

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 Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? Yes

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? Yes

Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA - 3.6-4.4 on 5.0 scale SAT - 1130-1280 midrange ACT – 25-29 midrange

GPA -How is it calculated? GPA is calculated using only the core classes that USC requires for admission (includes 1 unit of Fine Arts). For example, since they only require 2 FL Units, if you took 3 FL's, they would use your best 2 grades into their calculation. All high school honors & AP points are removed, and they add 10 points for H and AP.

ACT/SAT –Although the written is required, they do not score it. Only superscore the SAT. Take highest composite score for the ACT

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? Do not not track # of AP courses, test score of 3-4 is usually sufficient to skip 1 courses. Sometimes a test score of 5 will allow skipping 2 courses.

Most popular majors at this school: Offer 96 majors. #1 in International Business for over 17 years. Strong in Nursing

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? They have 7 majors that qualify for Georgia in the Academic Common Market...: Some are Fashion Merchandising, International Studies, Visual Communications, Cardiovascular Technology, Public relations

Does chosen major affect decision process? No. Their application is "major " blind meaning that your declared major has no influence on acceptance.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? Yes—many opportunities to study abroad. They have their own office dedicated to this as well as internships.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? Yes. They have a Career Center on Campus dedicated to helping students find jobs while in school

Research Opportunities? The Honors College offers funding for undergraduate research- up to \$4500 during 4 years

Special successes the school is known for: International Business Program

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? You are automatically considered for scholarships when you apply; however, to be considered for the Top Scholars programs and their Honors College, must apply by Nov 15.

When are scholarship deadlines? Nov. 15

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out of State</u>
Tuition & Fees	\$11,482	\$30, 298
Housing	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600
Meals	\$ 3,245	\$ 3, 245
Books & Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$ 22,327	\$ 41,143

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? **Seniors Open House Sept 19, Discover Caroline Oct 3**

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students? **Visits to the Honors College can be scheduled with the College Tours.**

Applications

When are application deadlines? **Oct 15 (Early Answer), Nov 15 (Honors College/ Top Scholars Application), Dec 1 (Regular Application deadline), Feb 1 (last chance to send in best test scores for scholarship consideration) May 1 (Enrollment Deposit Deadline)**

Is an essay required for all decision options? **No- The Honors College requires 2 essays and 2 letters of rec.**

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? **Yes-for the Honors College**

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? **Only for the McNair Scholarship should student be selected as a candidate (This is the top scholarship with 100% tuition paid; they offer 20 per year)**

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? **Does not have "rolling applications"**

Does the school use the Common App? **No**

How many applicants are received per year? **24,000**

How much is the application fee?

Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc)? **Div 1**

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? **Football tickets are done with lottery; all other sporting events are covered with the annual student athletic fee of approximately \$85**

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? **Freshman must live on campus and can have a car**

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? **Living & Learning Dorms? Living communities are offered. Capstone Scholars live in living community for 1st 2 years of college**

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc) **Large enough City to offer all of the restaurants, concerts, shopping, but small enough city that you do not have to deal with too much traffic**

What is the undergraduate enrollment? **24,863**

Total enrollment? **32,971**

Percentage of male: female – **46% male/ 54% female**

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – **39%**

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – **21%**

Where is the school located? **Columbia, SC (capital of S.C.)**

How far is it from Milton? **3.5 hr drive**