



SCOTTSDALE PREP  
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## College Counseling News

### May, 2017



Scottsdale Preparatory Academy  
A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

May 2017

### Upcoming Events

**Graduation Dinner**  
Thursday, May 18th at  
6:00 p.m.  
**McCormick Ranch**  
**Golf Club**  
7505 E. McCormick  
Parkway  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

### Quick Links

[College Counseling Website](#)

[ACT](#)

[CollegeBoard SAT](#)

[Naviance for high school students](#)

Standardized Testing Dates

**ACT**

June 10th

Register by May 5th

**SAT**

May 6th

Registration Passed

June 3rd

### Study Abroad Over Fall Break

Scottsdale Sister Cities is hosting a study abroad opportunity in Alamos, Mexico October 7-14th. This is an excellent opportunity for students studying Spanish to practice in a real world setting. Students will travel with a Rotary member, stay with host families with high school aged siblings and attend some high school classes and participate in cultural events. This event is sponsored by the Scottsdale Rotary [Sister Cities](#). To apply, to be a youth ambassador for this program, contact Max Rumbaugh at [youthprojects@scottsdalesistercities.com](mailto:youthprojects@scottsdalesistercities.com) or see Mrs. Sterner for an application. Sister Cities is also looking for Junior Board members. This is a great opportunity for students who want to increase their international awareness. Contact the same email address to learn more.

### Upcoming College Events

A number of highly selective colleges are hosting family information nights through May in the Phoenix Metro area. Emory, John Hopkins, Notre Dame, University of Virginia and Washington University in St. Louis will be at Phoenix Country Day on May 15th at 7:00 p.m. [Program](#) Cornell, Columbia, Brown, Rice and UChicago will be at the Embassy Suites Scottsdale Resort on May 18th at 7:00 p.m. [Exploring Educational Excellence](#) Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn and Stanford will be in Phoenix and Mesa on May 24th and May 25th [Exploring College Options](#) Vanderbilt will be at Veritas on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. [Vanderbilt Road Show](#) Pre-registration may be required. See the links to register.

### College Acceptances

**[Congratulations to the Class of 2017!](#)**

### Seniors

Congratulations Class of 2017! After students make their housing deposits, they may receive a request from Student Housing to provide evidence of vaccinations. SPA College Counseling will send final transcripts automatically to the admissions office with vaccination information listed on the transcript in mid-June. However, in most cases, Residence Life or Housing is making the request now. Families can send their own records, or students can stop by College Counseling to obtain a copy of their transcript with immunizations listed and then forward this information to the appropriate

department. In addition, families may wish to consult their family physician about additional vaccinations that may be recommended such as meningitis and hepatitis B.

Seniors, have you taken any make-up course work that is required for graduation? This is particularly important for students who transferred into SPA from another school. See College Counseling if you have questions.

### **What is the Net Price Calculator?**

The cost to attend college is a concern for almost every family. Rumors abound as to how much money is available through private scholarships and grants. Since every family is unique, various factors impact their financial aid formula. Many colleges quote average student debt, but those amounts are just that - "averages" - and they do not factor in average **parent** debt.

The Net Price calculator is the best way for a family to predict with a high level of accuracy what a particular institution will actually cost. [Net Price Calculator](#) Families can also start planning early by attending a meeting with a financial college planner that may help the family implement specific strategies that can help off set the costs. SPA families have met with [The HEFAR Group](#) and Monica Felton from [The Elliott Group](#) to learn more about what they can do.

### **Your College Counseling Team**

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