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## NEWS

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### **THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL OFFERS GATECRASHER SERIES; FREE LECTURE ON "BREAKING AWAY: SURVIVING THE FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE"**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) will welcome Peter Van Buskirk, a former Dean of Admission and Vice President of Peterson's for GateCrashers, the college admission series on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. With more than 25 years in college admissions, Van Buskirk will visit with parents and students on the topic of ***Breaking Away: Surviving the First Year of College***. A reception will start at 6:00 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Louisa Performing Arts Center on The Colorado Springs School campus. All families in the greater Colorado Springs area are invited to attend.



An acclaimed author and motivational speaker, Peter's ability to personalize a complex and often mysterious process makes him a trusted and highly sought perspective among students, parents and educators. His creative programming, including his signature presentation of "The Admission Game@," has informed, inspired and entertained more than 500 high school, summer camp and corporate audiences worldwide totaling more than 60,000 people. His rendition of "Hotspots, Hooks and Hidden Agendas: An Inside Look at the College Admission Process" is a popular conference and professional development activity for educators and college access professionals.

In his book, *Winning the College Admission Game, Strategies' for Students and Parents*

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(Peterson's, 2007), Peter reveals his trademark candor and insight as he coaches students and parents through the complexities of finding and getting into not the "best" college, but--the college that *is the best fit for the student*. Peter was also a production consultant-and featured content anchor-for the documentary, "Kids Go to College!" that premiered on the Fine Living Channel in August of 2007.

A graduate of Bucknell University, Peter moved through the ranks at Franklin & Marshall College to become Dean of Admission, Interim Director of Athletics, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, and Executive Officer in the Office of the Provost. He subsequently spent more than two years at Peterson's where he was Vice President for College Planning Solutions before beginning his own consulting group dedicated to high performance, student-centered solutions in the college planning process.

A parent of three, Peter is a veteran of the admission process on the home front as well. His stories "from the road" add humor and perspective to his presentations.

"As most seniors are reaching their final decisions about where to go to college next year, the GateCrashers series shifts gears to prepare them with insights and thoughts on how to achieve success in their first year of college," said Rusty Haynes, Director of College Counseling at The Colorado Springs School. "This presentation isn't just for the students though, as parents we need to know *how* to let our kids break away."

The GateCrasher lecture series will continue in 2008-2009 academic year, stay tuned to our website for the release of next year's schedule. The Colorado Springs School will offer a College Test Prep workshop for 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students from July 7 – 11, 2008. For more information and registration materials for summer programs, visit [www.css.org](http://www.css.org), click on About, and click on Summer Programs.

### **About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)**

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for preKindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

For more information on the GateCrasher Series at The Colorado Springs School and the April 15<sup>th</sup> lecture, please contact Director of College Counseling, Rusty Haynes at (719) 434-3573 or visit [www.css.org](http://www.css.org).

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