

North Shore Notes

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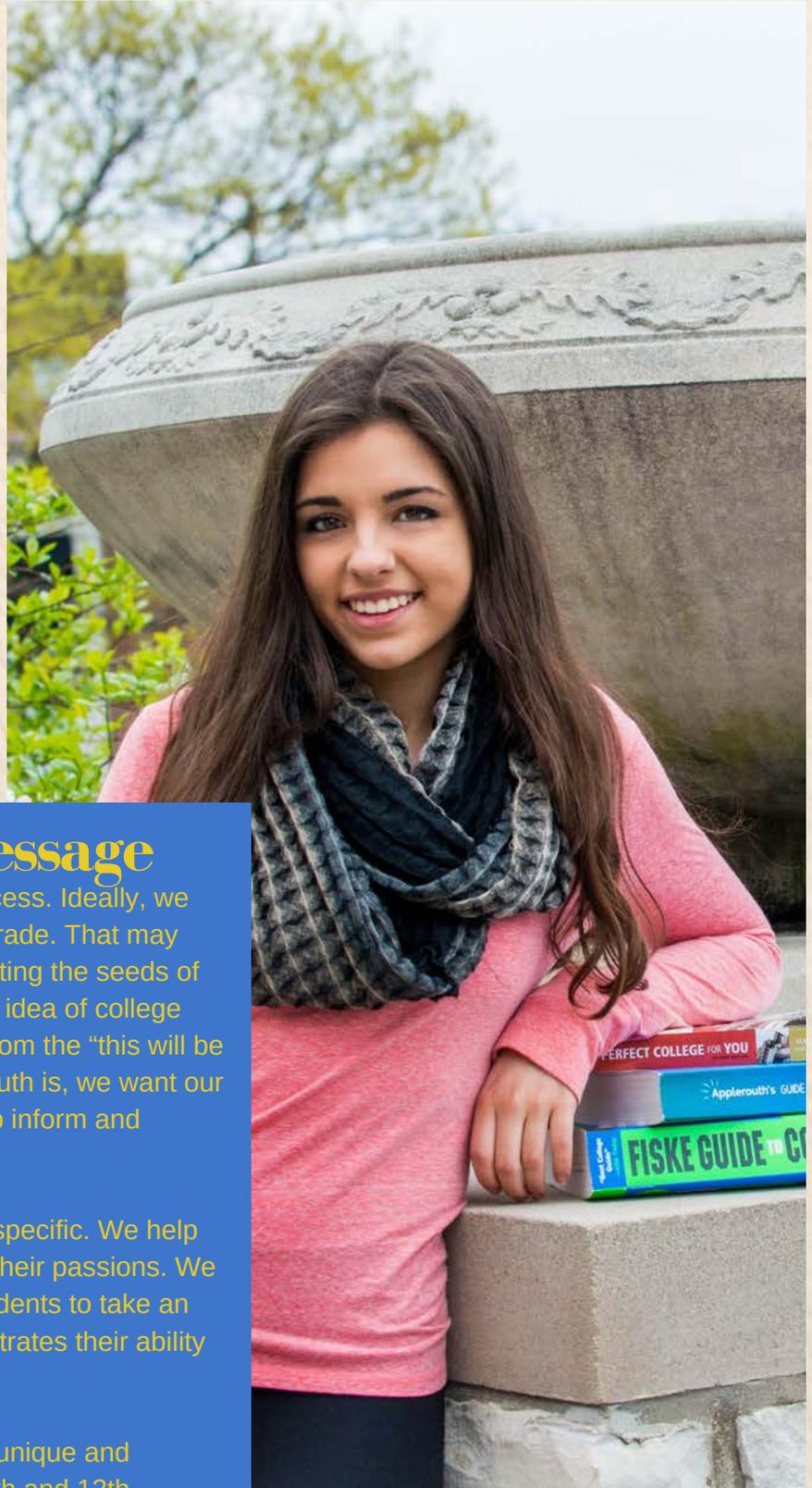
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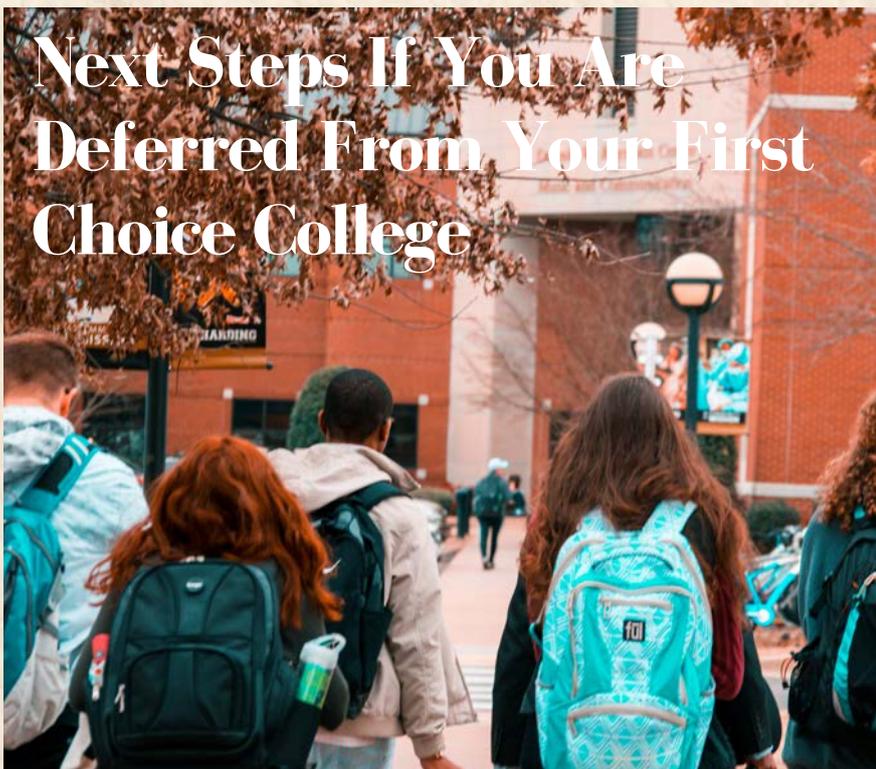


The Counselor's Message

Preparing for college should be a multi-year process. Ideally, we start working with students near the end of 8th grade. That may sound early, but it's the optimal time to start planting the seeds of college preparation. Our goal is not to pound the idea of college into a child's head, and we certainly stay away from the "this will be good for your college application" vibe, but the truth is, we want our students to start seeing how high school will help inform and prepare them for college.

By 9th and 10th grade, we're ready to get more specific. We help students identify activities and projects that fuel their passions. We create a standardized testing plan and guide students to take an appropriate college prep curriculum that demonstrates their ability to succeed in college level coursework.

Stay tuned for next month when we discuss our unique and comprehensive approach to working with our 11th and 12th graders.



We want you to take a deep breath, and realize it is ok to be sad initially, but a deferral or rejection from a school does not define you. Most decisions that are made are based on factors that are completely out of your control.

What's New at NSCC

Very few seniors are ready to hear that they have been “deferred” from a first choice college. Remember, however, a deferral is not a “no.” Usually, a deferral simply means that a school wants to take more time to review your application.

If you want to continue to wait for a final decision after being deferred, there are a few steps you can take. First, it is very important for you to carefully read everything that is in your decision letter or on your status portal. You want to make sure you know what the school wants from you in order to make a decision. Absolutely DO NOT send them anything they specifically told you they do not want. You should also check the admission section of the college's website to make sure you are following directions.

Second, you should contact your admission counselor in writing and let him or her know of your continued interest in that school. If it is truly your number one choice and you would absolutely enroll if accepted, tell them that. This would also be an appropriate time to share anything new that may enhance your application since you applied. Make sure to not overcontact them or write a lengthy statement.

Keeping your grades up is more important than ever. Colleges want to see how you are handling your senior year coursework, and if your transcript shows strong grades it will give your application a boost. Be sure to ask your school counselor to send any updated academic info to your schools. Finish out this semester and school year strong!

Interested in working with an NSCC counselor to create a comprehensive college preparation, search, and application plan?
Class of 2020 - Melanie Levy still has limited spots available
Class of 2021 - All NSCC counselors have spots remaining but space is limited
Classes of 2022 & 2023 - All NSCC counselors have spots remaining

Ask the Counselor Power Hour
 High school students of all ages have questions and concerns regarding the college admissions process. ***For \$200, you can schedule a one-on-one session with a NSCC counselor on January 23rd.***

Sign up now to reserve your spot!

Meet the University of Minnesota

With approximately 31,000 undergraduates, the University of Minnesota offers a pretty typical Big 10 school experience – strong academics, lots of choices, great sports, and lots of school spirit. The campus is huge and is split down the middle by the Mississippi River. Some areas of the campus are green, and other areas feel more urban. There is a tunnel system that connects many buildings for those cold winter months.

Students apply to one of the seven schools which include Biological Sciences, Design, Education and Human Development, Food Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, Liberal Arts, Carlson School of Management, and Science and Engineering.

There's plenty to do on campus with over 900 clubs and student organizations and approximately 12% of students joining Greek life. The Golden Gophers have 23 varsity teams, including basketball, football, and ice hockey. They compete in the Big 10, with a long-standing rivalry with the University of Wisconsin.



Admission Quick Bits

Upcoming standardized test dates and registration deadlines

- ACT: February 9 - next test date; January 11 - registration deadline
- SAT (no Subject Tests offered): March 9 - next test date; February 8 - registration date
- State of Illinois SAT: April 9 during the school day

College Search Resource of the Month: CampusReel - www.campusreel.org/

Tip of the Month: Take the most challenging high school classes you are able to take and still do well (which does not mean perfect grades, by the way). College admission officers would rather see you challenge yourself throughout high school than get perfect grades.

What You Should Be Doing Now

Freshmen: If you haven't, try out a new club or activity at your high school. Get involved!

Sophomore: Look for out of the box leadership roles in your activities and further your involvement.

Junior: Demonstrate interest in every single college you are interested in.

Senior: Keep your grades strong. Senior slump is NOT A THING!!!

Questions? Contact Us!

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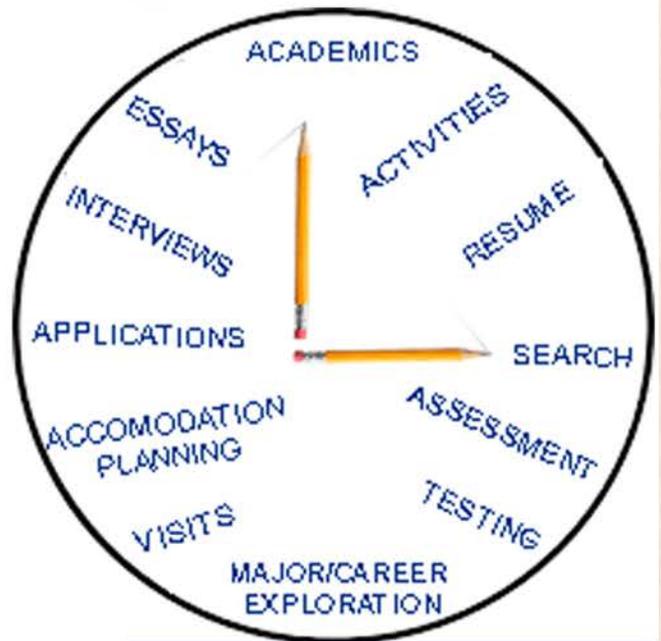
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POWER HOUR

Ask the Counselor
Individual Sessions

Does the thought of preparing and applying to college overwhelm you?



Sign up for a Power Hour session to get your personalized questions answered and to get you on the right track to success.

**Space is limited.
Register today!**

**January 23, 2019
2:00-7:00 pm
\$200**

**Register online
at**

<http://bit.ly/CounselorPowerHour>

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