

## **CTC Summer "Camp" Offerings**

### **"Camp College"**

Open to rising sophomores (completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade), juniors (completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade), and seniors (completed 11<sup>th</sup> grade). Camp College is a great way to jumpstart the college search process and identify critical application requirements. In this two-day camp, participants will engage in intentional programming specific to their grade level. All students will benefit from a low faculty-to-student ratio and receive hands-on assistance from college admissions experts.

For rising sophomores and juniors, this opportunity will provide you with a solid foundation for maximizing fall college fairs (virtual and in-person), campus visits (virtual and in-person), and academic or admissions information sessions. We will also cover essential elements of the application process (including a testing game plan) leading up to senior year.

The Common Application and essay prompts are available for rising seniors in June, with additional institution-specific content added after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Starting with "Camp College" in June and then attending "Perfecting Your College Application" camp in August allows seniors to focus on completing primary application components before additional elements become available in August, thus ensuring plenty of time to craft a stand-out, stellar, college application.

Attendees will:

- Build a College List
- Find your "Fit!"
- Gain a better understanding of SCOIR (or related software)
- Take Academic & Career Assessments
- Start an Academic / Extracurricular Résumé
- Hear tips & tricks from Admissions Counselors throughout the US
- Learn how to arrange an in-person or virtual Campus Visit
- Create a Common Application Account (rising juniors & seniors)
- Complete essential components of the Common Application (rising juniors & seniors)

Two sessions offered: PICK ONE

- (Session A) June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 3 pm
- (Session B) August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 3 pm

Cost is \$175/student. In-person. Min 5 students. Max is 15 students.

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### **Essay-Writing Workshop**

Geared towards rising juniors and seniors. We will cover the Common Application essay, the "Why Us" essay, the "What Else" statement, along with the COVID-19 statement and UC Personal Insight questions. For the student who could use assistance with brainstorming essay topics and getting a solid first (or even second!) draft in place. With many schools shifting into the test-optional direction, a greater emphasis is being placed on the essay(s) as part of the application.

Seniors: I recommend supplementing this workshop with "Camp college" and "Perfecting Your College Application" Camp to be in the best possible position for application season this fall!

One Session offered:

- Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>– 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 12 pm

Cost is \$250/student. In-person. Min 3 students. Max is 15 students.

## **"Perfecting Your College Application" Bootcamp**

For rising juniors and seniors. Priority is given to seniors. Advantageous to enroll in "Camp College" and the Essay-Writing Workshop before attending application camp, though not a requirement.

One Session offered:

- Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 am - 3 pm
- Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 3 pm
- Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 3 pm

Cost is \$325/student. Min 4 kids & max is 15.

The college application process can be a very stressful part of senior year. In this 3-day summer application camp, participants will accomplish many application-related tasks in a focused yet friendly environment. Led by college admissions experts, this camp will alleviate most of the stress for both the parent and student applicant.

Attendees will:

- Complete the Common Application sections available after August 1<sup>st</sup> (seniors)
- Create Common Application, Coalition, Cal State and/or UC accounts (if applicable)
- Gain a better understanding of SCOIR (or related software)
- Hear from Admissions Counselors on how to create a stand-out application
- Understand how to best engage with Admissions Counselors
- Learn how to request Letters of Recommendation & Transcripts
- Create a College Application Calendar of important Application Tasks & Deadlines
- Organize Essay Requirements (*Essay drafts are not included*)

By the time the application camp concludes, every student will have a solid plan in place for submitting stellar applications. This camp fills up every year. Register now!

### **FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions**

- **When does registration close?**

Register for your selected camp by May 15<sup>th</sup> though camps will likely meet capacity before.

- **Who should attend the "Perfecting Your College Application" camp?**

Perfecting your College Application camp is for rising juniors and seniors who may want an opportunity to get a head start on their college application process. This camp will be beneficial for seniors with a full academic, arts, or athletics fall schedule.

- **I don't attend Denver Academy, but I would like to take advantage of the summer offerings. May I register?**

Yes! The camps and workshop are open to all Denver-metro students. Registration fees are the same for DA students and non-DA students.

- **Where do the registration fees go?**

The tuition will pay for staffing of the event, tech needs, and onsite resources to host the camp. Light snacks will be provided each day as well.

- **What is the Common Application?**

The Common Application is accepted at over 900 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. With one application, seniors can apply to multiple schools. Within the state of Colorado alone, students can apply to Colorado College, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado Mesa University, Colorado State University, Fort Lewis College, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Naropa University, Regis University, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, University of Colorado Denver, University of Denver, University of Northern Colorado and Western Colorado University with the Common Application. [Click here](#) for a full list of schools that accept the Common Application.

- **What is SCOIR?**

SCOIR is software used by Denver Academy to send supporting application documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) electronically to colleges. There are also some college search features and tools which enable students and their families to estimate college decision outcomes. SCOIR and the Common Application work seamlessly together. For students who do not attend Denver Academy, we have a background in Maia and Naviance.

- **How can I prepare for the "Perfecting Your College Application" Camp?**

We highly recommend that seniors attend the mini "Camp College" and the Essay Writing Workshop to be fully prepared for the fall college application season and get the most out of the "Perfecting Your College Application" Camp experience. Attendees should have a fully charged electronic device each day, a strong work ethic, a sense of humor, writing utensils, lunch or snacks, and a list of colleges to where you plan on applying (seniors). Additional information will be communicated to registered attendees via email closer to the start date.

- **Why should I attend "Perfecting Your College Application" Camp?**

Many students benefit from dedicated time away from distractions to work on their applications. Seniors tend to have incredibly busy fall schedules and this is an excellent way to get most of the application-related tasks out of the way, or at least in order, for when school starts.

- **Where will the camps be held?**

All camps will be held in-person on the Denver Academy campus. We will be in a classroom located in Richardson Hall as well as outside on the quad under tents.

- **I attend Denver Academy. Won't I have time in Junior and Senior Seminar to work on my applications?**

In short, no. Junior and Senior Seminar is designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore and prepare for a variety of post-secondary options. It is an academic elective with its own curriculum. Some of the college search and application related activities completed in the three camps may be addressed in seminar, but not as extensively. It is typical for an applicant to spend at least 30 hours on college applications, if not more. Seminar teachers are unable to accommodate this much time to outside assignments.