

The GateCrasher Series is Back!

Deans and Directors of the “The Sister Colleges” to speak on September 19 at free event to kick off lauded lecture series for college-bound students and their families



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Mount Holyoke



Jenny Rickard
Bryn Mawr



Jennifer Fondiller
Barnard



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Smith



Jennifer Desjarlais
Wellesley

The *GateCrasher Series* is back! This will be the fourth year **The Colorado Springs School** has offered this series of valuable presentations on what colleges and universities have to offer incoming students. All events are free and open to the public and begin with a reception.

Five events are scheduled for the 2007-2008 school year. The Series begins on Wed. Sept. 19, 2007 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the *Louisa Performing Art Center* with *The Sister Colleges* – representatives from five outstanding all-female colleges from the Eastern United States whose schools have been referred to as the “Female Ivies”. An open reception begins at 6:00 pm.

The Sister Colleges (**Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Smith, and Wellesley**) are five of the nation’s most distinguished and selective liberal arts colleges. Founded as the women’s equivalent to the then predominately male Ivy League, the Sisters maintain their historic commitment to rigorous liberal arts education and to the development of women leaders.

Historically, The Sisters were “The Seven Sisters” and included **Vassar** and **Radcliffe** Colleges. But seven are now five as Vassar is coeducational and Radcliffe has merged with Harvard, becoming the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. Nonetheless, the consortium continues its cooperative efforts and informational outreach programs begun initially in 1915.

“This is going to offer the Colorado Springs community an insightful look inside a style of education that has endured against all odds,” said Rusty Haynes, Director of College Counseling at The Colorado Springs School and the man who created the GateCrasher Series. “These colleges stand by themselves in our country’s higher educational terrain. They offer a tremendous commitment to learning and student accomplishment and a unique campus life that is different from all other colleges and universities. We are lucky to have their spokeswomen here in the Springs.” **-MORE-**

The panel of five includes Jenny Rickard, Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid at Bryn Mawr College; Jennifer Desjarlais, Dean of Admissions at Wellesley College; Audrey Yale Smith, Dean of Enrollment at Smith College; Diane Anci, Dean of Admissions at Mount Holyoke College; and Jennifer Fondiller, Dean of Admissions at Barnard College. They will offer a brief history of the Sister Colleges; discuss their strengths in the sciences, opportunities for internships, leadership, outcomes, and social life. There will be ample opportunity for those in attendance to have any questions answered with regard to selective college admission.

Notable Sisters graduates include Hillary Rodham Clinton, United States Senator (Wellesley), Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University (Bryn Mawr), Gloria Steinem, journalist and women's rights advocate (Smith), Suzan-Lori Parks, playwright and screenwriter (Mount Holyoke) and Anna Quindlen, Pulitzer prize-winning author and journalist (Barnard).

"We've seen attendance climb every year the GateCrasher Series has been offered," said Haynes. "I'd like to think this year's line up will keep this trend alive."

Additional offerings for the 2007-2008 school year include the following topics:

Nov. 19, 2007: Winning the Financial Aid Game: Need-Based and Merit-Based Aid. Forms, scholarships and the financial aid process with Jen Sparkle, Associate Director of Financial Aid, the University of Denver.

Jan. 16, 2008: How to De-Stress the College Admission Process - dealing with selective admission, stress and parental roles with Duncan Murdoch, former Vice President of Admission at Franklin W. Olin College, and Dean of admission at many others.

Feb. 19, 2008: Selective College Admission - a step-by-step evaluation of the college admission/application process with Chris Ellertson, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, Trinity University, Texas.

April 15, 2008: Breaking Away: How to Survive the First Year of College - a program designed for the first-year survival of both parents and students with Peter Van Buskirk. Peter is the CEO of The Admission Game. He was also a former Dean of Admission at Franklin and Marshall College and Vice President of Peterson's, Inc.

All GateCrashers presentations are held on The Colorado Springs School campus at 21 Broadmoor Ave. in the Louisa Performing Arts Center. For additional information, contact Rusty Haynes at rhaynes@css.org or 719-475-9747, x 573.

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Who: **The Colorado Springs School** and “**The Sisters**”, Deans and Directors from the five prestigious all-female colleges: **Mount Holyoke, Smith, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, and Barnard**

What: *GateCrasher Series 2007-2008 #1: The Sisters*

Representatives from all five schools offer a brief history of The Sister Colleges: their strengths in the sciences, opportunities for internships, leadership, outcomes, and social life; and selective college admission in general.

When: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 7:00-9:00 pm. An open reception will be held at 6:00 pm.

Where: The Colorado Springs School's *Louisa Performing Arts Center* at 21 Broadmoor Avenue.

Free and open to the entire community. All are welcome.

For additional information, contact Rusty Haynes, Director of College Counseling at The Colorado Springs School, rhaynes@css.org, 719-475-9747, x 573.

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Public Service Announcement

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The Colorado Springs School's *GateCrasher Series* welcomes "*The Sisters*", representatives from five all-female colleges - Mount Holyoke, Smith, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, and Barnard - who will share the history, accomplishments and campus life of their institutions for college-bound students and their families. The event is free and open to the public on Wednesday, September 19th at 7pm at the Louisa Performing Arts Center on the CSS campus. Information is available at 475-9747.

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CSS Web Site

Gatecrashers Series: Behind the Doors of the College Admission Office All programs are from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at The Colorado Springs School, 21 Broadmoor Avenue, Colorado Springs, 80906. [For a map and driving directions, please click here.](#)

September 19 *Seven Sisters: Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Smith, and Wellesley.*

November 19 *Financial Aid*, with Jen Sparkle, Associate Director of Financial Aid, the *University of Denver*.

January 16 Duncan Murdoch, former Vice President of Admission at *Franklin W. Olin College*.

February 19 Chris Ellertson, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, *Trinity University* in *Texas*.

April 15 *Breaking Away: Surviving the First Year of College*, with Peter Van Buskirk, former Dean of Admission at *Franklin and Marshall College* and Vice President of Peterson's, Inc.