

CLASS OF 2008

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS – April 2008

Congratulations to all seniors on a job well done!

This will be the last of the series of newsletters for senior parents. Materials in The Pingry School College Counseling Handbook should resolve most questions you may have at this time. We encourage you to call if you have anything you would like to discuss.

May 1

This is the candidate reply date by which accepted students must respond to letters of acceptance. Students need to respond in writing (often with a deposit check) by May 1 to assure a place in the incoming class. **A student may deposit at only one college.** A student who deposits at more than one institution is likely to have the offer of admission rescinded by both colleges.

Wait List

Any college that offers a wait list position must be informed of the student's intention to remain on the wait list. While students are considering wait list options, it is important to be in close communication with your student's college counselor. Colleges may go to the wait list as early as May and as late as August. It is perfectly appropriate and ethical to accept an offer from one college and stay on one or more wait lists. A student must still deposit at one college before May 1. Your student's college counselor can help with these decisions.

Thank You

Please remember to have your student thank teachers for writing letters of recommendation.

College Visit

In making a final selection before May 1, students may need to revisit one or more colleges. Students may also be invited to local or on-campus activities for accepted students.

PSPA Event: *Letting Go: An Off-to-College Guide for Parents*

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 7:00 p.m.

Learn from a panel of past Pingry parents what it's like to send your first or last child off to college, how to handle phone calls from school, how to cope with the "empty nest," and how to handle the first visit home. Please join us for this informative evening.

Suggested Reading for Parents

Two books that have been helpful to parents as their children go off to college are:

- *Doors Open From Both Sides: The Off-to-College Guide From Two Points of View: Parents and Students*, by Woodacre & Bane
- *Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years*, by Coburn & Treeger

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!
AS WE MOVE TOWARD FINAL DECISIONS,
KEEP US INFORMED AND SEEK COUNSEL.