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Thayer Students Only: College Information Sessions

As you are beginning an essential summer ramping up for your senior year, it is vital to continue learning about colleges and determining which places might be a good fit. With this in mind, we have added more college admission meetings for Thayer students for the week of June 15. This list includes some of the most popular places for Thayer students; please attend the sessions that appeal to you.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

2:00 p.m. Salve Regina University



Representative Tenley Sodeur Zoom meeting link

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

10:00 a.m. Clemson University



Representative Phillip Lyew-Daniels Zoom meeting link

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Worcester Polytechnic Institute



Representative Emily Bukow Zoom meeting link

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

10:00 a.m. Loyola University Maryland



Representative Clay Meyers Please preregister at the following <u>link</u> Zoom meeting <u>link</u> 2:00 p.m. University of San Diego



Representative Alexandra Goldman The link to access the meeting will be provided later - please check Scoir

THE SMARTIES CORNER

New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), a group of 11 selective liberal arts colleges & universities, shares a philosophy that intercollegiate athletic programs should operate in harmony with educational missions.

2017-2020 Thayer graduates who have attended NESCAC schools:

Amherst College: 3
Bates College: 2
Bowdoin College: 3
Colby College: 4
Connecticut
College: 5

Hamilton College: 2 Middlebury College: 1 Trinity College: 13 Tufts University: 4 Wesleyan University: 1 Williams College: 0



Additional Online Opportunities



Hamilton College is hosting a panel discussion, "College Search During a Pandemic? You Can Do This!" Several members of Hamilton's admission team will address the common questions and concerns that they are hearing and offer tips on how to make the best of these challenging times so that you can tackle your college search with confidence. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

Register for the event on Hamilton's admission webpage.



Hofstra University is hosting the following sessions this summer via Zoom. Sign up for the events that interest you.

How to Write Your College Essay, Thursday, June 18, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Standardized Testing Policy, Thursday, July 9, 3:00-4:00 p.m. How to Apply to Hofstra, Thursday, August 6, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS:

What you need to know about college representative visits

Typically, about 140 colleges visit Thayer between the months of September and November. This year, given the lack of access to college campuses and to help move your research along, we invited colleges to visit Thayer online this spring and early summer. The person representing the college is, in most cases, the admissions officer who is familiar with Thayer and will advocate for Thayer students during the application review process.

How do these visits benefit students?

- Students unfamiliar with the college can get an introduction to it. Students more familiar with the college can ask more specific questions about the institution.
- Connecting with this person opens the door for communication for when other questions may surface. Students have someone they know they can contact.
- Students meet face to face with the person who is most likely to review their application for admission.
- By attending the meeting, the student is showing interest in the college, which for some colleges is a factor in their review process.

How do these visits benefit the admission representatives?

Admissions representatives have the opportunity to convey

- information about their college to students who are interested in learning.
- The admissions representative will be able to associate a face with an application when it comes across their desk later in the year.
- During discussions with the college counselors, the admission representative learns more about the Thayer Academy community and the rigorous curriculum available to students. They can bring that information back to the committee when admissions decisions are being made.

In addition to all these benefits, the visits allow the Pulsifer College Counseling Center at Thayer to maintain strong relationships with the colleges in which our students are interested. Communication continues with these colleges throughout the year.

This summer, the schedule of visits is posted in SCOIR and in the Virtual Brickyard. During the academic year, they are also listed on the Thayer Academy website and in homeroom announcements. You are encouraged to meet with these representatives whenever interested as long as it does not interfere with a pressing academic responsibility. Sign up for college meetings via your SCOIR account.

SPOTLIGHT ON MAJORS

Criminal Justice

The last few weeks have brought the spotlight back to the criminal justice system and law enforcement. Through the ongoing protests and conversations, it has become clear that major reforms are needed. Responsible, humane, and creative leadership in criminal justice is essential to strengthening and protecting communities. You can be part of the solution and do important work in addressing some of society's more challenging issues. Because the criminal justice system is a vast network of law enforcement, courts, and corrections, a degree in criminal justice requires a deeply interdisciplinary program that incorporates the study of the legal system, sociology, psychology, political science, forensic science, public administration, urban studies, and philosophy. In the end, graduates will know a little something about finding alleged criminals, determining their guilt or innocence, incarcerating those convicted, and handling their rehabilitation. Some criminal justice degree programs are set up so you graduate as a generalist, whereas some universities have a division devoted to the field and allow you to specialize. For example, you could concentrate in crime scene analysis and forensics, law enforcement, the psychology of crime, ethics, human services,

or cybersecurity, among others. It's pretty common for criminal justice programs to facilitate internship placements so students gain experience in the field and determine whether or not a particular specialization is the right fit. Here's a sampling of jobs that students with a degree in criminal justice often choose:

- Municipal & state police officer
- US Marshall
- Probation officer
- Crime lab analyst
- Crime scene investigator
- Fraud investigator
- Lawyer
- Secret Service agent CIA officer

- Federal agent
- Conservation official
- Substance abuse counselor
- Computer forensic investigator
- Private Investigator
- Victim's advocate
- Border patrol agent or customs officer

Graduate programs can lead to careers in fields such as advanced counterterrorism or public safety administration. It's also a common stepping stone to law school.

College Board Big Future: Criminal Justice Majors

The Marshall Project

Non-profit journalism reporting on criminal justice reform

