

Dear Colleagues,

Happy June! Thank you all for your incredible work this academic year. I'm writing with Class of 2028 updates, reminders about our testing policy, and exciting ways to engage with our campus this summer. For those of you who prefer top-level takeaways, click [here](#) to skip to the highlights.

Class of 2028 Updates

Northwestern's Class of 2028 is a remarkable group. While we can't yet share any official data about this incoming class (stay tuned for that in early fall), here's a brief recap of this year's review process:

- We received over 50,000 first-year applications, admitting roughly 7.5% for a class of 2,100; we admitted about half the incoming class through Early Decision.
- We've seen a bit of waitlist activity and will continue to monitor melt as we aim to close the waitlist by the end of June. Students on the waitlist will hear from us one way or another with a final decision.
- We are finalizing a fantastic transfer cohort and expect that group to number around 250.

For the upcoming cycle, students can [apply](#) through the Common Application, the Coalition with Scoir Application, or the QuestBridge Application. Our Early Decision (ED) deadline will remain November 1, and our Regular Decision (RD) deadline is January 2, 2025. Our financial aid deadlines are December 1 for ED and February 1 for RD candidates who wish to receive financial aid information with their admission decision.

Standardized Testing Policy

As a reminder, Northwestern will remain test-optional for the 2024–25 admissions cycle. Please refer to our [FAQs](#) for additional information and guidance.

Visiting Campus Over the Summer

[Registration](#) for guided campus tours is now available through September, and we will also offer [academic information sessions](#) in the coming months. Visitors can access self-guided tours via QR code in the front vestibule of our [Segal Visitors Center](#), which is open even when the building's lobby is closed.

Digital Programming

We want to make applying to Northwestern an accessible experience. We encourage students to explore the range of digital opportunities available on our [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#) tours, student panels, videos from admission directors, and more! Come fall, our [Purple Preview Conversations](#) (Zoom conversations with current students) are another great option for rising seniors interested in Northwestern.

As always, you can find your [regional team's contact information](#) on our website, as well as [resources for counselors](#). We look forward to being back on the road this fall while continuing to innovate in the digital space to connect with as many of you and your students as possible.

We're grateful for everything you do. Have a restful summer!

Warmly,



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Highlights:

- **50,000+** first-year applications
- **~7.5%** admit rate
- First-year class size: **2,100**
- **~1/2** class admitted ED
- Light waitlist activity; aim to close late June
- Incoming transfer cohort: **250**
- Class of 2027 Profile [here](#)
- Test-optional for 2024–25; FAQs [here](#)
- Summer 2024 on-campus tour schedule [here](#)
- Connect online: digital programming [here](#)