**The College Visit Minute**

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can’t attend by *The CHS College Center*

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**Is the Rep a school Alum? Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? Yes. He reads the apps. If he approves your app it goes to committee.**

**Last year’s Freshman Profile: Mid 50%: GPA - 3.8-4.0 Mean SAT – 735 Evidence based reading& writing , 744 Math ACT - 32**

**Dartmouth is interested in the student from a holistic perspective. While grades are looked at and rigor and upward trends are expected, there is more to the process than just numbers.**

**GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs. Cumulative? Weighted vs. unweighted? They look at GPA both weighted and unweighted**

**ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super score? Super score SAT but not ACT. Subject test are recommended but not required.**

**Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? They want to see the most rigorous schedule that is available**

**Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for? Leadership & Involvement**

**Most popular majors at this school: Thayer School of Engineering, Tuck School of Business and Geisel School of Medicine, Economics**

**For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? N/A**

**Does chosen major affect decision process? No, majors are declared summer of sophomore year.**

**Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs?**

**Nearly 60 study abroad and exchange programs. Leads the Ivy League in study abroad. 12 study abroad institutions.**

**Over 60% of students study abroad once, 30% of students study abroad twice, and 10% study abroad three times or more.**

**Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? More than ¾ of Dartmouth students pursue internships.**

**Research Opportunities? 64% of undergraduates participate in research**

**Special successes the school is known for: Smallest of the Ivy League colleges. Focus on undergrads. It is a Liberal Arts School that focuses on giving students a proving ground that teaches them how to solve problems since we do not know today what the problems in the future will be.**

**Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? no**

**When are scholarship deadlines?**

**What is the Total cost of Attendance? In-State Out of State**

 **Tuition & Fees**

 **Room & Board**

 **Total per Year (Two Semesters) $68,527**

**45% of students receive Dartmouth Scholarships, Avg financial aid is $49,362**

**Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed?**

**Is there a “Scholar Day” for Honors bound students?**

**Applications**

**When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling?**

**Early Decision binding – Nov 1st Regular Decision- January 1st**

**Is an essay required for all decision options? Yes. The essay is your interview. Advice: Re-read through your essay and check where in it is the first time they learn about you. If it’s the 3rd paragraph, re-write. Spend time on the supplemental questions- these are specific to Dartmouth**

**Are letters of recommendation required or suggested? Yes, one from counselor, two from teachers and one from a peer.**

**Is an in-person interview required or suggested? Alumni interviews may be offered. If you get one take it!**

**What does the school look for in each “round” of decisions? Dartmouth has a holistic approach to admissions. They focus on the student.**

**Does the school use the Common App? Yes How many applicants are received per year? 20,000 for 1200 spots**

**How much is the application fee? $60 Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?**

**Campus Life**

**NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? Division I with 32 intercollegiate sports**

**Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery?**

**Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Freshmen live in a “First Year Community” in either double or triple rooms. 95% of Students live on campus all 4 years**

**What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? Living & Learning Dorms? After freshmen year, students may live in learning communities, traditional hall style dorms, apartments or houses**

**Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.)**

**What is the undergraduate enrollment? 4300 Total enrollment? 6200**

**Percentage of male: female – 49% male 51% female Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students –**

**Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 50% of students participate in Greek Life**

**Where is the school located? Hanover, New Hampshire (college town), 2 hours North of Boston at border of New Hampshire & Vermont. Dartmouth is the largest land owner in the state of New Hampshire**

**How far is it from Milton? 18 hours by car**

**Other:**

* **Dartmouth uses a quarter system which allows for more flexibility and the ability to take more courses.**
* **Students spend the first three quarters on campus and then they may pursue different options such as study abroad or internships.**
* **Dartmouth owns 2 mountains (one for skiing, the other for hiking), lots of outdoor activities. Lodge is run by students and alumni. Freshmen stay for two days at the beginning of the year & participate in a Freshman trip in small groups led by upperclassmen, then all gather together for last night for a family style dinner**
* **Juniors can apply to Geisel medical school with no MCAT.**
* **The average class size is 19. The student/teacher ratio is 7:1**