

College Caller FAQs for Class of 2022

The class of 2022 is presented with a unique situation in regards to researching your college choices. Most colleges and universities are not hosting on-campus visits and those that may be hosting might be in states that require a quarantine. What that means for your class is a complicated process at best!

OPRF's *College Caller* program is one of the ways you can learn more about your selected colleges and universities. The program, which has been in place for over thirty years, allows you to attend presentations from college and university admission representatives. This semester's sessions are all virtual. All sessions use the same Zoom link. The link to the *College Caller* sessions is:

<https://oprfs-org.zoom.us/j/4395996675?pwd=NGFCLzJDRHdvSnBDL1NBR0lrWFNMQT09>

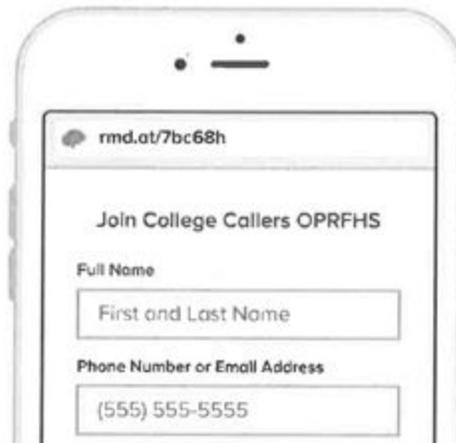
To receive *College Caller* notifications, sign up on *Remind*:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/7bc68h

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @7bc68h to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @7bc68h to (630) 755-3351.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Other College and University Research Tools from OPRF

- [Unmasking the College Search Process Resource Page](#)

- **College Connection allows you to connect with OPRF Grads and faculty from some of YOUR potential colleges**

Rolled out last spring for the class of 2020, the *College Connection* program is back and available for all current seniors to use. It is pretty simple: send an email to collegeconnection@oprfs.org and share the list of colleges/universities that you would like more information about. You will get a response with information on how to connect with an OPRF grad or faculty member who attends or who has graduated from the colleges on your list. We will also provide information regarding their major and activities they participated in while on campus. While we don't have every college paired with an alum, hundreds of colleges are represented. With college campuses not opening up for visits in the near future, this is an excellent way to connect and get the "real scoop" on some of your potential schools.

- **NEW ADDITION: OPRFHS College Callers/Virtual College Events
Google Classroom (Class code: h1py7k2)**

The new Google classroom will include links to virtual college admissions presentations from both the colleges who host College Caller events AND from colleges that are not presenting at OPRF this year (Some colleges only visit OPRF every other year). We will also be adding to the classroom other virtual college events--such as college fairs--that we think will help you in your college research process.

Tips For Making a Good First Impression During Zoom College Caller Meetings

Be on time for the session.

Dress appropriately- just like you would if you were meeting in person.

Keep your camera on- the rep wants to see who they are speaking with and it helps to build a personal connection.

Maintain eye contact with the camera- to show you are paying attention.

Keep your mic turned off - unless you are asking or answering a question.

Avoid other distractions - turn off your phone, go to a quiet space if possible.

And most of all - Ask QUESTIONS!! They love questions from students! Here is a list of just SOME of the possible questions to ask a college representative:

- What is the campus like (i.e. size, location to nearest city or downtown area)?
- What is the makeup of the student body (i.e. from what states, commuter versus residential, diversity)?
- What majors/programs are most popular or are you most known for?
- What is the housing situation? Where can freshmen live?

- What percent of the students live on campus?
- What percent of students return for their sophomore year?
- Do you have the major(s) I am considering?
- How difficult is it to change majors?
- What are the sizes of the classes at each level? Are they taught by professors or graduate students?
- What opportunities are there for research, independent study, or internships?
- What opportunities are there to study abroad?
- What kinds of clubs and activities are there? Are there fraternities/sororities on campus?
- Do you have an honors program or academic programs such as a Residential College?
- Is there a separate application to be considered for scholarships?
- What is the graduate program placement rate (e.g. medical or law school)?