

**Wellington**

# **The College Search in the Midst of COVID-19**

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**April 30, 2020**

# Welcome

- Introductions
- Agenda

# Connect with Admissions

- **Information Sessions**
  - Live or recorded
- **Live Chat with Admissions**
- **Virtual Interviews**
- **Topic-specific Webinars**
  - Test-optional, Housing/Student Life, General Admissions Tips
- **Admissions Blogs/Social Media**

# Connect with Students

- **Student-guided tours**
- **Student panels**
- **One-on-one conversations**
- **"Day in the Life" videos**

# Explore Campus

- **Campus Tour**
  - Virtual, Video, Drone
- **Interactive Maps**

# Connect with Faculty

- **Class lectures**
- **Individual meetings**
- **Virtual lessons**
  - **Fine and performing arts**

# Connect with Multiple Schools

- **Virtual College Fairs**
  - Strive Virtual College Exploration (through Friday, 5/8)
    - (<https://www.strivescan.com/virtual/>)
  - Navigate 2020 (May 4-6)
    - (<https://virtual.gotocollegefairs.com/>)
- **College Panels**
- **Common Application** ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))

# Standardized Testing

- **SAT ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))**
  - Monthly, beginning in August
  - Fall testing registration to open late May
- **ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org))**
  - June, July
  - Fall testing registration to open in July
- **Review updated institutional policies on Subject Tests**
- **AP exams in May – contact Jordan O'Brien with any questions**



# Test-Optional Opportunities

- **Over 1000 four-year institutions**
  - Recent examples: Cornell University, Amherst College, Scripps College, Indiana University
- **Test-optional is not test-blind**
- **One-year, three-year and permanent policies**
- **Flexible testing policies**
- **Fairtest.org**
  - Confirm all policies directly with institutions

# Tracking Changes

- **NACAC College Admission Status Update**
  - <https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/>

# Extracurricular Activities

- **Schools understand spring of junior year will look different**
- **Summer plans may be cancelled or reinvented**
  - Are there components you can retain?
  - Are there new directions you can take?

# Extracurricular Activities

- **Opportunity for independent research**
  - Structured/unstructured exploration of interests
  - What catches your attention? Dive deeper!
- **Online opportunities**
  - Campus-based summer programs now online
  - Free online courses
    - [Coursera](#)

# Student-Athletes

- Adjustments of eligibility standards for the Class of 2020
- Honoring necessary course adjustments for the Class of 2021
- Conversations still ongoing within NCAA divisions
- NCAA Eligibility Center ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org))

# Next Steps...

- **Conclusion of 2<sup>nd</sup> round of individual meetings**
- **Pre-Application Workshops - May 11 & 12**
  - Senior Checklist
  - Common Application
- **Resume review**
- **Alumni Career Night – May 14**

# Every Search is Unique

- **No magic timeline for all students**
- **Move forward where you can**
  - Research
  - Conversation
  - Self-reflection
  - Stay the course academically

# We are Here to Help

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