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COLLEGE INFORMATION

UNC – Wilmington offers a Pre-Engineering Transfer Program. Students may complete the first two years of an engineering curriculum at UNCW and upon transfer, complete an engineering degree at either East Carolina University, North Carolina A & T State University, North Carolina State University or the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Alternately, students may transfer to any other engineering school they wish. The curriculums (sic) follow as closely as possible those offered by the participating colleges of engineering. The program is approved by all four universities and is administered by NC State.

Students can also participate in the three-plus two arrangement and obtain a degree at UNCW in addition to the engineering degree. A three plus two program is in place for Environmental Studies/Environmental Engineering and Physics/Electrical engineering. GPA requirements must be met.

Middlebury College has provided the **Top Ten Ways to Enjoy the College Admission Process**

10. Visit, if possible, at least some of the colleges that you are considering. Nothing will help you more to define the ideal learning environment for you, and to help you see for yourself whether the labels and stereotypes that get attached to some colleges really are valid.
9. Feel free to schedule an interview if you are going to be visiting, the college offers individual interviews, and if it is a college that you are seriously considering. But don't worry if you can't have or don't want one. Interviews are virtually never a required part of the process, and they may or may not even be what is considered "evaluative." But having one could help you learn more about the institution and it could help the college learn more about you. Once you've had an interview or two you'll find them amazingly enjoyable.
8. Share your reactions about the colleges you visit with your parents and others. Sure, it's sometimes a pain that they want to be so involved with what ultimately will be your decision, but since they are frequently the ones who are going to be helping you pay for this experience, it's important that they are on the same page with you.
7. Be thoughtful in your choices so that you don't feel as if you need to apply to 15-20 colleges just because some of your friends are. If you are diligent enough with the steps above, you ought to be able to narrow it down to 6-8 attractive options fairly easily, and if

those cover a range of competitiveness for you, you will be fine next spring. It will also be nice to save money on those application fees....

6. Apply Early Decision only if you felt like :’lightning struck’ during your college search and it is your clear first choice. Too many students apply ED for the wrong reasons (i.e. because of whatever strategic advantage they think it may give them in being admitted), but applying early can take you out of the “driver’ seat” with a very important decision. This is especially true for anyone for whom financial considerations are going to be important in their decision about where to attend; you and your family may wish to be able to compare different financial aid/scholarship awards.
5. Be aware that your SAT/ACT scores will probably play less of a role in your admissions decision than you may think. Most selective colleges do not have “cut off” scores below which applicants are not admitted, and most have a fairly wide range of scores represented among their admitted students. That’s because test scores only provide colleges with the roughest possible measure of your potential for success academically in college; your high school grades are a much better predictor of that. Higher scores are better than lower scores, of course, but even the highest scores are by no means a guarantee of admission to the most selective colleges. At most colleges to which you apply, it is likely that your score will look quite similar to those of other applicants, which means it is unlikely that they will be a deciding factor in your candidacy.
4. Relax when it comes time to writing your personal essay and let it come from our heart. Yes the essay is important enough to be required by most colleges, but please know that very seldom is the essay reason enough by itself to admit or reject anyone. We just want to get to know you a little better, and your grades and scores only paint part of your picture. Your essay can do that, but don’t forget to proofread and use your spell check.
3. Choose the teachers who write letters of recommendation for you carefully. Since those letters are another way for us to get to know you better, they should come from teachers who know you well, maybe even teachers who have had contact with you outside of their classrooms such as through clubs, teams, etc. And don’t forget that some of the teachers who challenged you the most may be able to write an even more meaningful letter for us than the ones for whom you got easy “A’s.”
2. Submit additional letters of recommendation only if they are from people who know you really well and can add things about you that others couldn’t. Letters from friends of your parents who happen to be alumni of the college to which you are applying, for example, don’t usually shed much additional light for us.

And the #1 Way to Enjoy the College Admission Process is:

1. Breathe deeply and always remember that a year from now you will very likely be attending some truly excellent college where you will get a first-rate education and have a wonderful experience. The great thing about higher education in the United States is that there are so many options that almost everyone ends up having a really positive college experience. And don’t forget that the quality of your educational experience is far more up to you than it is up to the institution that you attend.

SCHOLARSHIPS

American Red Cross Queen or Hearts Program – For more information contact Mary Hinton at hintonm@trianglerc.org.

AXA Achievement Scholarship – The AXA Achievement Scholarship awards \$10,000 scholarships to one student from each state as well as \$15,000 scholarships awarded to 10 national recipients. Applicants should demonstrate ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community. The application deadline is **December 15**. You can learn more by going to www.axa-achievement.com.

Capital Area USBC Association Scholarship - Applicant must be a graduating senior in high school and a member of the Capital Area USBC in good standing and must currently be active in a youth league or whose parent or legal guardian are members of the Capital Area USBC Association in good standing or a child of a member of the Raleigh USBC Bowling Association and/or the Capital Area USBC Women's Bowling Association deceased within one year of the date of application, overall grade point average must be at least 2.5 or higher and must have an amateur standing in all athletics. Deadline for application is April 4, 2008. Application available in college counseling.

Elon University Leon and Lorraine Watson North Carolina Scholarship - To qualify students must be a North Carolina resident who has attended and will graduate from a North Carolina High School, demonstrate high financial need (with preference to Pell eligible students), have a strong record of academic achievement. Application available in college counseling and the deadline is February 5.

Elon University The Honorable Thad Eure North Carolina Achievement Scholarship – Students must reside in Wake (and others) county and graduate from a North Carolina high school, demonstrate significant financial need, have a strong record of academic achievement and leadership through school, church or community organizations. Deadline is **February 8**.

Furman University Wylie Scholarships are awarded by the department of mathematics to students with outstanding mathematical ability and a serious interest in pursuing the study of mathematics. To be eligible, students must have a combined SAT score of at least 1350 or an ACT score of at least 31, outstanding mathematical ability and good character. To apply visit the department's web site and download an application form. Deadline is January 15.
<http://math.furman.edu>.

Illinois Institute of Technology College of Architecture offers two generous scholarships offered to full-time freshman architecture students enrolling in fall 2008. **The Thomas A Roszak Scholarship** is a one year \$5,000 scholarship that may be applied towards first year's tuition. Applicants must have a 3.9/4.0 GPA and be ranked in the top 20% of their class. A one page personal statement about your goals as an architect and two letters of recommendation written specifically to support your application to the Roszak Scholarship are required. The Crown Scholarship (full tuition for five years) is awarded to one student with exceptional abilities and potential to succeed. Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence, as measured by a class ranking in the top 10% and excellent standardized test scores. An original freehand drawing of any subject matter, a one page statement about your goals as an architect, and a separate letter of recommendation written to support your application for the scholarship.

Deadline for both scholarships is **January 15, 2008**. More information is available at <http://arch.iit.edu>.

National Commission for Cooperative Education – on behalf of ten NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities will award 185 merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each. More information and the application are available at www.co-op.edu. The member schools are C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, Northeastern University, Pace University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology. Criteria are: GPA of 3.5 or better and a completed National Co-op Scholarship Program application including essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. Deadline is **February 15, 2008**.

Oglethorpe University Scholarship Weekend – You must apply to Oglethorpe by **December 5, 2007** to be considered for the merit scholarships and to be invited to scholarship weekend. Invitations will be sent to qualified students but more information is available at www.admission.oglethorpe.edu.

Ohio Wesleyan University – announces the **Phillip J. and Nancy LaPorte Meek Community Service and Leadership Scholarships** which are presented annually to incoming students with an outstanding record of leadership demonstrated through commitment to community service throughout one's high school career. The University also announces the **Helen Crider Smith Women As Leaders Endowed Scholarship** (full tuition) presented annually to an incoming freshman woman who enters with an outstanding record of academic achievement and demonstrated leadership during her high school career. Application for admission must be submitted by February 1.

The **Schimmel Scholarship** (full tuition, room and Board) is presented annually to one outstanding matriculating freshman woman. A successful candidate will rank in the top five percent of her class and earn a GPA of 3.9 or above. Application for admission must be submitted by February 1.

St. Lawrence University Presidential Diversity Scholarships – for African American, Asian American, Hispanic American or Native American students. More information available at www.stlawu.edu

Soroptimist International Violet Richardson Award – recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts, such as fighting drugs, crime and violence, cleaning up the environment and working to end discrimination and poverty. Volunteer actions that benefit young women are of particular interest. Applications (available in college counseling) must be returned to Soroptimist International of Raleigh by **December 1**.

University of North Carolina – Greensboro Merit Awards: Minimum qualifications are 1200 SAT or 27 ACT and 3.5 cumulative GPA. Awards are available in all majors. Must submit a UNCG application and complete a Merit Awards Program Application by early January. Applications available at www.uncg.edu/fia/meritawards. See poster in college counseling.

Sam Walton Community Scholarship is available through www.walmartfoundation.org. The deadline for entry is **January 14**. To qualify, a student must be a graduating high school senior and may not be a Wal-Mart or Sam's Club associate, or the child or legal dependent of a Wal-

Mart or Sam's Club associate. More information about the requirements is available from the website.

Contests

George Washington Essay Contest – The Intercollegiate Studies Institute is sponsoring the contest. Students are asked to consider those elements of Washington's presidency that established important precedents and procedures for the office of Commander in Chief and how those components have changed over the years for good or ill. Register for the contests online at www.isi.org.

SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes – Fifteen chances to win. Apply online at offtocollege.info.com. For complete details, visit offtocollege.info or www.suntrustededucation.com

Open Houses

Connect with Tech (Georgia Tech)
February 17-18, March 2-3, March 30-31
April 13-14

Register at www.visits.gatech.edu

Preview Georgia Tech
April 7, 2008

Savannah College of Art & Design
February 2, 2008
March 1, 2008

Atlanta

February 16, 2008
April 5, 2008

Savannah
Register for either at www.scad.edu/visit

University of North Carolina Asheville
April 5, 2008

8:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Register at www.unca.edu/admissions

Colleges Visiting RCHS

December 11, 12:30 PM

Barton College