

To our college advising & access community:

A warm hello from Evanston, where it's finally starting to feel like spring. I'm writing to share a few updates on topics big and small. Click [here](#) to skip to the highlights.

National Landscape

First, I want to address recent national news that is likely top of mind for many of us who support students' paths to college: Like other highly-selective universities, Northwestern is navigating federal actions that are significantly impacting the higher education landscape. We realize you may have questions for which we don't yet have answers. That said, we remain committed to transparency with our community as more details become available—you can access updates and insights from University leadership [here](#). We also remain committed to Northwestern's [guiding principles](#), which our President and Provost outline in this recent [community-wide message](#).

Resources for Students

As we continue to prioritize you and your students in this unpredictable landscape, I want to share a few resources for exploring and connecting with Northwestern:

- Our [campus-visit schedule](#) is posted through mid-June, and our programming now includes a new Engineering & Design Tour. A full summer schedule should be available by the end of April.
- For those unable to visit Evanston, we offer a [range of digital programs](#), including school-specific sessions and 'Cat Chats (Zoom conversations) with current students and alumni.
- Next Friday, we are partnering with [Engineering Tomorrow](#)—a nonprofit broadening access to engineering—to host a session on admissions. Our Vice President for Enrollment, Stacey Kostell, will moderate a panel of experts from Northwestern, the University of Michigan, Morgan State University, and Georgia Tech in conversation about researching and applying to undergraduate engineering programs. You can find more information about registering your students [here](#).

Waitlist Notes

For those of you with seniors on our waitlist, we do not yet know whether we will go to the waitlist this year. Historically, we have not made waitlist offers prior to May 1 and expect that timeline to hold true this year. Our waitlist is unranked, and waitlisted students are welcome, though not expected, to write if they're still keen on Northwestern. Additional materials, including letters of continued interest, should be uploaded via the Applicant Status Portal or emailed to our general account, ug-admission@northwestern.edu. Please note, any student who accepted a waitlist spot prior to April 15 should be sure to reconfirm their interest via the form available in their applicant status to remain under consideration should we be able to make waitlist offers.

To learn more about this year's Regular Decision pool and our testing policy going forward, see [my update](#) from late March.

And of course, don't hesitate to reach out with questions—you can find our regional contacts [here](#).

Take care,

Liz Kinsley

Dean of Undergraduate Admission

Highlights:

- Read Northwestern leadership notes for updates on federal actions.
- Explore & Connect:
 - Campus-visit schedule
 - Online programming & 'Cat Chats
 - Engineering Tomorrow panel April 25
- Get context on our Regular Decision pool
- Review standardized testing FAQs
- Find your regional contact