of Scranton (PA): Wed., Oct. 31, 10:00
Montserrat College of Art (MA): Thu., Nov. 1, 12:15
Trinity College (CT): Thu., Nov. 1, 1:00

This list is subject to change. Schools may change their visit time or date, and I may add other schools to the list.

* The visit for Lebanon Valley College has an additional focus of international admissions.

COLLEGE MEETINGS OFF-CAMPUS

The following is a list of colleges that have contacted Solebury about information sessions they will hold in the general area this October:

Johns Hopkins University

Monday, October 15, 7:00
Moravian Academy
4313 Green Pond Road
Bethlehem, PA

Also, Tuesday, October 9, 7:00
Baldwin School
701 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Carnegie Mellon University

Sunday, October 14, 2:00
Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village
201 Village Boulevard
Princeton, NJ

Also Thursday, October 18, 7:30
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue
4200 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

Also Sunday, October 21, 2:00
Hanover Marriott
1401 Route 10
Whippany, NJ

University of Virginia

Sunday, October 14, 3:00
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue
4200 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

Duke University

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:00
William Penn Charter School
3000 West School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA

Tulane University

Tue., Oct. 16, 7:00
Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village
201 Village Boulevard
Princeton, NJ

Also Sun. Oct. 21, 6:30
Philadelphia Marriott West
111 Crawford Ave
Conshohocken, PA

University of Notre Dame

Thu., Oct. 18, 7:00
Notre Dame High School
601 Lawrence Rd
Lawrenceville, NJ

Savannah College of Art & Design

Sat., Oct. 13, 10:00 a.m.
The Westin Governor Morris
2 Whippany Road
Morristown, NJ

Brown University

Wed., Oct. 17, 7:00
Morristown High School

50 Early Street
Morristown, NJ

University of Chicago

Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 07:00
The Baldwin School
701 Montgomery Ave
Bryn Mawr, PA

Washington University – St. Louis

Thu., Oct. 4, 7:00
Bridgewater Marriott
700 Commons Way
Bridgewater, NJ

Also, Thu., Oct. 25, 6:30
Haverford Community Recreation &
Environmental Center
9000 Parkview Dr
Haverford, PA

THE LAST WORD

I can't stress enough the importance of following directions: getting applications in on time, requesting transcripts on Naviance, etc. It helps me to better serve you. I can help you, but ultimately it's your application. Think of me as an archer, helping to guide you to your ultimate target of finding the college that is the best fit for you.

- *Tim*



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