

CLASS OF 2018

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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

www.collegeboard.com

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

COLLEGE VISITS

Choosing a college will be one of the biggest consumer decisions you ever make. You should plan on spending optimally 24 hour visiting each of the colleges in which you are MOST interested.

To plan a college visit, contact the admissions office at least 2 weeks in advance to make sure they can accommodate you. Most schools will not permit visits on exam weeks. You should schedule a formal tour of the campus, make arrangements to sit in on a class or two, and spend the night in the dorms if possible. Try to allow some time for an interview with an admissions officer and an information session with the financial aid office.

As you wander around campus, pay close attention and make mental (or actual) notes. *Are the facilities in good repair? Are the science labs cutting edge? Can students easily access the library and computer labs? Is there any planned construction? Is the campus large and spread out? Will you require a car to get around or can you get places on foot?*

Engage a number of students and ask them about their classes—*Are professors readily available outside of the classroom? How many hours of studying per week can be expected?* If you attend a class, observe the level of student participation. *What format do*

most professors use to teach the material? How much academic pressure is on campus? Are students competitive or supportive of one another?

How is the food? Do many students go home for the weekend? What is the social atmosphere? Do students take advantage of school sponsored activities? What is the norm when it comes to drinking and drug use? How politically active are the students? Does the surrounding community appeal to you?

If your parents go with you, go your separate ways and compare notes at the end. Over the next two months, there are several days off of school. Plan ahead so you can take advantage of these open dates.

Just as it is not wise to buy a car before taking a test drive, it is not advisable to select a college without a visit to campus.

COLLEGE VISITS

Sept 26 Saint John's College

Sept 29 Lake Forest College

Oct 2 The Master's Univ.

Oct 3 Northwest University

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ELKS Most Valuable Student Competition for 500 4-year scholarships to the highest ranked students. Applicants must be U.S. citizens & will be judged on financial need, leadership and academics. Awards range from \$1000 to \$12,500 per year. Access the application at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm Completed applications must be submitted to Elks Lodge 309 at 3400 Nevada Ave. by Dec. 4

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program Open to students planning to major in Computer Science or Computer/Electrical Engineering. This scholarship covers up to \$30,000 for tuition and fees at the college of your choice; housing and travel entitlements during summer employment with the National Security Agency; year-round salary while attending college; and continued employment with NSA after graduation. Minimum SAT requirement is 1600 (Critical Reading + Math) or a 25 on the ACT and have at least an unweighted 3.0 Deadline: October 31. For more information go to: <https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html>

Hispanic Annual Salute Multiple \$2000 one time awards to Colorado seniors. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and must have performed significant volunteer service in their Hispanic community. Applications are available at www.hispanicannualsalute.org Deadline: Must be received by 12/4

RESOURCES

Websites

[Virtual Campus Tours](#)

[College Week Live](#)

Books

Fiske Guide to Colleges

Creating Colleges

Colleges That Change Lives

Choosing the Right College

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES—YOUR ADMISSIONS ADVOCATES

Hopefully you will take advantage of the many opportunities to meet with the college representatives over the next few months. Representatives, sometimes called admissions counselors, are assigned to a region or territory with the expectation that they will become familiar with the high schools and their student populations. In many college admission offices, these college reps are the first one to read your application and be the person who becomes your strongest advocate. It is important to make a good impression by asking intelligent questions and demonstrating sincere interest in the institution. Students are encouraged to complete some preliminary research so they can ask questions that go beyond the information available in the view books. Regardless of where you engage a college rep (a college fair, on campus, or at MacLaren), have some questions prepared. If you would like a list of sample questions, ask the College Counselor.

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