INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE AND COLLEGE FAIR

PROGRAM

8:00am: Registration opens and continues throughout the day

8:50am-9:50am EARLY BIRD CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS (repeated in Session #2)
The Homestretch: Junior and Senior Years (Main Building, Boys’ Collecting Room)
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10:00am - 11:00am CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SESSION #2
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Launching Your College Search (Meeting House)
Campus Visits and Interviews (Science Center 2nd Floor Lobby)
Checking the Box (Industrial Hall 203)
Community Based Organizations and Schools (Industrial Hall 201)
Diversity and Inclusion on Campus (Middle School Lobby)

11:10am - 12:10am CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SESSION #3
WHAT’S GREAT ABOUT….
Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Meeting House)
Women’s Colleges (Industrial Hall 201)
Colleges v. Universities (Main Building, Girls’ Collecting Room)
STEAM Programs and Colleges (Science Center, Lecture Hall)
Visual and Performing Arts Colleges and Programs (Industrial Hall 203)
Colleges in the South (Main Building, Boys’ Collecting Room)
Non-Urban Colleges and Universities (Middle School Lobby)
Faith-Based Colleges (Science Center 2nd Floor Lobby)

11:30am - 1:10pm LUNCH

1:10pm - 2:40pm ASSEMBLY KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION
Theater

2:45 - 5:00PM COLLEGE FAIR
Field House
MORNING WORKSHOPS
Recommended Grade Level Audience in (parentheses)

EARLY BIRD WORKSHOP BLOCK
8:50 – 9:50
*repeats in second workshop block

*1. THE HOMESTRETCH: JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS* (Main Building, Boys’ Collecting Room)
A timetable for success: when to do what and how to stay focused on what’s really important. (11-12)

Moderator: Michael Keaton, Friends Central School (PA)
Panelists:
Nicole Curvin, Middlebury College (VT)
Ashley Gunn, University of Vermont (VT)
Brittany Johnson, Hampton University (VA)

*2. ANATOMY OF AN APPLICATION* (Main Building, Girls’ Collecting Room)
Forms, supplements, essays, recommendations, SAT/Subject Test/ACT/AP scores; the jigsaw puzzle of a college application (9-12)

Moderator: Heather Stinson, Haverford School (PA)
Panelists:
Claudia Marroquin, Bowdoin College (ME)
Farish Jerman, Emory University (GA)
Crystal Artis, New York University (NY)

*3. ATHLETICS AND COLLEGE ADMISSION* (Science Building, Lecture Hall)
So you want to play sports in college? Divisions, conferences, recruiting, scholarships, and more. (9-12)

Moderator: Jody Sweeney, William Penn Charter School (PA)
Panelists:
Lonnie Morrison, Syracuse University (NY)
Darnell Epps, Allegheny College (PA)
Kelly Lamoreaux, Providence College (RI)

*4. PAYING FOR COLLEGE* (Theater)
Planning ahead, helpful tools, financial aid, and merit scholarships (9-12)

Moderator: Suzi Nam, Germantown Friends School (PA)
Panelists:
Myra Singletary, St. Joseph’s University (PA)
Ashley Pallie, Pomona College (CA)
Kelsey Bowles, University of Virginia (VA)
Marjorie Ireland, Westtown School (PA)
SECOND WORKSHOP BLOCK
10:00 – 11:00
* repeat of session in Early Bird workshop block

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5. LAUNCHING YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH *(Meeting House)*
It’s never too early to start planning (9, 10)

**Moderator:** Tracy Matthews, Friends Select School (PA)
**Panelists:**
- Tamara Siler, Rice University (TX)
- Cliff Thornton, Wesleyan University (CT)
- David Iselin, George Washington University (DC)

6. CAMPUS VISITS AND INTERVIEWS *(Science Center, 2nd Floor Lobby)*
Making the most of your time on a college campus and putting your best foot forward in an interview (9-12)

**Moderator:** Ryan Keaton, Abington Friends School (PA)
**Panelists:**
- Josh Levy, Oberlin College (OH)
- Chrystal Okonta, Washington University-St. Louis (MO)
- Grace Sullivan, Guilford College (NC)

7. CHECKING THE BOX *(Industrial Hall 203)*
Race, personal identity, and college admissions (9-12)

**Moderator:** Naté Hall, Baldwin School (PA)
**Panelists:**
- James Kim, Yale University (CT)
- Jamilla Jamison, Harvey Mudd College (CA)
- Renee Gadsden, Boston College (MA)

8. COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS *(Industrial Hall 201)*
A wonderful partnership but how can students affiliated with a CBO or other access organization handle (and get the most out of) two college counselors? (9-12)

**Moderator:** Thom Butler, Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable
**Panelists:**
- Billy Rison, Tufts University (MA)
- Chelsea Duncan, University of Richmond (VA)
- Seth Warner, Earlham College (IN)
- Kendra Grinnage, Germantown Academy (PA)

9. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ON CAMPUS *(Middle School Lobby)*
What challenges face multicultural students, first-generation students, and those who represent other aspects of diversity once in college? How can they prepare for the transition and get the most out of their first year? (9-12)

**Moderator:** Christopher Miller, Glenelg Country School (MD)
**Panelists:**
- Kevin Hudson, Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, Princeton University (NJ)
- Renee Johnson-Thornton, Dean for Equity and Inclusion, Wesleyan University (CT)
THIRD WORKSHOP BLOCK
11:10 – 12:10

“What’s Great About…” candid discussions with admission counselors and other guests

1. HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (Meeting House)
A proud tradition and important option

Moderator/Panelist: Kari Miller, Director of Honors and Scholar Development, Howard University (DC)
Panelists:
- Tia Parks, Cheyney University (PA)
- Brittany Johnson, Hampton University (VA)
- Maris Bowler, Lincoln University (PA)

2. WOMEN’S COLLEGES (Industrial Hall 201)
Why every young woman should consider attending a woman’s college

Moderator: Pam Fetters, Retired Director of College Counseling, Baldwin School (PA), Lovett School (GA)
Panelists:
- Deedee Cleveland, Smith College (MA)
- Afiyah Johnson-Thornton, Westtown School ’12, Smith College ‘16
- Elisabetta Bruscagli, Barnard College (NY)
- Alexis DeLaRosa, Bryn Mawr College (PA)

3. COLLEGES VERSUS UNIVERSITIES (Main Building, Girls’ Collecting Room)
It’s All Good! What’s the difference between a college and university? What are the unique advantages of each in terms of the undergraduate experience and preparation for the future?

Moderator: Ian Harkness, Malvern Preparatory School (PA)
Panelists:
- Barbara Robertson, Williams College (MA)
- Clifford Thornton, Wesleyan University (CT)
- Jonathan Aleshire, Boston University (MA)

4. “STEAM” Programs and Colleges (Science Center, Lecture Hall

Moderator: Marty O’Connell, Garrison Forest School (MD)
Panelists:
- Chrystal Okonta, Washington University-St. Louis (MO)
- Jamilla Jamison, Harvey Mudd College (CA).
- Hannah Ruddock, Case Western Reserve University (OH)
- Latasha Boyd, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)
5. VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGES AND PROGRAMS (Industrial Hall 203)
BFA versus BA, what’s right for me? “Professional” or liberal arts? What are the difference in applications and programs and what’s right for me?

Moderator: Tracy Matthews, Friends Select School (PA)
Panelists:
Mary Smith, Gettysburg College (PA)
Abbi Pfister-Soria, Southern Methodist University (TX)
Paury Flowers, Temple University (PA)

6. COLLEGES IN THE SOUTH (Main Building, Boys’ Collecting Room)
Aside from the great weather, what is it like for students from the North to attend college in the South?

Moderator: Craig Allen, The Hill School (PA)
Panelists:
Chelsea Duncan, University of Richmond (VA)
Tamara Siler, Rice University (TX)
Abby Jones, Davidson College (NC)
Teneice Stegall, Rhodes College (TN)
Farish Jerman, Emory University (GA)

7. NON-URBAN COLLEGES (Middle School Lobby)
Don’t overlook this great option! Why you should consider going to college outside of a city.

Moderator: Jessica Smith, Wilmington Friends School (DE)
Ben Rose, Hamilton College (NY)
Ashly Gunn, University of Vermont (VT)
Robyn Bowers, Kenyon College (OH)

8. FAITH-BASED COLLEGES (Science Center, 2nd Floor Lobby)
Why are they special and who is a good fit.

Moderator: Ryan Keaton, Abington Friends School (PA)
Panelists:
Allan Mathew, Messiah College (PA)
Jonathan Rice, University of San Francisco (CA)
Seth Warner, Earlham College (IN)
1:10 – 2:40
ASSEMBLY KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION (Theater)
Welcome: Chris Benbow, Head of the Upper School, Westtown School

Diversity and Inclusion in the 21st Century: Issues Facing Higher Education and College Bound Students

Keynote Speaker and Moderator: Kevin Hudson, Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, Princeton University (NJ)

Panelists:
Cliff Thornton, Associate Dean of Admissions, Wesleyan University (CT)
James Washington, Director of Admissions Outreach, Dartmouth College (NH)
Tamara Siler, Senior Associate Director of Admission and Coordinator of Minority Recruitment, Rice University (TX)

Closing:
Susan Tree, Westtown School (PA)
John Baird, Head of School

2:40
RECEPTION FOR SCHOOL AND CBO PERSONNEL (South Room, Main Building)
While the college representatives head to the Field House...
Hosts: John Baird, Head of School and Celeste Payne, Teacher, Steering Committee Member, Westtown School

2:45 – 5:00
College Fair
Field House