



## College Newsletter

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### College Planning

#### Get a Fresh Start in the New Year

By now you probably already have a list of New Year's Resolutions just waiting to be ignored. Don't fret! We've pulled together some tips for members of each high school class to help you stay on track this month. To read more, visit the [College Admissions Review on PrincetonReview.com](#).

**Seniors (Class of 2008):** Now that 2008 has arrived, it's FAFSA time. Also, keep track of any scholarship application deadlines, finish any outstanding college applications, follow up with your recommendation-writers, and remember to send your first semester transcript to colleges. Don't be left scrambling in May; make sure you've applied to at least one safety school! If you're having second thoughts about entering college next fall, [consider other options, such as a Gap Year program](#).

**Juniors (Class of 2009):** Nope, it's not too soon. You're halfway through your junior year, and the time has come to prepare for the college admissions process. If you haven't already done so, take a look at a real college application, review your transcript, and start talking with your teachers about writing a recommendation for you next year. Also, don't just daydream about your summer break, [explore these summer programs](#).

**Sophomores (Class of 2010):** You're halfway through your second year of high school-and once this term ends, your high school career is half over. Start defining your college goals, focus on academics and get involved in extracurricular activities. Start thinking about your summer plans and [consider a summer academic program](#).

**Freshmen (Class of 2011):** If you haven't yet gotten involved in any extracurricular activities, now is a good time to start-after all, it's a new year. There really is something out there for everyone. While you probably won't get the most glamorous jobs, [paying your dues now will pay off later](#).

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## Test Prep

### National Testing Day - March 8, 2008

On March 8, we're offering high school students the opportunity to take a FREE full-length practice SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Test, or PSAT.

Take a practice test under simulated testing conditions, and you'll get a detailed score report highlighting your strengths and weaknesses. This is a great opportunity to find out how you'd do on test day!

Participate in [National Testing Day 2008](#) - learn your strengths, pick your test, and raise your score!

Call us at 800-2Review (800-273-8439) or visit [PrincetonReview.com/NTD](http://PrincetonReview.com/NTD) to register for a free practice test near you.

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## Inside Schools

Getting a business degree in college is a smart choice. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) *2007 Job Outlook Report*, 5 out of the 10 most in-demand bachelor's degrees for employers are business-related majors.

A business major also helps you gain concrete skills that you can apply to industries, organizations, and causes that you are passionate about. For example, consider applying your business skills to the fields of Media and Entertainment, Environmental Policy, International Relations, or Government, in addition to corporate settings.

Consider the following schools offering innovative undergraduate business programs:

### [St. John's University](#) (Queens, NY)

#### *Management*

The Peter J. Tobin College of Business at St. John's enjoys national acclaim for preparing students to be thoughtful, broadly educated business leaders. St. John's University offers world-class academics, high-tech resources, Big East excitement, and friendly residential campuses in exciting New York City.

[Request a Brochure from St. John's](#)

### [Full Sail](#) (Winter Park, FL)

#### *Entertainment Business*

The Bachelor's degree program in Entertainment Business combines comprehensive business training with entertainment-specific courses to prepare students for careers as creative leaders within an organization, or as entrepreneurs creating their own entertainment media business. Full

Sail has the #3 Best Music Business Department according to *Rolling Stone* magazine's *Schools that Rock: The Rolling Stone College Guide*.

[Request a Brochure from Full Sail](#)

[Hastings College](#) (Hastings, NE)

*Business Administration*

Hastings has been recognized for its top-notch academics and affordability by several national organizations. In addition to the above majors, Hastings offers minors in Small Business Entrepreneurship, Advertising and Public Relations, Accounting, and Economics. More than 97% of students receive financial aid. Within 6 months of graduation, over 97% of Hastings graduates are either employed or pursuing further education.

[Request a Brochure from Hastings College](#)

[Learn about more schools offering business programs](#)

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## **Financial Aid**

### **January = Taxes + FAFSA = Student Loans for College**

If you plan to finance your college education with the help of the federal government (in the form of federal student loans), you'll have to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, otherwise known as the FAFSA. The FAFSA is the first step to securing federal Stafford loans; without it you'll be out of luck. While the form may seem daunting at first, we can help you get through it without too much pain.

[Learn how federal aid works](#)

[Tips on filing for financial aid](#)