

Hello Seniors! We know that Spring Break begins in a matter of hours so we will keep our **weekly College Counseling update** short. Here are this week's key points and advice we feel is still important to pass along...

CONNECT WITH YOUR COLLEGES: We know many of you were planning to use Spring Break to make visits to your final list of college contenders. **While college campuses are closed to in-person visitors, remember that Admissions Offices remain open and eager to help!** Please check college's website about the virtual visit programs they are offering to admitted students – tours, meetings with admission counselors, academic presentations by faculty, ways to engage with current students – are all innovative opportunities we are seeing colleges offering to help you finalize your decision.

A PREVIEW – WATCH FOR YOUR PERSONALIZED COLLEGE REPORT FORMS: Heads up Seniors! The week after Spring Break (April 21-24), each of you will receive an email from Ms. Sahagún with your very own personalized College/University Report and Scholarship/Award Report (*Let's all say it together: "Ms. Sahagún rocks!"*). It is critical that you and your parent(s) carefully complete and return each form - directions will be included on the forms you will receive. This will be your way of sharing your intended plans after MUHS.

OFFERED A WAITLIST SPOT AT A COLLEGE? Be sure to read any instructions provided in your Waitlist offer letter. Some (not all) colleges require you to take a step to "accept" your Waitlist space as that is what signals that you wish to remain in their continued consideration should space become available in the class. If you have questions about the process, ask the college's admissions office! Remember, the admission counselors want to assist you through this process too and offer any suggested steps or actions.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE DATE FOR YOUR COLLEGE: May 1st is the traditional national candidate reply deadline for seniors to commit to their chosen colleges. This commitment is made to your chosen college with an enrollment confirmation and monetary deposit. This confirmation is what then moves you forward with your college in their housing, orientation, and course registration process. **Please pay attention to the recent messages your colleges are sharing with you** – with our world's event, some colleges have extended this deadline to June 1st and others may still want a decision by May 1st. If you and your family are needing more time, **it is imperative you be in touch directly with your college's admissions office.** Most colleges are very open to a student's request for an extension to their stated deadline – but a written request is often a required step for this consideration.

We wish all of you a well-earned Spring Break. Step away from your computer screens, read for the joy it brings and be kind and good to those around you! Happy Easter – Happy Spring!

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