

# CLASS OF 2018

# COLLEGE BULLETIN

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## TESTING DATES / REGISTRATION DEADLINES

### SAT

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)*

## RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A great teacher recommendation can give your application an edge that sets it apart from the hundreds or thousands of applications that admissions officers read. *How do you increase the chances that your recommendations will add an interesting and unique perspective to your application profile?* Consider these suggestions:

**Choose carefully.** You might want to consider asking a teacher who has watched you struggle to write your recommendation. Perhaps the teacher of a class that challenged you and required an extra effort, even if you did not earn a high grade in the course. This teacher might actually know you better than another teacher in whose class you whizzed through effortlessly, earning high marks. If there is a subject that comes naturally to you, especially one related to your college major, by all means ask that teacher for a recommendation. Try to think of classes that have engaged you the most intellectually, especially if you have completed a special project requiring independent work or creativity. Teachers who wrote extensive comments on assignments are usually an excellent choice for a recommendation.

**Ask early.** Teachers are probably going to be writing letters for several

students in addition to their teaching responsibilities and life outside of school. Be sure to ask a teacher if he or she will be willing and able to write a recommendation for you, giving the opportunity to decline. You want someone who is enthusiastic about you! You should always give at least 2 weeks' for a recommender to write a letter, a month is even better!

**Provide information.** If the college provides a form for the teacher to fill out, complete your personal information first. Ask the College Counselor for a student profile form. Fill this out as completely as possible. Offer to meet with the teacher to discuss your college choices and the information you are providing him or her on the Teacher Recommendation form. Be clear about what you would like the teacher to share about your academic efforts. This information can help jog your teachers' memory, reminding him or her of your specific achievements or contributions to the class. If there is a deadline, make sure the recommender is informed. It never hurts to send a follow-up email for the teacher to reference.

**Show appreciation.** Recommendations are time-consuming and hard work. Provide some sort of gesture of gratitude to your recommenders. Be sure and let your teachers know the

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

**Horatio Alger State Scholarship Program** Nine \$7000 awards to Colorado seniors who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education. The eligibility criteria to be considered for National Scholarships and Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs are enrollment full time as a high school senior, graduation in the Spring 2018 with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation; critical financial need (\$55,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided), involvement in co-curricular and community activities, a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0, and United States Citizenship. For an application and other requirements, go to: [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program\\_colorado.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_colorado.cfm) All documents must be submitted by 10/25

**Colorado JCI Senate Foundation** Each year the Jaycees and JCI Senators of Colorado award multiple scholarships of \$1000 each to high school seniors. Up to 3 letters of reference will be accepted along with a completed application, personal statement, financial information and a transcript. [www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program](http://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program) Deadline: 1/15

## RESOURCES

### *Financial Aid*

[FAFSA](#)

[FSA ID](#)

[CSS/PROFILE](#)

## COLLEGE VISITS

Oct 17	Illinois Wesleyan
Oct 19	Army National Guard
Nov 1	Regis University
Nov 1	Notre Dame Univ

## TO HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD YOU APPLY?

On average, students apply to 4-6 colleges. Although, a few years back, a college rep shared a story about a student who had applied to 72 schools! You might be wondering why anyone would apply to more than one school, especially if the student is pretty sure of acceptance and comfortable with the school. Since choosing a college is a consumer decision, it is a good idea to allow yourself some time to 'test drive' different campuses. This is not a static process; by the time you have to make your final decision on May 1st, you will have changed, matured, and gained a different perspective on what is important to you in terms of your college experience. Narrow down your list to a Foundation School, one to which you are certain you will be accepted and can afford. Next, add 3-4 schools that are good matches in terms of your personal criteria, cost and academic requirements. If you have a school that you have always dreamt about, now is the time to take the plunge! Be sure to apply only to schools you know you would be happy attending. Be careful of ruling out a school because of the sticker price. In general, the more expensive the school, the more financial aid **may** be available. Lastly, some colleges waive their application fee if you apply by a certain deadline. If one of these schools is a possible candidate, what do you have to lose? If you need help expanding your list of college possibilities, make an appointment with the College Counselor.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct. 12-13: Fall Break** This is a great time to visit schools in which you are interested.

**Army National Guard Visit: October 19** during lunch.

**Financial Aid Night: November 2**

Mrs. Fruh will explain the ins and outs of all things related to college financial aid. We will meet at MacLaren at 6:30pm