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Greetings from the Office of Admissions at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. The winter festivities are upon us and students are studying for their term finals while we wind down our fall travels. Now it's time to craft our Class of 2017. But let's also reflect on the news items of the past five months:



Early Action, by the numbers

The 2012-2013 year has started off very similarly to the 2011-2012 year. During Early Action, we received around 1,700 applications—an increase of about 5% from last year—allowing us to admit roughly a third of next year's class. We have maintained the uptick in interest from the East Coast

and locally here in Oregon. The middle 50% range of our admitted students' had a recalculated high school GPA of 3.7-4.3 (on a 5.0 scale), maintaining similar numbers to the enrolled class this year. They also had an SAT score of 1840-2060 and ACT composite of 27-31.

We expect the robust number of applications to continue for Regular Decision. Please keep in mind when counseling your students that our Regular Decision deadline is set for **January 15**, a change made necessary to account for the growth in applications.

What's New in Admissions?

Over the course of this fall, there have been many changes in our office and the work that we do.

In late July, we hired a new admissions counselor in replacement of the departure of Kylee Brandt. Benjamin Anderson is a 2007 graduate of Lewis & Clark with a double major in Communication and Theatre. He represents students from Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, and Eastern Washington, in addition to the South-eastern states. [Find out who is representing your students this year.](#)

Our Admissions Office also

continues to develop new ways that allow prospective students and families to engage our campus and community though they may not have the opportunity to visit our campus in person.

This July, the College released a student-produced [video](#) to showcase the Lewis & Clark experience. The end of the summer also marked the launching of our new [virtual tour](#) using Google's Street View function.

To interact with our community, we have developed email addresses that allow admitted

students to contact our faculty and current students with their questions. We hope that the "ask a student" and "ask a professor" features will make for a better forum to ask their specific questions to our various community members.

And for those able to visit our campus, they might notice a few changes when scheduling a visit. We have completely redesigned our [online visit scheduler](#) to be more user-friendly and informative. Now families can see all of their visit options for the

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Campus Snapshots

Stay in touch with the Lewis & Clark community in pictures! Check out our [flickr photostream](#).



Students gather to watch the election in the Council Chamber



Students at the opening of "Wanderlust: Travel Photography" which opened this fall in our Hoffman Gallery



The campus grounds are getting retrofitted to resemble how they were originally designed for the Frank family in the 1920s



One of the many New Student Trips in August hosted by College Outdoors



York, our provocative tribute to Lewis & Clark's oft forgotten slave, has seen a lot of fall and winter accessories this year



L&C women's basketball program is currently ranked sixth in the nation by D3hoops.com, the highest ranking in school history



The fall main stage performance *Failure to Communicate*, an original piece created by the L&C Theatre Department

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This fall brought about more national recognition to our faculty and students. Here are some of the highlights:

- In November, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* [ranked Lewis & Clark 17th among liberal arts colleges](#) for the total number of Fulbright awards offered to students for 2012-2013.

- The *US News & World Report* recognized Lewis & Clark's [Overseas Program as one of the best](#) in the nation.

- [L&C debaters won the Pat Kennedy Memorial Tournament](#), hosted by University of the Pacific and the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

- *Inc.* magazine recognized Lewis & Clark alumna, Amber Case '08, as [one of the 30 "coolest entrepreneurs under 30."](#)

- Lewis & Clark made the *Sierra Club's* list of [top 25 most sustainable schools](#).

- The *Princeton Review* selected Lewis & Clark as [one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation](#).

Admissions Updates (continued)

year and plan accordingly to maximize their visit.

Another visit-oriented change is coming up this spring. In order to provide the best experience for visiting high school juniors, we are organizing our first-annual Junior Preview on April 6th, when many of our prospective students have

their spring break. If you have juniors and their families already planning a trip to the Pacific Northwest this April, please help us make this new event a success by encouraging them to attend.

Finally, the Admissions Office is going paperless in its review process for

Regular Decision. This is a major undertaking and though we hope that the transition goes smoothly, we anticipate there might be some growing pains. We ask that you are patient and supportive in our efforts to be a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly office.

New Opportunities in Science

Last year, Lewis & Clark was awarded a grant from the James F. & Marion L. Miller Foundation to build on existing strengths in science education at the college. The grant will support research for students interested in pursuing

careers in science and technology and enhancing science curriculum. In addition, it will help to financially support science students through need-based scholarships and broaden our outreach toward future scientists.

The Admissions Office is excited to invite high school seniors to our first-annual science-oriented visit program. These students will have the opportunity to meet with science faculty and current students while visiting our campus.

It was incredibly affirming to witness the strong Lewis & Clark presence in Seoul, Tokyo, and Shanghai. At the events we held in each of those cities, I met many alumni and friends of the college who are business leaders, or who are barely out of Lewis & Clark and already engaged in exciting careers in Asia."

**- Barry Glassner
President**

reflecting on his recent trip to Asia



Come visit us!

Our doors are open to visitors of all kinds year-round. We welcome you to [visit Lewis & Clark](#) and learn firsthand about the opportunities our students have here. We offer student-guided tours and information sessions led by admissions counselors. We would love to connect with you in person on our campus! [Contact your student's representative admissions counselor](#), if you make the trip. And keep in mind the other [events](#) that might be happening on our campus during your visit. We hope to see you soon!

A Message from Our Dean

Our Dean of Enrollment and Communications, Lisa Meyer, recently sent a letter to friends and colleagues across the table in high school college guidance offices around the country. As a mother of a senior in high school, she has a different and very personal perspective on the work that we do in college admissions. It was an

illuminating experience that she shares in a brief letter that you can read [here](#).

We strive to be the most informative and engaging staff for you and your students and families as they chart this often unfamiliar and challenging process. On behalf of our entire staff and institution, we ask for your feedback on the following questions:

what can we do to better serve your students as they apply to colleges? What should our counselors make sure they ask, say, and do when they visit your school? What other advice would you offer?

Please send your responses to Lisa at lmeyer@clark.edu. We look forward to your responses. Thank you!

Lewis & Clark Calendar

We have many great ways for prospective students to learn about Lewis & Clark and interact with admissions counselors on campus or on the road. Keep these dates in mind this spring when talking with your prospective students and check [our travel schedules](#) to find us near you!

December 22 – January 1	College is closed (no Admissions Visit Program events offered)
January 1 – late March	Transfer applications are reviewed on a rolling basis . Decisions are mailed within 3 weeks of application completion
January 15	Regular Decision application deadline for first-year students
January 17	Final day for on campus interviews. Off-campus interviews are offered in various locations around the country in January. See if we are offering interviews near you!
January 28	Class visits begin for visiting students (by reservation)
February 4	Overnight visits begin for visiting students (for students applying for Fall 2013, by reservation)
February 15	Priority filing deadline for financial aid (CSS Profile and FAFSA)
March 25-29	Spring Break for L&C students
April 6	Junior Preview
April 13	Admitted Student Program

Have a wonderful winter season! If you have questions regarding Lewis & Clark or this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me or the [counselor for your area](#).

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