

Seton Guidance Corner

December 15, 2022

Seven Top College Admission Trends for 2022

College-bound students have the opportunity to gain helpful tips and advice during a virtual presentation from a former UVA Admissions Evaluator on what colleges look for when reviewing applications. To view the presentation, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7ODUVkmNI8>.

Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology (BLAST)

Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology (BLAST) offers a three-day summer experience for rising 9th and 10th grade students and is designed to increase student interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). BLAST provides a residential opportunity and includes innovative hands-on sessions and demonstrations that seek to motivate and inspire students for STEM studies and careers. BLAST is free of charge for students who are selected to participate. The program is a partnership among Virginia Space Grant Consortium, Old Dominion University, Radford University, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and William & Mary. For more information and to apply, visit <https://vsgc.odu.edu/blast/>. Application deadline is February 1, 2023.

Virtual Information Session - Johns Hopkins Summer Programs

Learn more about the Engineering Innovation and Biomedical Engineering Innovation programs at the Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering during a one-hour virtual session scheduled for this Saturday, Dec. 17, at 12:00 p.m. What's summer without stimulation for the brain and engaging in amazing activities? Designed for talented high school math and science students, these programs offer opportunities for students to solve problems, test theories, and ultimately learn to think like engineers. During the virtual session, students can ask questions and get insider details about the admissions process, understand how to earn college credit, and more from program staff. Visit https://wse.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e2TruwiT_AukihBsyp67YA to register. A second virtual session is also offered on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 6:00 p.m. Register for this date at https://wse.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nautTRyEREScLz0ImpkhCO.

STONEPILE LLC – Online Construction College

STONEPILE provides affordable and accessible training to help meet the growing demand for qualified construction leadership professionals. Its mission is to harness the power of innovation, technology, and experience to train the next generation of construction leaders in values-based perspectives, success-oriented knowledge, and real-world construction skills. Students have the opportunity to earn an Associate or Bachelor of Applied Science in Construction, or a Master of Applied Science in Prefabricated, Offsite, and Modular Construction. In addition, a Trial 5 Program is offered and students can try five weeks of college at no cost. STONEPILE has open enrollment allowing admission any time, with a start date at the beginning of any of the three semesters each year. For more information and to apply, visit www.stonepile.us.

Cardinal Newman Society – Recommended Catholic Colleges

Over the next several weeks, the Seton Guidance Corner will highlight a recommended college by the Cardinal Newman Society. This week's feature is **University of St. Thomas**.

Year Founded: 1947
Number of Students: 2,500

Location: Houston, TX
Number of Majors: 40+

Located in the heart of Houston, Texas, the University of St. Thomas was launched in 1947 by the Basilian Fathers, who still own it today. The University boasts a solid liberal arts foundation and career preparation that is faithful to Catholic teaching.

St. Thomas offers more than 40 undergraduate majors to include medicine, education, business, and public administration. The University's comprehensive, liberal arts core curriculum includes three Catholic theology and three philosophy courses.

Student life at St. Thomas is filled with events, activities, clubs, and leadership opportunities. Clubs and activities include the Debate Club, Investment Club, Computer Science Club, Nursing Club, Chess, Fencing, and Soccer. St. Thomas recently joined the Southern Collegiate conference of the NCAA Division III with 19 varsity sports.

Spiritual life revolves around the Chapel of St. Basil, and the Basilian Fathers help provide daily Masses (including a Latin Ordinary Form each week), Confession four days a week, and weekly Exposition and Benediction of the Eucharist. (stthom.edu and <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/college/>)

Scholarship Opportunities

Common App Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: December 31, 2022

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20665/common-app-scholarship>

United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: January 13, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12734/united-states-jci-senate-foundation-scholarships>

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team: Strength through Service

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: January 20, 2023

<https://identity.dosomething.org/register>

Foot Locker Scholar Athletes

Amount: \$20,000

Deadline: January 30, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10817/foot-locker-scholar-athletes>

**Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*