

MAY 2009 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CCO (ARCHIVE COPY)

JUNIOR CCO MINI-COURSE: THE FINAL INSTALLMENT

The final installment of the Junior CCO Mini-Course cycle will run May 19 through May 29. Juniors, be sure to check your schedules and your emails for the date and time of your mini-course! Remember that the first draft of your college essay will be due at the start of the session!

During this mini-course, students will hear from nine current seniors who have survived the college search process and are preparing to head off to college in the fall! Each senior will share the story of his/her own college search process and answer any questions from the student perspective that juniors have about the upcoming year.

THE END IS NEAR

Spring is in the air, the days are longer, and summer dress code is in effect! You can definitely tell that the end of the school year is drawing near and it is important for everyone to stay focused!

* **SENIORS:** Your acceptance letters are contingent upon successful completion of your senior courses and an unblemished disciplinary record! If you are pursuing the Waiting List at any college(s), the school(s) may request updated grades if they review candidates for admission off of the Waiting List.

* **JUNIORS:** Junior year is the final full year of academic work that is calculated into your MKA GPA. As you consider adding colleges to the list of schools you will apply to in the fall of senior year, this information will help you assess whether the schools you are considering will fall into reach, probable, or target categories. As you know, a balanced college list includes some schools that fall into each category!

* **FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORES:** Your freshmen and sophomore years build the foundation for the rest of your high school years. Continue working hard, building solid study habits, and forming good relationships with your teachers throughout the entire academic year.

WAITING LIST ACTIVITY

After the National Notification Deadline of May 1, colleges and universities can assess their need to admit students from their Waiting Lists. If you were placed on a college or university Waiting List and have notified that school of your intent to remain on the Waiting List, please be patient.

- * If you have not already done so, submit in writing a personal and thoughtful expression of your continued interest in that school.
- * If you have moved on and do not wish to be considered as a candidate for admission from the Waiting List, please inform that institution in writing of your wishes.
- * Please keep your college counselor updated of any Waiting List information you receive.

NATIONAL NOTIFICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1

- * To ensure space in next year's freshman class, you **MUST** notify the college/university of your choice on or before May 1.
- * If you are actively pursuing a waiting list at a college/university, you **MUST** submit your intent to enroll at another institution on or before May 1 to ensure matriculation at a college in the fall.
- * Please be courteous and inform all colleges/universities to which you are not enrolling of your plans for next year. Doing so helps colleges/universities assess their need to admit students off of their waiting list.
- * Enrolling at more than one college/university is unethical and in contrast to the Statement of Good Practices put forth by the National Association of College Admission Counseling. Colleges/Universities have the right to retract their offer of admission if they determine a student has deposited at more than one school.

SAT INFORMATION FOR THE COLLEGE CANDIDATE

- * SAT scores must be transmitted to colleges by the student. MKA, for both legal and ethical considerations, is unable to do so.
- * October and November, 2008, test scores will be downloaded by colleges in time for Early Decision deliberations.
- * Colleges will build an optimal composite score for each student--CR, M, and W--by "harvesting" the highest score in each of the three test areas from multiple administrations of the SAT.
- * Beginning in March, 2009, the Class of 2010 and beyond will have some control over which test scores from different test dates will be delivered to colleges. The Class of 2009 cannot participate in this new College Board program.

College Board Score Choice (March 2009)