

The Doane Stuart School

April 2017 College News

By Kathleen Bracken, Director of College Counseling

April Vacation & College Visits

April vacation can be an ideal time for visiting colleges. While summer also provides students a relaxing stretch of time for scheduling campus tours, there is one big disadvantage – there are often no college students present! If your April plans take you near a college campus, this can be a great opportunity for making an appointment with the admission office for a tour and an information session. If you would like some suggestions, please call, e-mail or stop by Ms. Bracken's office.

Class of 2017 Students

Ms. Bracken is available to meet with families to review financial aid packages and assess options as you make your college choice. You have until **Monday, May 1** to send a deposit to the college you select. Of course, Ms. Bracken looks forward to hearing about your final choice of college, too.

Juniors and Parents

Ms. Bracken has now met with most of the juniors, individually, and looks forward to meeting with each junior and his or her parent(s) as **soon as possible**. As a reminder, each junior will receive his or her personalized list of 20-25 colleges after the second meeting. Please contact Ms. Bracken at kbracken@doanestuart.org, to arrange for this meeting.

Sophomores and Parents

Ms. Bracken hopes to meet with each sophomore and his or her parent(s) before the end of this school year. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please contact Ms. Bracken at kbracken@doanestuart.org, to arrange for this meeting.

Sophomores, Juniors and Parents

A great way to learn about many schools, without even leaving the Capital Region, is to attend a college fair. On **Wednesday, May 3**, the Capital District Counseling Association will host its Spring College Fair at Hudson Valley Community College. The event will run from **6:00 until 8:00 p.m.**, and admission is free. These fairs are a great chance to meet college admission representatives from a wide array of institutions, some of whom may be reading your applications in the future, and to get a sense of what different colleges and universities have to offer. Ms. Bracken encourages juniors, especially, to make time for this college fair.

Important Dates

- April 7: Deadline for juniors to register for the May 6 SAT (**required for all juniors**)
- May 6: SAT for Juniors
- May 9: Deadline to register for the June 3 SAT/SAT Subject Tests

