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## NEWS

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### **THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL OFFERS GATECRASHERS SERIES; FREE LECTURE ON *DE-STRESSING THE COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS***

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) will welcome Duncan Murdoch, former Vice President of Admission at Franklin W. Olin College for GateCrashers, the college admission series on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. Murdoch will visit with parents and students on the topic of ***De-Stressing the College Admission Process***. 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.

Duncan Murdoch began his career in college admission in 1961. During his forty-seven year admission career, he has witnessed an amazing transformation in the application process -- from paper applications, 3X5 index cards and hand-typed acceptance letters to paperless offices and the most sophisticated internet communications systems.

“The college application process and choosing a school does not have to be an exercise in crisis management,” said Duncan Murdoch. “I hope my background at a variety of colleges will enable me to de-stress the college admission process for parents and students in Colorado Springs.”

“We are grateful for our 2007-2008 GateCrashers Series speakers as their experiences can truly help shape a positive outcome for families seeking the right fit for their college-bound students,” said Rusty Haynes, Director of College Counseling at The Colorado Springs School.

The GateCrashers lecture series will continue with ***An Insider’s View: Selective College Admission***, with Chris Ellerston, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Trinity University, February 19, 2008 and ***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. on April 15, 2008.

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### **About Duncan Murdoch**

Mr. Murdoch started his admission career in 1961 directly out of his undergraduate college, Hanover College in Indiana. He understudied the dean of admission there with every intention of finding a “real” job after two years. Instead he left to become the associate dean and later, the dean of admission at then Rose Polytechnic Institute in Terre Haute. In 1974 the college changed its name to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. After serving at Rose for 19 years Murdoch moved to Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California in 1982 as dean of admission and later VP for Development and Planning. In the fall of 1990, he joined the admission staff at the University of Southern California and served for 9 years as Associate Dean and Director of Admission until 1999. Murdoch then joined the founding leadership team as the VP for External Relations and Enrollment at the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Massachusetts where he remained until the first class graduated in 2006. Currently, he is the Director of the Western Region and resides in Claremont, California.

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

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for preschool – 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 GateCrashers Series at The Colorado Springs School and the January 16<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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