

# CLASS OF 2018

# COLLEGE BULLETIN

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## TESTING DATES / REGISTRATION DEADLINES

### SAT

Oct. 7 / Sept. 8

Nov. 4 / Oct. 5

Dec. 2 / Nov. 2

### ACT

Oct. 28 / Sept. 22

Dec. 9 / Nov. 3

Registration Fee

\$46

**CEEB Code**

**060-251**

Register online or pick up registration materials in the College Center.

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

*Students interested in highly selective schools need to allow time to take SAT Subject Tests (sometimes required)*

## COLLEGE SMOORGSBORD

**H**ave you ever been to a Sunday brunch that has every kind of food imaginable? Each table is piled high with delicacies and culinary masterpieces. As you push ahead with your college search, consider it a scrumptious buffet that requires some serious sampling!

Colleges have unique personalities, one size does not fit all. Colleges try to identify a niche to set them apart from other schools as well as offer students some variety from which to choose. For example, Colorado College and Cornell College (Iowa) are both on the block system. Students at these colleges take one class at a time, spending three focused weeks learning the material before moving on to another course. This is a very different approach than what most students experience in high school.

Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, UC Santa Cruz and Hampshire College in Massachusetts are among the schools that use written evaluations rather than grades. Students graduate with a binder more than an inch in thickness instead of a traditional transcript.

At Evergreen, students do not take separate, identifiable courses such as English 101 or Intro to Biology. Instead, students enroll in 'programs' that might last for one

quarter, a semester, or even the entire year. These programs use multiple disciplines to explore a central question or theme. A program being offered this Fall called *Horizon: Where Land Meets Sky* will give students credits in Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology of Prehistoric Southwest U.S., Drawing and Art History.

There are colleges and universities that offer Co-op programs. These schools believe that students benefit from gaining experience in the workplace in addition to classroom learning. Check out Northeastern University's program to learn more about how a Co-op program works.

Another unique program is Johnson & Wales' "upside down" curriculum in which students are immediately immersed in area of their interest and the core class requirements are delayed until Junior and Senior years.

## COLLEGE VISITS

Sept 18 Cornell College

Sept 25 Vanderbilt University

Sept 26 Saint John's College

Sept 29 Lake Forest College

## TERMS & DEFINITIONS

**Associate Degree:** A two year degree that generally prepares the student for further study. Earned at community colleges, some associate degrees are sufficient training for certain careers. (A.A., A.S.)

**Bachelors Degree:** A degree awarded after completion of a 4 or 5 year program of study in a specified subject (B.S., B.A.)

**Masters Degree:** The degree awarded after the completion of a post-graduate program, often 2 years in length. (M.A., M.S.)

**Doctoral Degree:** Highest academic degree awarded by a college or university. May take 5-6 years to complete. (Ph.D.)

**Matriculate:** To enroll for the first time in a college or university.

**FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students must file this application after October 1 to access Financial Aid. Available online & in paper form.

**CSS/PROFILE:** An additional financial aid form required by some private colleges.

**EFC:** Expected Family Contribution. The Federal government uses a formula that analyzes each family's financial circumstance & arrives at this amount.

**SAR:** Student Aid Report. Results of the FAFSA received online that summarizes your input + defines your EFC

## RESOURCES

### Websites

[Christian Colleges](#)

[ROTC Programs](#)

[Architecture Programs](#)

### Books

Fiske Guide to Colleges

Creating Colleges

Colleges That Change Lives

Choosing the Right College

## THE MAJOR QUESTION

It is easy to get 'stuck' while trying to figure out where to apply to college. It is a common assumption that you must know what your major will be and then start looking for a college with the best department for your area of study. Consider the following and give yourself time to explore all that colleges can offer, other than their reputation for a given subject.

- 1) Less than 20% of Seniors graduating from college will graduate with their original major.
- 2) Students who enter college with an undecided major are more apt to graduate in 4 years than those who begin as Freshmen with an identified major.
- 3) At least 25% of adults with bachelors degrees are working outside of the field of their college major.
- 4) What do the following people have in common: Attorney, Contracts Administrator, Sales Manager, Financial Analyst, Engineering Sales, Training Director and Product Manager? In this example, all of these people majored in Biology.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NACAC College Fair: September 24

**1:00-4:00 p.m.** Denver Mart 451 E. 58th Ave, Denver, CO 80216 Meet representatives from more than 200 colleges and universities. Register [here](#).

### Out-of-State College Fair: September 25

**5:30-7:30 p.m.** Coronado High School 1590 Fillmore St Colorado Springs, CO 80904 Meet representatives from 215 colleges and universities

### Out-of-State College Fair & Workshops: Sept. 30

**10:00a-12:00p** Mountain Vista High School  
10585 Mountain Vista Ridge, Highlands Ranch, CO  
Register [here](#).

### Registration Deadline for Nov. 4 SAT: October 5

### Christian College Fair: October 2

**6:00-8:00 p.m.** Colorado Springs Christian High School