

# Weston High School



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Dear Seniors,

Well, this is a weird end to your senior year! The School Counseling Department hopes you're all doing well and making the most of your time at home these days. We know this has been an unexpected challenging time, and we're reaching out with some information to help reduce any stress you might be experiencing around the college admissions process.

**So, Yea, What's Going On?** - In response to the demand for reliable information about changes in admission programming responding to the coronavirus emergency, The National Association for College Admission Counseling is developing an online tool. It will provide links to relevant college and university web pages as well as specific information about campus and office closures, reply date deadlines, status of scheduled events, and other admission-related activities. They plan to begin promoting this resource on their website March 18. Visit <https://www.nacacnet.org/college-admission-status-coronavirus> for more information and check back regularly for updates.-

**Admissions Decisions** - Most regular admissions decisions are scheduled to come out over the next two weeks. Many colleges have been holding "virtual committees" and are working tirelessly to get decisions out on time. Refer to your college websites and check any emails they may have sent to learn about any changes to their notification timeline. Please remember to email your counselor, Mrs. Osinski and/or Ms. Green to update us on all of your admissions decisions so we can log them in Naviance. This will be very helpful so we don't have to hunt you down upon our return to school!

**Accepted Student Days** - Many WHS seniors were scheduled to participate in accepted student events in upcoming weeks; however, most colleges across the country have canceled all on-campus visit programs for the remainder of the spring. I know this is disappointing for many of you who have been anxiously awaiting this opportunity, and I'm sorry you may not be able to get back to campus before making your final decision. Quite frankly, it's a bummer! But all is not lost. A lot of colleges are beginning to plan alternative virtual visit opportunities and webinars for admitted students, and I encourage you to refer to the college websites where you have been admitted to see what options might be available to you. In this rapidly changing climate, you should visit their websites frequently for the most up-to-date information. You may also email the CT admissions representatives at your institutions to ask any questions you might have. They are more than willing to help!

**Deposit Deadlines** - The national deposit date for colleges across the country is May 1; however, given the current health crisis we're facing, many schools have already started to push their deposit date to June (in some cases even later). Colleges understand that without being able to visit campus in April, students will likely need more time before they can make an informed decision about where they plan to attend. There is a petition being signed by admissions professionals to universally change the national deposit date to June 1, but I'm not sure if that will be enacted. For now, refer to the websites of

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the colleges you've been admitted to and be sure to read any emails they send for their most up-to-date policies.

**Senior Internship** - I have been receiving a lot of emails about Senior Internship. Given the closure of all schools in CT and most businesses, it would be unreasonable to hold students to the March 20 self-design deadline for Senior Internship, so please do not stress over this. As of now, there is no way for us to know the extent to which COVID-19 will impact the senior internship program. As we know more, I will send out information to all seniors via email.

I know things feel strange right now, and sometimes the uncertainty around how these changes might impact your college plans and the end of your senior year can be overwhelming, but students, counselors, and colleges are all in this together and it will be OK!

The Counseling Department really misses seeing your faces (seriously!) and we look forward to coming together again. More information will be sent to families later this week on counselor availability for the remaining time out of school.

Sincerely,

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