

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*

School: **Vanderbilt** **Date:** **9/22/2015**

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Is the Rep a school Alum? **No, but he's been doing this for 3 yrs** **Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** **Yes**

Last year's Freshman Profile: **GPA– doesn't track, looks at academic achievements** **SAT - 2110 – 2350** **ACT - 32 – 34**
90.9% of incoming freshman ranked in the top 10% of their class

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? **Yes** **Super Score?** **Yes – for SAT** (SAT Subject Tests not required. Submit grades if >700)

What are the average AP requirements? **Varies because not all school offer the same amount or offer them at all.**
"We consider the academic record within the context of the high school."

Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for? **"Be involved in some way outside the classroom so we can see what you'd be like on campus."**

Most popular majors at this school: **4 colleges: Arts & Science, Engineering, Music, Peabody (Education & Human Development) – must apply to individual college.** **Can declare major 2nd semester sophomore year.** **70 majors.**

Does chosen major affect decision process? **Only for music, must audition and fill out supplements**

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? **Yes, offer all even a 2-3 week program.** **38-39% of students participate in some sort of study abroad.** **Financial Aid Scholarships can be used toward study abroad.** **140+ programs in 40 countries and 6 continents.**

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? **Yes. 72% of students do an internship.**

Research Opportunities? **Yes. 50% of student do research before graduating.**

Special successes the school is known for: **Ranked #16 for National Universities.** **Located 1.5 miles from downtown Nashville.** **First year retention rate 97%.**

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? **3 scholarship opportunities: Ingram (Community Service), Vanderbilt (Academic), and Chancellor (bridge builder in school of community, individuals interested in social justice)** **Separate application for each scholarships.** **Recipients receive full tuition.**

When are scholarship deadlines? **Dec 1 for Ingram and Dec 15 for Vanderbilt and Chancellor**

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

Tuition & Fees	\$43,620
Housing & Meal Plan	14,670
Books & Supplies	1,370
Various Fees	1,840
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$61,500

65% of undergrads receive some financial assistance. Submit FAFSA and CSS/Financial Aid Profile.

Applications

When are application deadlines? **Early Decision I: Nov 1 (start reading applications 2nd week in Nov), Early Decision II: Jan 1. Early decision results: admit or deny. No wait list. Admit rate for ED 22-23%. Admit rate for regular decision 10%. Early decision is binding. Regular Decision: Jan 1.**

Is an essay required for all decision options? **Yes.**

Are letters of Recommendation required? **Yes - 1 from counselor, 2 from teachers, will not accept more but only submit if the supplement will show you in "a different light."**

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? **Optional, informal alumni interview. Sign up online. Give the alum 2-3 days to respond. If no response, cancel it and reschedule. They are all volunteers.**

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? **Competitive curriculum, want to see that the students challenge themselves**

Does the school use the Common App? **Yes** How many applicants are received per year? **31,000**

How much is the application fee? **\$50** Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? **No but there are a certain number of spots for certain majors**

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc)? **Div I – South East Conference**

Are sporting events free? **Yes** Is there a ticket lottery? **No, show student ID, get a ticket**

Do freshmen live on campus? **Yes. Students live on campus all 4 years. There are 10 houses designed exclusively for first year students and their Faculty Heads .**

Are cars allowed? **No (When asked this question, the recruiter said no but was shaking his head yes. Would have to make off campus accommodations.**

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? **Living & Learning Dorms? Freshman live in doubles that have community-style bathrooms. Upperclassmen have doubles, triples, or suite style. There is a community service hall for students interested in participating in community service.**

What is the undergraduate enrollment? **6,851** Total enrollment? **12,686**

Percentage of male: female – **50% male: 50% female**

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – **10.4% instate, students from 50 states, 87 countries**

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – **44% Spring Rush (Only top 5-6 officers live in Greek Housing)**

Where is the school located? **Nashville** How far is it from Milton? **4 hours by car**

Other:

- **Demonstrated interest does not play a role in the admissions process**
- **Need based aid and merit based aid. No student loans. Average student financial aid package is \$45,000.**
- **Fill out price calculator before applying Early Decision.**
- **4-week "May-mester" classes on campus and abroad**
- **530+ student organizations, 43 club sports, 40+ intramural sports**