



All about SCOIR!

SCOIR will play a pivotal role in the logistical part of your college process this fall and winter because we use it to submit the documents supporting your application. You'll need to be in and out of your account regularly, making sure that your college counselor understands your plans. There is no rush, but if you feel ready and eager to cross some items off your SCOIR "to do" list, here are some tasks you can complete now:



- 1. Fill out the Senior Questionnaire.** It can be found in the Surveys section of your SCOIR account. Also fill out the Activities and Achievements section so that we have a full account of your extracurricular record, which we can represent in our recommendation letter.
- 2. Remind your parents to complete their Parent Response Form** which is in the Surveys section of their SCOIR account.
- 3. Update your college list to reflect your plans.** If you have lost interest in certain schools, move them to "Not Interested." If you have identified some schools that you plan to apply to, feel free to move those schools over to the "Applying" Column.
- 4. Have you noticed that colleges are signing up for visits?** Although there are just a handful scheduled right now, in the end we will probably have over 100 colleges set up a time to talk with interested Thayer seniors. Feel free to sign up for these visits as they appear. The meetings will be scheduled weekdays between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. throughout the fall. *We will dive deeper into this resource in another Virtual Brickyard later this month.*

Some of you have inquired about setting up your SCOIR account for the submission of the supplemental parts of your application (teacher recommendations, transcript, etc). For now, you don't need to worry about any of that. The good news is that you will meet with your college counselor for a full period in September to go through all elements of your college process, including the mechanics of putting the pieces together. In the near future, when we feel like everyone (teachers and students) is ready for this next level, we will communicate instructions. Until then, you can sit tight.

STANDARDIZED TESTING UPDATE

Thayer will be hosting three testing days for our seniors who were unable to take the SAT and ACT throughout the spring and summer.

SAT at Thayer

September 23 - Wednesday

October 14 - Wednesday

Register through the College Counseling Office



ACT at Thayer

October 6 - Tuesday

Registration form to come out this week



Your College Essay

About 70% of you have submitted a draft of your college essay to your college counselor. We have begun to read them and are gradually replying with our feedback. If you have not yet submitted your essay to your college counselor, please let us know when you plan to have it ready. Try to complete a draft soon so that we can have time to read and respond with our guidance before the school year begins.



Virtual College Exploration: STEM Days, August 11-13

If you are interested in studying a STEM major in college (*an academic program in science, technology, engineering, or math*), then you should consider attending some of the sessions at this three-day virtual college fair focused on colleges specializing in those fields.

Thirty-four colleges are participating, including:

Carnegie Mellon University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Harvey Mudd College
Drexel University	Lafayette College	Clarkson University
Union College	California Institute of Technology	Columbia University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Olin College	Washington University in St. Louis
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Rochester Institute of Technology	Dartmouth College
Colorado School of Mines	Trinity College	Boston University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Case Western Reserve	Purdue University
	Bucknell University	Rice University

Each of those schools has their own session in which they will be discussing STEM opportunities at their institutions. In addition, there will be general sessions covering the following topics:

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| AUGUST 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communicating STEM Interests in your College Application• Internships, Co-ops, and Research in STEM fields• Studying STEM in Upstate New York |
| AUGUST 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Ways to Connect with Colleges During COVID• Taking Your Learning Outside of the Classroom |
| AUGUST 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Based Learning at the College/University Level• STEM + X• Women in STEM |

For more information about these sessions and to register, [please click here](#).

THE SMARTIES CORNER

71 Number of colleges and universities where Thayer Academy graduates are enrolled in STEM programs.

A partial listing of educational institutions where Thayer Academy graduates are specifically majoring in engineering and computer science.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY	ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BROWN UNIVERSITY	STANFORD UNIVERSITY
BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY	TUFTS UNIVERSITY
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CLARKSON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
DREXEL UNIVERSITY	VIRGINIA TECH
DUKE UNIVERSITY	WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY	WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY	
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	

Quest for College: Information Session and QuestBridge Scholarship for High-Achieving, Low-Income Students

You are invited to attend a virtual college information session on **Thursday, August 13 at 8:00 p.m. ET** and connect with representatives from *Colorado College, University of Chicago, University of Southern California, Vanderbilt University, and Yale University*. They will provide guidance on making a college list, applying for admission and financial aid, and keeping your search in perspective. They'll also discuss the benefits of the *QuestBridge application*, which allows high-achieving, low-income students to match with highly selective colleges around the country. [Register here: Quest for College](#)



College Decoded Wednesday Webinars by Trinity College



Trinity College is offering high school seniors several workshops in the coming month to advise them on applying to college. The intention is to provide you with tools and support to confidently begin your college search. [Register here](#) for the workshops that you want to attend at College Decoded.

Finding Your New Home: A College Admissions Overview
August 12 @ 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

What's the Big Deal About Small, Liberal Arts (and Sciences) Colleges?
August 19 @ 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

In 650 words or Less: Taking on The College Essay
August 26 @ 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Understanding the Importance and Role of Demonstrated Interest During COVID-19
September 2 @ 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Financial Aid 101: Terms, Timeline, & Tips
September 9 @ 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

College Search Series by Bradley University



BRADLEY University This week, Bradley University is introducing the College Search Series focusing on important topics related to college planning. These virtual events will touch on everything from college visits to the application process and financial aid. [Click here to register.](#)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

- 12:00 p.m. **Admission Counselor: Your Cheerleader, Resource and New Best Friend!**
- 3:00 p.m. **First Generation Student: Navigating Your College Search**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 12:00 p.m. **College: The Extracurricular Experience YOU Want!**
- 3:00 p.m. **Mastering the Money: An Overview of the College Financial Assistance Process**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- 12:00 p.m. **Finding Your College Fit**
- 3:00 p.m. **Parents: Helping with the College Search Process**



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