



THE COMPASS GROUP ADMISSION ADVISORS

Summer 2008 Newsletter

**Over 90% of our college-bound students got into their 1st choice.
And our students received over \$300,000 of Merit Aid.
Seniors (and Parents) celebrate!**

The Compass Group Admission Advisors is pleased to announce the remarkable success of its high school senior clients in their college admissions this year. Over 90% of these students will be attending his/her 1st choice college or university this fall, having chosen among Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, Oxford University, Dartmouth, Pomona, Duke, Georgetown, Tufts, Vanderbilt, University of Chicago, Davidson, University of Virginia, Scripps, University of St. Andrew's (Scotland), George Washington, Tulane, Babson and other selective colleges. Over 30% of our students received substantial merit aid packages from nationally known, selective schools.

This year's admissions are the result of strategic planning and a careful college review and application process. Having clients who were fully engaged also helped. As always, high GPAs, a rigorous schedule of AP, local college and honors courses, and strong Math SAT and ACT scores tended to result in admission success. Additionally, we noticed the following trends:

- **Demonstrated interest in a college at an unprecedented level**
At every level, students and parents made connections with university personnel, from meeting with coaches, faculty and trustees to sending CDs, thank you notes and update letters.
- **Early Decision I and/or II Applications**
The benefit of applying early decision, when available, seemed to outweigh the advantage of adding a semester of senior fall semester grades to one's GPA, even for weaker students.
- **Unique extracurriculars and state/regional recognition**
Many of our successful applicants received awards and recognition for their initiative and talents or excelled in sports or other activities at the state level.

We would like to thank all the students and parents with whom we worked this admission year in making it so successful. Our students are bright and talented, and it is gratifying to see their commitment and hard work get recognized. We fully expect all of them to prosper in their college years and beyond.