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from start to finish”*

# Jump-Start College Admissions

## Alumni Admissions Forum



June 19, 2009



**Duke**  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Registration Form

Registration Deadline: **Monday, June 1, 2009**

Please complete and return the registration form below or go to [www.forum.dukealumni.com](http://www.forum.dukealumni.com) to register online.

Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted in order of receipt.

Questions or additional information: Charlotte Timberlake, (919) 684-5114 or (919) 684-2984

## Forum Participants

Number of family members attending the Forum \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DUKE CLASS YEAR(S)\* \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*If parent attending is not a Duke alumnus/a, please list Duke alumnus/a connection:*

ALUMNUS/A'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DUKE CLASS YEAR(S) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RISING GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

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HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

We will be taking the tour on Saturday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m.

**Registration fee** at \$100 per family: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Box lunch and beverage \_\_\_\_ at \$10 per person: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are ordering a box lunch, please select sandwich and note quantity of each:*

\_\_\_\_ Turkey and Muenster

\_\_\_\_ Grilled vegetable and fresh mozzarella

\_\_\_\_ Chicken salad

\_\_\_\_ Italian sandwich (*salami, pepperoni, and ham with provolone*)

If you would prefer to eat lunch on campus, please go to [www.forum.dukealumni.com](http://www.forum.dukealumni.com) for available dining locations.

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check made payable to **Duke University.**

Charge my  MC  Visa  AMEX

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRES \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return to Charlotte Timberlake, Duke Alumni Office, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708-0572

The process of applying to college can be exciting, exhausting, and *stressful* for both students and parents. Students raise many questions and concerns:

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*The top colleges are highly competitive. The DAA's Alumni Admissions Forum provides valuable information about the admissions process to guide parents and students. For years, alumni have been coming back to campus for this event. Some alumni have attended multiple times. Their repeat attendance confirms that this conference was a benefit to them and their future college graduate. We think you and your child will benefit as well!*

- ◆ How can I best prepare myself?
- ◆ How do I know if a school is right for me?
- ◆ What can I do to maximize my chances of admission?
- ◆ How important are essays and standardized tests in the application and selection process?
- ◆ What are colleges looking for?
- ◆ How can I present myself best on applications?
- ◆ What will it cost?
- ◆ What financing options are available?

Join us on Duke's campus Friday, June 19, 2009, for the annual Alumni Admissions Forum, which we hope will provide some answers.

This all-day conference is designed for rising 10th-, 11th-, and 12th-grade students and their parents to provide information on the process of selecting and applying to colleges. Experts in the field, both guest faculty and Duke presenters, will guide you through the undergraduate admissions maze, covering such topics as choosing a school, understanding college requirements, and completing the application.

It's never too early to start thinking about your child's academic future. The Alumni Admissions Forum is your opportunity to kick off the undergraduate admissions process.

We offer this conference as a service to Duke alumni and their children. We know you'll find it useful, regardless of your student's intention to apply to Duke. Participation in the forum will not affect or influence a student's application to Duke.

We hope to see you in June!

**Sterly L. Wilder '83**

Executive Director, Alumni Affairs

**Carole T. LeVine '86**

Director, Alumni Admissions Program



*"Excellent  
combination of topics;  
not sugar-coated"*

*“Outstanding  
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*“The information  
was excellent,  
the presenters were  
entertaining, and  
it was overall  
a very valuable day.”*

## **Guest Faculty**

### **Michael Denning**

Director of College Counseling  
Noble and Greenough School  
Dedham, Massachusetts

### **Rebecca Rutsky**

College and Career Adviser  
Alabama School of Fine Arts  
Birmingham, Alabama

### **Laura Sellers**

Associate Director of College Counseling  
Cary Academy  
Cary, North Carolina

## **Duke University Presenters**

### **Christoph Guttentag**

Dean of Undergraduate Admissions

### **Suzanne Wasiolek**

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

### **Alison Rabil**

Assistant Vice Provost and Director  
of Financial Aid

## **Accommodations**

For a list of hotels, visit  
[www.forum.dukealumni.com](http://www.forum.dukealumni.com)

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very helpful”*



*“This program  
is a valuable  
experience  
for both parents  
and high school  
students and  
is an excellent  
benefit offered  
to alumni.”*



*“Great! Thanks  
for the good  
information”*



*“Very  
worthwhile  
experience”*

## Scheduled Sessions

Bryan University Center

8:00-8:45 a.m. **Registration** (Sheafer Mall)

*juice, coffee, and muffins*

8:45-9:00 **Welcome and Introductions** (Griffith Theater)

### Session I

9:00-10:15

#### The College Search

- ◆ Getting Started: Tips for Parents and Students
- ◆ How to Create Your Own College Rankings
- ◆ Tools for Success

10:15-10:30

#### Break

### Session II

10:30-noon

#### The Application

- ◆ Application “Nuts & Bolts”
- ◆ How Colleges Make Decisions
- ◆ Telling Your Story

Noon-1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

*Admissions officers will be joining us  
for a box lunch and will be available  
to answer questions in an informal setting.*

### Session III

1:00-2:45

#### Case Studies

### Session IV

2:45-3:45

#### Duke Admissions Specifics

3:45-4:00

#### Break

### Session V

4:00-5:00

#### Paying for College

*Parents*

#### College Student Panel—What is College Life Like?

*Students*

5:00-5:15

#### Wrap-up

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