

# 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?** No, but he's been doing this for 4 yrs    **Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** Yes

**Last year's Freshman Profile:** GPA— doesn't track for freshman profile, looks at academic achievements

**SAT - Old SAT - Critical Reading Middle 50% 710-790, MATH Middle 50% 720-800 ( Look at concordance table for translations between SATS) ACT - middle 50% - 32 – 35      91.3% of incoming freshman ranked in the top 10% of their class**

**ACT/SAT – Written Portion?** Yes    **Super Score?** Yes for SAT but will not super score between old (pre March 2016) and new SATs, will not super score for ACT. (SAT Subject Tests are not required, they are optional. If do take them, submit scores if >700)

**What are the average AP requirements?** Varies - not all schools offer the same amount or offer them at all. "We consider the academic record within the context of the high school." Don't require AP test scores but can self report. Cap of 18 hours for credit hours coming in from AP Classes.

**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:** Economics, Political Science, Human and Organizational Development. Apply to one of the 4 colleges: College of Arts & Science, School of Engineering, Blair School of Music, Peabody College (Education & Human Development). 70 majors, declare major 2nd semester sophomore year - common to double major.

**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. Over 40% 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 at least one internship.

**Research Opportunities?** Yes, 50% of student do research before graduating. Can shadow professors/ graduate students, can be a research assistant.

**Special successes the school is known for:** Ranked #15 for National Universities. #8 for best undergraduate teaching among 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?** Not GA specific but 200 per year - 3 major scholarship opportunities: Ingram (Community Service), Vanderbilt (Academic), and Chancellor (bridge builder in school community, individuals interested in social justice) Separate application for each scholarship. Application online. Recipients receive full tuition.

**When are scholarship deadlines?** Jan 1, 2017 for Ingram, Vanderbilt, and Chancellor.

**What is the Total cost of Attendance?**

Tuition & Fees	\$ 44,496
Housing & Meal Plan	\$ 14,962
Books & Supplies & various Fees	\$ 5196
Estimated Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$65,416 plus travel

Admissions is need blind. 65% of undergrads receive some financial assistance. Submit FAFSA and CSS/Financial Aid Profile. Average financial aid package is \$45,000/yr. He recommends using net price calculator on website.

## Applications

When are application deadlines? Early Decision I: Nov 1 (start reading applications 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Nov), Dec 15 notification. Early Decision II: Jan 1, decision by Feb 15. 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. Over half of incoming class this year was early decision. Regular Decision deadline: Jan 1, notification by April 1. Also accept roughly 200 transfer students each year - GPA important for transfers.

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.

Campus visit opportunities - includes 'Dore of a day, can shadow a student and see what's its like

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? Competitive curriculum, want to see that the students challenge themselves. Your academic and testing profile are the foundation, then extracurricular. They look at transcript and also core class GPA. Ideal student = diverse interests.

Does the school use the Common App? Yes

How many applicants are received per year? 32,000, 3200 Early Decision, 29,000 regular

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.)? Division I – South East Conference (private and smallest school in SEC)

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. Ingram Commons has 10 houses 'designed exclusively for first year students and their Faculty Heads.'

Are cars allowed? No (When asked this question in 2015, 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, also suite-style. Upperclassmen have doubles, triples, or suite style. There is a community service hall for students interested in participating in community service. Currently doing residence hall construction, replacing an older dorm.

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 6,851, 1600 of which are freshman Total enrollment? 12,587

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

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – 10.4% instate, students from 50 states, 7 countries, 7.5% international enrollment

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 44% - Rush held in spring (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:

Black and Gold DAYS - Mini Open house for prospective students

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

Look at fit for major and school when deciding which of its 4 colleges to apply to

For those interested in health professions, there is a health profession advisory office