

Dear Colleagues,

As 2023 gets underway, I'm writing to check in with a few updates. I know the college search is simultaneously culminating for seniors and ramping up for juniors this time of year, so the first section below hits points of interest for the former group, and the second section is geared toward the latter. The third section shares some campus news to underscore what we remind students of all the time: you'll learn more about a college community if you venture outside the admissions office!

For those working with seniors in our current applicant pool:

We'll be **releasing decisions on Friday, March 24**; students will receive an email letting them know a decision is available in their applicant portal. If you wish to confirm that a student's application is complete, they can view their application status by logging into their application portal. You may send any missing materials or updates to ug-admission@northwestern.edu, and our Operations team will add them directly to your student's application file.

While we cannot share any decision-related information with counselors prior to March 24, **we'll provide pool-wide context** at the time of release to help guide your conversations with students and families. As soon as we've notified applicants of their decisions on the 24th, we'll make this contextual information available via our [online counselor hub](#). (The analogous message I shared in December with Early Decision pool-wide context is available [here](#).) While it has long been our policy not to discuss specifics of individual decisions with counselors, we welcome connections after decision release should you need to confirm outcomes or discuss follow-up questions. Please refer to our [regional teams webpage](#) for the appropriate direct contact on our Admissions committee.

For your juniors who are exploring Northwestern for their college list:

Earlier this month, we announced **we'll remain test-optional for the coming 2023–24 admissions cycle**. If you have questions about our testing policies, please refer to our [online FAQs](#) and contact your regional admissions director for any additional information.

Our **spring campus-visit schedule** is posted through mid-June. Students can take a tour, attend an Admissions and Affordability Q&A session, or take a deep-dive into one of our undergraduate school-specific sessions.

For those unable to visit Evanston, we continue to offer a **range of digital programs** and opportunities, including [school-specific sessions](#), [student panels](#), and [one-on-one Purple Preview Conversations](#) with current students.

Finally, here's a snapshot of Winter Quarter 2023 Northwestern:

[A keynote by civil rights lawyer Sherrilyn Ifill](#) capped last month's [Dream Week](#), and our campus community is now engaging in a series of [Black History Month events](#) programmed by [Multicultural Student Affairs](#).

Our men's basketball team [won a historic game](#) last weekend as they upset #1-ranked Purdue following wins over Wisconsin and Ohio State.

We cheered for several Bienen School of Music [faculty and alums at this year's Grammy Awards](#).

The University announced UVA's Susan M. Davis as our [new Vice President for Student Affairs](#), and [inauguration plans](#) are underway for our new [University President, Michael Schill](#), who took office in September.

Our Office of Fellowships is celebrating a [series of significant wins](#), including two [Rhodes Scholars](#), two [Udall Scholars](#), and a [Schwartzman Scholar](#).

Earlier this month, Northwestern shared news of two major gifts that will create exciting opportunities for our students and strengthen communities around us: A \$5 million gift from Harry J. Seigle '71 JD will [expand our law school's immigration clinic](#), which represents children, young adults and parents in immigration court proceedings. An anonymous \$3 million gift to our School of Communication will establish [a new artist-in-residence role](#) dedicated to expanding the diversity of the school's theatrical works and curriculum.

And as we continue to process the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, [students and alumni have organized](#) to raise funds and awareness in support of communities across the region. To that end, we've been in touch with counselors and applicants from Turkey and Syria to extend as much flexibility as we're able with this year's admissions process, but if there is any additional support we can offer you or your students, please [let us know](#).

Thanks as always for your partnership in support of students and their families.

Warmly,



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