Dear Colleagues,

Each year at about this time we share the new edition of our Counselor Profile with our amazing counseling colleagues. We hope you enjoy the 2023-24 version and find it helpful as you guide your students, and support those who love and care about them.

As you might expect, we continue to assess the outcome of the recent Supreme Court decision on the use of race in college admission. While it will take time to fully understand the true impact of the decision, the benefits of a diverse educational environment are powerful and well documented. We will follow the rule of law, but we will continue to work tirelessly to recruit and enroll dynamic, talented, and diverse students to UVA.

We believe that each applicant is unique, especially in terms of lived experience, personal journey, and life story. Admission decisions are never based on numbers or statistics alone, and no one fits neatly into a single box.

Also, this year students who apply under our Early Decision or Early Action plans will receive one of three types of admission decisions: Admit, Wait List (WL), Deny. We have eliminated the Defer decision in our early rounds to give students a better sense of their position in the applicant pool by February.

We are at our best when working collaboratively and collegially and here at UVA we have deep respect for the work you do. Your tireless effort on behalf of students and families is awe inspiring. I expect your job will be more challenging after the court’s decision and that you and your students will have questions as we begin the new admission cycle. Please know we are here to help however and whenever possible.

Best wishes for the year ahead. Thank you for your leadership and partnership.

Warm regards,

Greg W. Roberts
Associate Vice Provost of Enrollment and Undergraduate Admission
NEW WRITING PROMPTS
In past years, applicants have written responses to three supplemental questions for the UVA application. This year, most applicants will answer one prompt for the UVA portion of the Common App. Those applying to the School of Nursing will answer two. Our new essay prompts invite students to share their unique story with us and describe how their experiences have shaped them, as students and as people. The essays will assist our application readers as we seek to understand the nuance, context, and complexity of each individual application. The new prompts for the 2023-2024 application are below.

ALL APPLICANTS
(300 WORDS OR LESS)
What about your individual background, perspective, or experience will serve as a source of strength for you or those around you at UVA?

SCHOOL OF NURSING
(250 WORDS OR LESS)
Describe a health care-related interaction that deepened your interest in studying nursing.

ACADEMIC RANKINGS
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SCHOLARS PROGRAMS: THE ECHOLS, RODMAN, AND COLLEGE SCIENCE SCHOLARS (CSS)
The Echols, Rodman, and College Science Scholars (CSS) programs are three scholars programs at the University of Virginia. No special application is required for admission to these programs; everyone who applies for admission is automatically considered. In selecting candidates for the Echols and Rodman programs, the Committee on Admission looks for applicants who have excelled academically and exhibit unusual intellectual curiosity. Students selected to CSS have demonstrated a desire to perform scientific research at the University.

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