

Seton Guidance Corner

November 9, 2023

Admission Officers Share Common College Application Mishaps

1. Using a silly or unprofessional email address (i.e., beebopper@abcd.com).
2. Sending emails that use Instant Messaging or texting shorthand “im w8ing 4 some1 2 call me.”
3. Leaving a message with just a first name and no number, “Hi, this is Suzie, please call me back.”
4. Not responding to emails from the admissions office.
5. Declaring in an interview that you want to major in marine biology or some other major that the college doesn’t even offer.
6. Not proofing the entire application — spell check will allow typos such as “Their is no substitute for human proofreading.”
7. Wearing college paraphernalia from another college to an interview.
8. Writing a “boilerplate essay” and multi-purposing it for many schools without regard to the specific prompt.
9. Responding to the “Why this college? essay without specific examples about why the college is a good fit.
10. Writing about something they were great at in the seventh grade and haven’t pursued since then.

Adapted from <https://biercollegeconsulting.com/college-admissions-officers-reveal-what-bugs-them-most/>.

Cardinal Newman Provisional Recognition for Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum

The Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum, a liberal arts college located in Hagerstown, Maryland, welcomed its first students in 2021 and has been provisionally recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society. The Society considers the college steeped in Catholic tradition with a curriculum and formation that is well-blended including the study and practice of the Divine Office, apologetics, and sacred music. In order to receive full recognition in the Newman Guide, a college must have been in operation for four or more years and graduated a first class. For more information, visit

<https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/college/collegium/>.

Military Day at Seton

This year’s Military Day will take place on Monday, Nov. 20, during both lunch periods in the gym. Take advantage of this great opportunity to learn about serving in our Armed Forces, ROTC scholarships, service academies, summer leadership programs, and military affiliated schools and opportunities. All students and parents are invited to participate. Be sure to stop by and thank the representatives for their service!

Fall Open House at Christendom College

Christendom College invites high school students and families to their Fall Open House scheduled for Saturday, November 18, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Meet President Dr. Timothy O’Donnell, experience a class with a Christendom professor, take a tour of campus, learn about financial aid offerings, and more. To register, visit <https://www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/>.

Final Call for AP Exams

The AP (Advanced Placement Program) is designed by the College Board to provide motivated and academically prepared high school students in 10th, 11th or 12th grade with the opportunity to study and learn at the college level with the potential to reduce college costs. The two components of the program are AP courses and AP exams. Although Seton does not offer AP courses, students do have the opportunity to take the AP exams. AP exams are scored on a 5-point scale, and a score of 3 or higher corresponds to a passing grade in a comparable college course. Most colleges and universities will grant college credit and/or advanced placement for successful AP exam scores (consult individual colleges for their policies). Earning college credit or advanced placement can allow students more flexibility to double major, study abroad, or graduate early. Participating in the AP Program can also help students to stand out in the college admissions process. For additional information, visit <https://setonschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AP-QA.pdf>.

The 2023-24 AP exams will be administered at Seton in May, but the registration deadline is this coming Monday, November 13. For a list of AP exams offered as well as for registration and payment information, visit <https://setonschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AP-Registration-2023-24.pdf>. Contact Mrs. Reyes with questions. (smreyes595@gmail.com, 703-331-3587)

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – December 2 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – November 27

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

SAT Test Date – December 2

Registration Deadline – November 17

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

ACT Test Date – February 10

Registration Deadline – January 5

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

Scholarship Opportunities

Science Ambassador Scholarship

Amount: \$40,000

Deadline: December 13, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14669/science-ambassador-scholarship>

2023 Youth Essay Contest

The theme for the essay is "What Does the Second Amendment Mean to You?"

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: December 31, 2023

<http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

Appily Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: December 31, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19282/appily-scholarship>

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$30,000

Deadline: January 10, 2024

<https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/>

**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.*