

## COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER Spring 2018

### The home stretch! (Or is it the starting line?)

May 1 is nearing, and as we wrap up the 2017–18 admissions cycle, we wanted to send our thanks for all you’ve done to guide your seniors through this year’s college process.

And of course, we know you’re already hard at work with the Class of 2019, helping them research schools, plan campus visits, and begin to build thoughtful college lists. This time of year is both a home stretch and a starting line, and our goal is to provide information that will help you and your students navigate both.

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### Resources

Be sure to visit our newsletter archives for more information about:

- New and expanded academic programs
- Academic programs you don’t see every day
- Recent campus policies

More information is also available on the [Northwestern Admissions website](#).

## On 2017–18 admissions

While we won't release our Class of 2022 profile until next fall, we can share a few statistics about this year's admissions pool that may be helpful as you make sense of recent decisions and guide your juniors:

**40,420**

APPLICATIONS  
REVIEWED

ROUGHLY  
**8%**

OF STUDENTS  
ADMITTED

ABOUT  
**1/2**

OF 2022 ADMITTED  
FROM EARLY DECISION

**1,925**

TARGET CLASS SIZE

**~1,000**

STUDENTS EXPECTED  
ON OUR WAITLIST

## A note about waitlist practices

Our waitlist is **unranked**. In the past few years, we've accepted relatively few students off the waitlist, and we've only done so after May 1. Students on our waitlist are welcome to **submit updates via their Applicant Status Portal**.

For the first time this year, we have asked students who accepted their place on our waitlist to **re-confirm their interest** midway through April. We know that a lot of college news comes out after our decisions release, and we want to give students the opportunity to update their responses. Students received an email on April 15 with instructions for submitting our Waitlist Re-confirmation Form through their Applicant Status Portals, **due by May 1**.

## Affordability and access

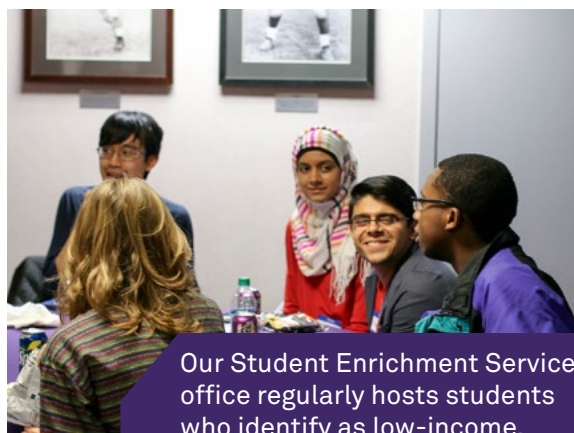
As part of our ongoing commitment to college affordability and access, we have joined the [American Talent Initiative](#) and integrated [MyIntuition](#) into our online financial aid resources. In 2016, Northwestern **eliminated loans** from undergraduate financial aid packages, and we continue to meet 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students. Our Office of Student Enrichment Services continues to expand **programming and dialogue around low-income and first-generation experiences**.



**62%** of undergraduate students  
receive financial assistance

**\$174 MILLION**

in need-based financial aid  
awarded in 2017–18



Our Student Enrichment Services office regularly hosts students who identify as low-income.



## Application process

### Our deadlines remain as follows:

**November 1**

Early Decision

**January 1**

Regular Decision

- We accept either the **Common Application** or the **Coalition Application**. There is no preference for nor difference between either of these applications. We are also a longstanding **QuestBridge** partner, and our campus Quest Scholars network is among the nation's largest.
- As in past years, **SAT subject tests** are optional for most applicants, **as are the SAT and/or ACT writing sections**. Homeschooled students and applicants to special programs should visit our website for specific testing policies.

Also as in past years, we offer **off-campus alumni interviews** on a first-come, first-served basis. Important details are as follows:

- Interviews are not required, nor can we accommodate all interview requests, as we do not have alumni interviewers in every region and face further limitations due to applicant volume.
- Early and Regular Decision applicants will be notified via email of interview availability and sign-up procedures.

## Exploring our campus



The view from Norris, the hub of student life.

As your juniors plan college trips, they should feel welcome to visit Northwestern. We offer **general information** sessions and tours Monday through Friday, as well as select Saturdays. We offer sessions specific to our academic programs, too: arts & sciences, engineering, communication, journalism, music, and education & social policy. We also plan to introduce **STEM tours** in the coming months. Students can browse schedules and register [on our website](#).

If you would like to bring a group of 10 students or more to campus, please [schedule a Large Group Visit](#) with our Visitors Center team.

And if you have students for whom coming to campus isn't feasible, you can point them toward our [virtual tour](#), led by Northwestern tour guides. Our [social media channels](#) and [blog](#) also offer candid insights from current students, as will correspondence with any of our [student admission teams](#).

## Campus news

- Come May 19, our Northwestern community will be celebrating the marriage of **alumna Meghan Markle '03** to England's Prince Harry. We're proud to watch the world embrace this Wildcat and recognize her remarkable artistic and humanitarian achievements.
- Our new Leed-Platinum **Global Hub**, a space for our business school and economics departments, is fully abuzz after opening last spring—it was the perfect place to host former Vice President Joe Biden for a special address earlier this year.
- Demonstrating the value of **interdisciplinary scholarship** for a national media audience, a team of researchers from Northwestern's engineering school, medical school, and Block Museum of Art worked alongside students to uncover insights about a 1,900-year-old mummy housed on campus.