

WEST ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Seniors:

Historically, May 1st has been the deadline to commit to your college of choice. As it pertains to the Class of 2020, many colleges and universities have extended their deadline to June 1st. This is an opportunity to weigh all of your options before making the commitment.

While you cannot visit most colleges in person at this time, the information you need is at your fingertips. Universities and colleges across the nation are moving their events to a virtual platform. This is an opportunity to participate in **Accepted Students Days** for each of the colleges you are interested in. In addition, most colleges have **Virtual Tours** and **YouTube** videos that give you a feel for the campus and student life. Financial Aid and Admissions Offices are available via email and in some cases via phone to answer your questions.

Be savvy when using social media! Connect with universities and other college-bound students via official **Accepted Students** links. Colleges will invite you to join their **Accepted Students Groups**. Be wary of sharing information on sites that are not monitored by the colleges.

The West Orange High School Counselors are available to answer your questions.

Check your email regularly as colleges are sending updates on their deposit deadlines and the School Counseling Office continues to send out available scholarship information.

We want to celebrate your post-secondary plans with you! Whether this celebration will be in-person or virtual is yet to be determined. We will be in touch shortly with instructions for sharing your decision. Until then please email your School Counselor with your college decision.

Sincerely,

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