



Marks Counseling Associates, LLC

Helping you chart your educational course

College results for Classes of 2005-2010

(Results as of February 2010)

Legend:

Bold = Enrolled

Bold Italics = More than one enrolled

* = More than one admitted

American University *
Auburn University *
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College *
Baylor University
Boston College *
Boston University *
Bowdoin College *
Brown University *
Bryn Mawr College *
Bucknell University *
California Institute of Technology
California Polytechnic State University
(Obispo)
Carnegie Mellon University *
Case Western Reserve University *
Clark University
Clemson University *
Colby College *
Colgate University *
College of Charleston *
College of the Holy Cross *
***College of William and Mary (Monroe
Scholar)*** *
College of Wooster *
Colorado College *
Columbia University *
Connecticut College *
Cornell University *
Dartmouth College *
Davidson College *
Denison University
Dickinson College *
Duke University *
Elon University
Emory University *
Eugene Lang College
Fordham University *
Fort Lewis College
Franklin and Marshall College *
Furman University *
Georgetown University *
George Washington University *
Hamilton College *
Hampden-Sydney College
Harvard University *
Haverford College *
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University *
Indiana University *
James Madison University *
Johns Hopkins University *
Kenyon College *
Lehigh University
London School of Economics (UK)
Loyola University (MD) *
Macalister College
McGill University *
Miami University *
Middlebury College *
Mount Holyoke College
New York University *
North Carolina State University *
Northeastern University *
Northwestern University *
Oberlin College

Occidental College *
 Oxford College of Emory University
Pennsylvania State University *
 Pitzer College
 Pomona College
Princeton University *
 Purdue University *
Randolph-Macon College *
 Reed College
Rice University *
 Roanoke College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
Santa Clara University *
 Sarah Lawrence
Scripps College *
Sewanee: The University of the South *
 Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University *
 St. Joseph's University *
 St. Olaf College
Stanford University *
 State University of New York (SUNY),
 Purchase *
Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University *
Texas A&M University
Trinity College (CT) *
Tufts University *
Tulane University *
 Union College
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego's
 Sixth College
University of California, Santa Barbara *
University of Chicago *
 University of Colorado, Boulder *
 University of Delaware *
 University of Denver
University of Edinburgh (UK) *
University of Georgia
 University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, College Park
 (Honors) *
University of Miami
University of Michigan (Honors) *
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 (Morehead) *
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of Notre Dame *
University of Pennsylvania *
 University of Richmond *
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina *
 University of Southern California *
 University of St. Andrews (UK) *
University of Texas, Austin
University of Vermont *
University of Virginia (Echols & Jefferson
Scholars) *
 University of Wisconsin, Madison *
Vanderbilt University *
Vassar College
Villanova University *
 Virginia Commonwealth University *
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State
University (Honors) *
Wake Forest University *
Washington and Lee University *
Washington University in St. Louis *
Wellesley College *
Wesleyan University *
 Williams College *
Yale University *



Class of 2010 – Early College News

February 24, 2010

Dear Clients,

We've had another busy and productive year at Marks Counseling Associates, LLC (MCA)! We continue to work with students and families in the DC metropolitan area and around the country, as well as a number of international clients. We've enjoyed working with many students to plan curriculum, testing, and other important commitments.

The early results of our Senior college applications have once again been highly successful. Most high schools expect between 33% and 50% of their applicants in Early Decision (1 and 2), Early Action, and/or Rolling admission pools to be admitted. **We are delighted that, as of today, 79% of our Seniors in those admission pools have received good news.**

Last year MCA added school admission counseling to our range of services. We were especially pleased last spring when **88% of our students gained admission to their first-choice schools** and 12% to their second-choice schools. Today those students are happily enrolled at The Field School, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Mercersburg Academy, National Cathedral School, St. Albans School, and St. Anselm's Abbey School. We continue to assist clients with admission to Washington-area day and East Coast boarding schools.

Our tutoring practice continues to grow. We are helping an increasing number of clients prepare for all standardized tests, including graduate school admissions tests and secondary school admissions tests. Our students have had an exceptional year. **The average rise in scores for our Seniors, from the Sophomore PSAT to the highest combined SAT, was 340 points. For the ACT with Writing, the average improvement from the Sophomore PSAT to the highest composite ACT was 7.25 points (equivalent to approximately 435 SAT points).** We use the Sophomore PSAT as the baseline because most of our students begin tutoring in the summer prior to the Junior PSAT. Further details on our score improvements and expanded tutoring/test preparation services are available at www.marksca.com/tutoring.

The list of schools to which our Seniors have thus far been admitted follows. In many cases, more than one student was admitted. The asterisk indicates that at least one student will enroll.

- Auburn University
- Bowdoin College*
- Brown University*
- Colby College*
- Colorado College*
- Duke University*
- George Washington University*
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard University*
- Miami University*
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University*
- Southern Methodist University
- Trinity College (CT)*
- Tufts University*
- Tulane University
- University of Arizona*
- University of Chicago
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Maryland – College Park
- University of Miami*
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania*
- University of South Carolina
- Vanderbilt University*
- Vassar College*
- Washington and Lee University*
- Wesleyan University*
- Yale University*

Nationally, fewer students will graduate from high school in 2010 than did in 2009; however, the current economic climate has nonetheless contributed to increases in Early Decision applications at many schools. To cite several examples, Brown University experienced a 21% rise, Duke University saw an increase of 33%, and Northwestern University had a 15% jump in Early Decision applications. Applications to Early Action programs, which are non-binding, have not increased to the same degree this year at private *or* public universities. Many public universities experienced huge jumps in their application numbers for the 2008-2009 admissions cycle and have reported more modest increases this year. The University of Vermont reported that it had 12,730 applications this year for Early Action (including students who applied through the V.I.P. application), similar to last year's figure. Late last month, the University of Michigan, which has a Rolling Admissions process, reported that applications were up 5%, compared to the same time last year; the University received a record 29,965 applications last year.

To achieve strong results in this particularly challenging year, the MCA counseling and tutoring teams have relied on their tailored work with students. For example, we begin assisting our clients with their college applications in the summer before Senior year when they are able to prepare these applications more thoroughly than they would in the hectic fall of Senior year. We also take a variety of factors into consideration when making a strategic plan; these factors include students' special talents and interests, scholarship opportunities, and institutional priorities such as geographic and gender balance.

We invite you to visit our Web site, www.marksca.com, for a full list of our college and standardized testing results from previous years. As many of you know, we provide similar counseling and tutoring services for Collegiate Directions, Inc. (CDI), the nonprofit founded by Nina Marks in 2005 to address the achievement and opportunity gap between low-income, first-generation-to-college students and their more affluent peers. We are deeply grateful for the generous support of our wonderful MCA clients. To learn more about CDI Scholars and their college and testing results, please visit www.collegiatedirections.org.

All of us at MCA send best wishes for a great 2010, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Nina Marks Barbara Hancock Brooke Fernandez Denise Buchanan Maureen Hamilton
Nitin Sawhney Dan Bloss Jill Salisbury Phillip Chang Nisha Sardella Phillip Porter



Class of 2009 – Year-End Results

June 25, 2009

Dear Clients,

We've had another successful and exciting year at Marks Counseling Associates (MCA), and we've enjoyed working with many of you throughout your high school years to plan curriculum, testing, and other important commitments.

While the application and admission process, especially for selective colleges, gets more competitive each year, we're proud that our Seniors made timely and strategic choices and were excellent personal advocates. They worked with us to beat deadlines, produce outstanding applications, make college contacts, and take charge of this daunting process.

Most high schools expect between 33% and 50% of their applicants in Early Decision (1 and 2), Early Action, and/or Rolling admission pools to be admitted. We are delighted that 86% of our Seniors in those admission pools received good news, a significant increase from our results last year. At the writing of this letter, all of our Seniors have been admitted and have made decisions about matriculation. The list of schools at which they were accepted follows. An asterisk indicates that one or more students will attend.

- American University
- Boston College*
- Boston University
- Brown University*
- Bryn Mawr College*
- Bucknell University*
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Clemson University
- Colgate University*
- College of Charleston
- College of Wooster
- College of William & Mary*
- Colorado College*
- Columbia University*
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College*
- Denison University
- Dickinson College*
- Duke University*
- Elon University
- Fordham University
- Northwestern University*
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pomona College
- Princeton University*
- Rice University*
- Saint Joseph's University
- Santa Clara University*
- Scripps College*
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University*
- Trinity College (Connecticut)
- University of Michigan*
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of Pennsylvania*
- University of Scranton*
- University of South Carolina*
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas at Austin*

- Franklin & Marshall College
- Georgetown University*
- George Washington University*
- Harvard University
- High Point University*
- Indiana University
- Kenyon College*
- Loyola College in Maryland
- Middlebury College*
- Northeastern University
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia*
- Vanderbilt University*
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University*
- Washington and Lee University*
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Williams College*
- Yale University*

All of us at MCA have enjoyed working with you this year, and we send best wishes to you for a happy and healthy summer. For those of you who are continuing with us, we look forward to working with you next year. Our congratulations to the Class of 2009!

Nina Marks Barbara Hancock Brooke Fernandez Maureen Hamilton



Marks Counseling Associates, LLC

Class of 2009 – Early College News

February 19, 2009

Dear Clients,

We've had another busy and productive year at Marks Counseling Associates, LLC (MCA)! We continue to work with students in the DC metropolitan area and around the country, as well as a number of international clients. We've enjoyed working with many of you throughout your high school years to plan curriculum, testing, and other important commitments. This year, prompted by client requests, we now offer elementary and secondary school admission counseling and even broader test preparation services.

The early results of our Senior college applications have once again been highly successful. Most high schools expect between 33% and 50% of their applicants in Early Decision (1 and 2), Early Action, and/or Rolling admission pools to be admitted. **We are delighted that as of today 86% of our Seniors in those admission pools have received good news, a significant increase from our results at this time last year.**

Our tutoring team has also had a banner year. **The average rise in scores for our Seniors, from the Sophomore PSAT to the final test taken, was 315 points for the SAT and 6.5 points for the ACT with Writing (equivalent to approximately 390 SAT points).** Further details on our score improvements and expanded tutoring/test preparation services are available at www.marksca.com/tutoring.

The list of schools to which our Seniors have thus far been admitted follows. In many cases, more than one student was admitted.

- Boston College
- Brown University*
- Bryn Mawr College*
- Bucknell University*
- College of William and Mary*
- Colorado College*
- Columbia University*
- Davidson College*
- Duke University*
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University*
- High Point University
- Indiana University
- Kenyon College*
- Middlebury College*
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University*
- Pennsylvania State University
- Rice University*
- Saint Joseph's University
- Santa Clara University
- Scripps College*
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University*
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina-Greensboro
- University of Scranton
- University of South Carolina*
- University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
- University of Vermont
- Vanderbilt University*
- Villanova University
- Washington and Lee University*
- Yale University

*Will attend.

The downturn in our economic climate has contributed to an increase in early applications at both state and private universities this year, making admission even more competitive. For instance, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill saw an increase of 15% and Duke experienced a 23% rise. At Yale, even though the number of Early Action applications increased by 13.7%, the University admitted only 13.4% of these applicants (down from admitting 18.1% last year) and sent twice as many rejection letters and fewer deferrals.

To achieve strong results in this particularly challenging year, the MCA counseling and tutoring teams have relied on their tailored work with students. For example, we begin assisting our clients with their college applications in the summer before Senior year when they are able to prepare these applications more thoroughly than they would in the hectic fall of Senior year.

We invite you to visit our web site (www.marksca.com) for a full list of our college and standardized testing results from previous years.

All of us at MCA send best wishes for a great 2009, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

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Nitin Sawhney Dan Bloss Jill Salisbury Jamyel Jenifer



Marks Counseling Associates, LLC

Class of 2008 - Early College News

February 14, 2008

Dear Clients,

We've had another busy and exciting year at Marks Counseling Associates, LLC. We continue to work with students in the DC metropolitan area and around the country, as well as a number of international clients. We have enjoyed working with many of you throughout your high school years to plan curriculum, testing, and other important commitments.

The early results of our Senior college applications have once again been very successful. Whereas most high schools expect between 33% and 50% of their applicants in Early Decision, Early Action, and/or Rolling admissions pools to be admitted, we are delighted that as of today 81% of our clients in those pools have received good news.

The list of schools to which our Seniors have thus far been admitted follows. In many cases, more than one student was admitted.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boston College• Brown University*• Columbia University*• Cornell University*• Dickinson College*• Haverford College*• Pennsylvania State University• Santa Clara University• St. Andrews University• Southern Methodist University• Swarthmore College*• Tulane University• Tufts University*• University of Colorado (Boulder)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Edinburgh• University of Georgia*• University of Maryland (Honors College)• University of Michigan• University of Pennsylvania*• University of Vermont• Vanderbilt University*• Villanova University• Wake Forest University*• Washington University (St. Louis)*• Wesleyan University*• College of William and Mary*• Yale University
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*Will attend.

We invite you to visit our web site (www.marksca.com) for a full list of our college results from previous years.

All of us at MCA send best wishes for a great 2008, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Nina Marks Brooke Fernandez Maureen Hamilton



Marks Counseling Associates, LLC

Class of 2007 - Early College News

January 8, 2007

Dear Clients,

We've had a very busy and exciting year at Marks Counseling Associates, LLC, and we are pleased to be working with each and every one of you. The early results of our Senior college applications have been very successful. We continue to work with students in the DC metropolitan area and around the country, as well as a number of international clients.

Whereas most high schools expect between 33% and 50% of their applicants in early and/or rolling admissions pools to be admitted, we are delighted that thus far, 80% of our clients in those pools received good news. We are particularly pleased because 74% of our early admissions clients have been admitted to their first choice school.

The list of schools to which our clients were admitted follows. In many cases, more than one student was admitted.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College of Charleston• Cornell University*• Dartmouth College*• Duke University*• Harvard University*• Hofstra University• Indiana University• Kenyon College*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northwestern University*• Princeton University*• Trinity College (CT)*• Tufts University*• University of Michigan• University of Pennsylvania*• University of Vermont• College of William and Mary*
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*Will attend.

All of us at MCA send best wishes to you for a happy and healthy 2007, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

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