



## IN THE NEWS:

- Biden recently announced his student loan relief plan. Under this plan, students who earn up to \$125,000 will be able to have \$10,000 in student loan debt cancelled. Pell recipients will receive \$20,000 in debt relief. Nearly 8 million borrowers will be eligible.
- University of Wisconsin is beginning to consider direct admissions, where high school students would be admitted automatically based on their academic record (GPA + rigor). This move would help the university attract historically disadvantaged students and reduce recent enrollment declines.
- The College Board is piloting a new AP course in African-American studies. 60 high schools across the country are trying it out this school year; they expect it to be available to all high schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

## COLLEGE IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

## UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

- Location: Denver, CO
- # of Undergrads: 5,500
- Acceptance Rate: 60%
- Student / Faculty Ratio:
- Returning Freshmen: 86%
- % Receiving Merit Aid: 85%

### INTERESTING FACTS:

- Strong business program, as well as poly sci, international studies, and public affairs
- Only 8 miles from downtown Denver with easy transportation
- Core courses are taught by senior faculty; collaborative environment with LOTS of support
- Operates on a quarter system, so classes move quickly and can feel intense
- Honors Program draws 350 students
- 29% of students are from Colorado
- Greek life is present but not overwhelming; more of a bar scene at DU than a party scene
- 3 day Winter Carnival in February; professors and students head to nearby ski areas.

## KEY CONCEPT:

## ROLLING ADMISSIONS

Rolling admissions is an application strategy where students submit applications during a window of time, typically starting September 1. The window will be open until colleges have filled their classes. And students will often hear back in 2-8 weeks.

I recommend that everyone apply to a college with rolling admissions if possible. If you apply early in the fall and you're accepted, you will revel in the fact that you are indeed going to college! It's a great way to reduce the stress involved in admissions.

Some schools that offer rolling admissions are:

- Hofstra University
- Adelphi University
- Merrimack College
- Indiana University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Penn State University
- University of New Haven
- Michigan State University
- Arizona State University

For a full list, go to: <https://blog.prepscholar.com/colleges-with-rolling-admissions>

## WHAT RISING SENIORS SHOULD BE DOING:

- Put a decent amount of effort towards your classes this semester. Your grades do count especially if you're applying regular decision. And know that colleges do and will rescind offers if grades tank (eg,UCs want nothing lower than a C during senior year).
- Find and apply to a college that offers rolling admissions now! If you get in, you'll know you're headed to college, and that can be a huge relief.
- Work on college apps slowly and steadily. 30 minutes each day or a few hours each weekend can be helpful. Waiting to the last minute to complete college apps too often doesn't work well and causes unnecessary stress. Remember that if you've built your list well, you will have some great options!
- Make a realistic and manageable plan to fill out all of the elements of the Common App and to complete any supplemental essays.

## JUNIOR PARENTS: ALREADY FEELING OVERWHELMED BY THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS?

I have a few more openings for juniors who are interested in finding their best-fit colleges. We'll have fun as we home in on what they're looking for, and we'll manage the stress as best we can. Ideally, I like to get the whole process going in October or November.

I limit my number of slots so that I'm able to give each of my students the attention they deserve, and so that I can continue working each year with a few first generation students from organizations that ensure access to higher ed.

Please check out my website for more information: [www.mgsed.com/services](http://www.mgsed.com/services). I'm more than happy to talk with you about what services I provide.

*I help students and their families navigate the college admissions process. I empower students to figure out who they are and where they belong, and I provide structure, insight, and enthusiasm as they apply to colleges that are the best fit academically, socially, and financially. Contact me for a 30 minute complimentary session to learn more!*



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