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THE COMMON APP reported that as of March, a total of 7,541,148 applications had been submitted to 834 of its member colleges and universities that reported numbers. The number of applications submitted to private institutions grew by 5 percent; to public institutions by 10 percent. Applications rose by 7 percent from the 2022-23 cycle.

Those applications came from 1,313,763 applicants. The number coming from under-represented minority race/ethnic applicants increased by 10 percent.

Here are some college returns.

Amherst Apps. Amherst C. in Massachusetts received approximately 14,000 applications for its Class of 2028.

Bates Boasts its Largest Pool. A total of 10,029 students applied to Bates C. in Maine, the largest applicant pool in school history. Applications came from all 50 states and 138 countries. Bates' incoming class is expected to number approximately 500 students. Over 40 percent of them will receive a share of institutional need-based grants totaling \$12 million.

"Throughout 2023, beginning in winter and spanning through fall, our admission team visited hundreds of high schools and participated in more than 300 college fairs and events in 26 states and 14 countries to meet students, families and counselors where they are," said Leigh Weisenburger, vice president for enrollment.

Barnard Admits 7 Percent of Apps. Barnard, the all-women's college in New York City, received 11,832 Regular Decision applications for its Class of 2028, slightly more than last year, according to *The Columbia Spectator*. It admitted 7 percent of them. QuestBridge contributed 46 members to the new class. Some

12 percent of the newly-admitted class comes from 40 countries outside the United States. Half of applicants did not submit standardized test scores. About 94 percent of those who attended schools with class rank placed in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

"This cohort of students truly stands out, with their outstanding academic achievements and resilience in pursuing their passions, despite the challenges of recent years," said Jennifer Foniller, vice president for enrollment and communications.

Bowdoin Admits from 40 Nations. Bowdoin C. in Maine received 13,265 applications across its three admission rounds, and admitted 924 students. They will join 12 others who deferred enrollment last year. Admitted students come from 49 states and 40 countries. Some 60 percent of admitted students attended public or charter schools. New York and California sent the most admitted students.

"For most of the students, their high school experiences began amid lockdowns and virtual learning," observed Claudia Marroquin, senior vice president. "Despite the circumstances, admitted students navigated the transitions in remarkable ways and have demonstrated not only their resiliency and creativity, but their care and awareness of others, their appreciation for learning and an impressive level of humanity."

Colby Admits 1,275 Students. Colby C. in Maine received 19,188 applications for next fall, the most in school history, and admitted 1,275 students. They hail from all 50 states and 80 countries. About 94 percent are projected to graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Their median SAT score is 1510, their median ACT is 34. Parents of students

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FAFSA Update. The U.S. Dept. of Ed. continues to post updates on problems which still plague its FAFSA revision. On March 12, DOE announced it had resolved two major issues having to do with parents who have no Social Security numbers.

Later last month, according to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the DOE admitted that miscalculations in its system resulted in "incorrect financial need information for several hundred thousand students being sent to colleges and universities."

DOE is still working to resolve these problems, which are leaving high school seniors and colleges highly perplexed and uncertain. The nightmare could persist through May, leading some students to simply forgo college all together.

The American Council on Education advised all colleges and universities to push back their May 1 commitment dates. Nearly 200 colleges and universities, including all California public institutions, have already done so. *CB* will keep you updated at our "Admissions Story-of-the-Day" front-page column at collegeboundnews.com.

Brown Need-Blind for International Students. Admission to Brown U. will become need blind for all undergraduate international students with the Class of 2029. "Making Brown an affordable choice for extraordinarily talented international students from every income level is nothing short of transformational," said Christina H. Paxton, Brown's president.

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earning \$75,000 or less will contribute zero dollars to their child's college costs.

"This group includes exceptional artists and writers, creative thinkers and innovators, award-winning scientists, talented athletes and leaders who are transforming their school and community in meaningful ways," said Randi Maloney, associate vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid.

Fairfield Admit Rate Falls to 33 Percent.

Fairfield U. in Connecticut fielded 18,500 applications for its Class of 2028, 20 percent more than last year and the most in university history. It admitted 6,140 students or about 33 percent of those who applied, down from last year's 44.9 percent. The average high school GPA of those admitted is 3.96, up from last year's 3.85. The newly-admitted students hail from 46 states and 73 countries.

Fairfield says applicants are attracted by its

student-centered, values-based, outcomes-focused approach that is woven into its Jesuit and Catholic identity. It says its students are "empowered to feed their passions, explore their purpose and realize their full potential."

Fordham Attracts Nearly 44,000 Apps.

Fordham U. in New York City attracted nearly 44,000 candidates for its Class of 2028. On average, applicants posted a high

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Ivy Profiles

Brown's Admits Represent 96 Countries.

Brown U. in Rhode Island fielded 48,898 applications for its Class of 2028. Brown offered admission to 1,623 students through its Regular Decision process. They joined 898 students who were admitted through Brown's Early Decision cycle for a total of 2,521 offers. Admitted students represent all 50 states and 96 countries, with the most international students coming from China, Canada, India, the United Kingdom and South Korea.

"This was our third largest applicant pool in history," said Logan Powell, associate provost for enrollment and dean of undergraduate admission. "The students admitted to the Class of 2028 represent a group of extraordinarily talented young people who demonstrate truly impressive intellect, ingenuity and cross-disciplinary interest in pursuits both in and out of the classroom."

First-generation college students represent 16 percent of admitted students, while 9 percent come from rural areas and small towns. About 65 percent of applicants applied for financial aid.

"Brown's annual financial aid budget, which now exceeds \$200 million... ensures that students and families make the decision to apply based on academic fit and opportunity, not financial considerations," Powell said.

Columbia's Admit Rate Dipped.

A total of 60,248 students applied to Columbia C. and its School of Engineering and Applied Science, the third most in school history. The admit rate dipped to 3.85 percent, down from last year's 3.9 percent. Admitted students come from all 50 states and 108 countries. Despite problems with the new FAFSA, "Columbia continues to meet 100 percent of demonstrated need for all admitted students, without loans and regardless of citizenship."

Cornell Admits Increase 4 Percent.

Cornell U. in Upstate New York announced its Regular Decision admits on March 28. Including students from the Early Decision round, Cornell offered admission to 5,139 students, 4 percent more than last year. First-generation college

students account for 16.5 percent of those admitted.

Dartmouth's Admits at Record Low.

Dartmouth C. in New Hampshire attracted a record 31,657 applications for its Class of 2028, and offered admission to 1,685 students, or a record low of 5.3 percent. Applications were up 10 percent over last year. Admitted students come from all 50 states and 68 other nations. California accounted for 12 percent of all acceptances. More than a quarter of the admitted students are projected to graduate as their valedictorian or salutatorian.

First-generation college students account for 17 percent of those admitted, while 15 percent live in a rural environment, a record that follows the rollout of recruitment targeting rural communities.

"They're smart and curious, and they're kind," said Lee Coffin, vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid.

Students who come from families earning \$125,000 or less will be eligible for "zero parent contribution." The average amount of aid this year hit \$69,152. The full cost of tuition, housing, meals and fees in the 2024-25 academic year will be \$87,776.

"When we asked them, 'Why Dartmouth?'" Coffin said, "Many cited specific faculty, as well as their courses and research. There was a strong and palpable pull toward our community, with students from around the world telling us they were drawn to Hanover not just for its natural beauty but its profound sense of place and purpose."

Harvard Tops 50,000 Apps, Again.

Harvard C. received 54,008 applications for its Class of 2028, the fourth straight year it topped 50,000 applications. It admitted 1,937 students; 1,245 during its Regular Decision cycle and 692 who applied Early Action.

Women account for 53.1 percent of the new class. First-generation college students make up 20.5 percent of the class. International students account for 15.4 percent of the new admits.

This admissions cycle, Harvard admissions officers traveled to 150 cities in the U.S. and

around the world to conduct information sessions. Applicant interviews were conducted by 7,000 alums. "We often focus on the end results in admissions, but it is also important to acknowledge the tremendous work that goes into getting us here," said Joy St. John, director of admissions.

Pennsylvania Apps Up 10 Percent.

The U. of Pennsylvania received 65,230 applications for next year, nearly 10 percent more than last year. About 8,500 students applied through Penn's Early Decision program. Penn will remain test-optional for this next admissions cycle.

Dean of admissions Whitney Soule told *The Daily Pennsylvanian* about the impact of the Supreme Court's decision on affirmative action. "The substance of how we think about reading the totality of a student within an application and the information they provide to us to think about them as an individual, that part does feel familiar." She added, "What is different though, is that we can't know the racial or ethnic makeup of the class that we are intending to admit, and what that might represent for the students who enroll."

Princeton U. Data Announced Later in Cycle.

According to *The Daily Princetonian*, "the accepted Class of 2028 has not yet been published. In December 2021, the University announced that it would no longer release admission data during admission cycles, but a more detailed report of the class would follow later in the year."

Yale Apps Up 66 Percent since 2020.

Yale C. attracted 57,465 applications, 10 percent more than last year, and offered admission to 2,146 of them. They will join 53 other students who postponed their matriculation for one year. QuestBridge contributed 72 of the admitted students from an application cohort of 2,000 students. Yale's application pool has grown 66 percent since 2020.

"The diverse range of strengths, ambitions and lived experiences we saw in this year's applicant pool was inspiring," said Jeremiah Quinlan, dean of undergraduate admissions and financial aid. "We gauge the success of our outreach efforts by these qualities, and not by the total number of applications." ■

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school GPA of 3.57. About 13,000 applicants come from New York, including more than 1,800 from the Bronx, location of Fordham's main campus, and more than 2,200 from Manhattan. Large numbers of students hail from New Jersey, California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Florida and Texas. During the past few cycles, Fordham also attracted more applicants from Puerto Rico, Illinois and Louisiana. International students applied from 150 countries, 8 percent more than last year.

Patricia Peek, dean of undergraduate admission, said that both the undergraduate admission and financial aid offices "believe in care of the whole person and work with families and their circumstances individually" from application to admissions to enrollment.

Northwestern U. Class Size Grows. Northwestern U., outside of Chicago, attracted more than 50,000 applications for its Class of 2028. NU admitted about 7.5 percent of those students. It reviewed 1,700. QuestBridge apps and will enroll about 93 of them. New students will come from 90 different countries. NU's incoming class size has grown by about 5 percent since pre-pandemic and it is expected to enroll about 2,100 students this fall, Stacey Kostell, vice presidents and dean of enrollment told the *Daily Northwestern*.

Notre Dame Remains Test-Optional. The U. of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, received 29,943 Restricted Early Action and Regular Decision applications for its Class of 2028, 6 percent more than last year. ND admitted 11 percent of them, the fewest in school history. QuestBridge sent 83 of those admitted students.

Mickie Kidder, vice president for undergraduate admissions, told *The Observer* that ND typically admits half of its incoming freshmen from the Restricted Early Action pool and half from its Regular Decision pool.

Some 56 percent of all applicants and about 33 percent of those admitted did not submit test-optional standardized test scores. Notre Dame will remain test-optional for the coming admissions cycle.

Kidder praised admitted students for "their enthusiasm about Notre Dame's distinct mission, servant leadership, academic preparation, demonstrated joy and commitment to their communities."

Pomona Admits 811. Twenty-eight bells chimed in Sumner Hall signaling the announcement of Pomona C.'s Class of 2028. Selected from the largest applicant pool in college history, Pomona offered admission to 811 students from all 50 states and 44 nations.

About 54 percent of the California school's

Among the Publics

Indiana Tops 66,800 Apps. As of early March, Indiana U. Bloomington had received more than 66,800 applications for the Class of 2028, an increase of 23 percent over the 2022-23 applications cycle when it received 54,345 applications. IU has rolling admissions.

In 2020, IU was the first Big 10 school to go test-optional. Last year's incoming class brought the highest median GPA of any class so far, at 3.9. The campus's strategic plan is focused on inclusion and belonging, experiential learning, academic and career advising, curriculum innovation and a first-year experience to go along with its famed beauty.

Texas at Austin Hits 73,000. The U. of Texas at Austin attracted more than 73,000 applications for its Class 2028. Some 42 percent of applicants asked the school to review their standardized test scores, even though UT

new class is made up of female students, while 26 percent are first-generation college students. Humanities is the intended field of 24 percent of those admitted, while 25 percent are interested in interdisciplinary fields, 26 percent in natural sciences, 20 percent in social sciences and 4 percent are still undecided.

Some 13 percent of applicants submitted the optional arts supplement in fields of dance, music and others. About 93 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class. California is sending the most students, 232, followed by New York's 55 and Illinois' 41. Virginia is sending 14 students. China is dispatching 19 students, Turkey four.

"Our admitted students demonstrated that intellectual curiosity and commitment to academic excellence we value at Pomona College," said Adam Sapp, vice president and director of admissions.

Rice Also Remains Test Optional. Rice U. in Texas fielded 32,459 applications for its Class of 2028, 4.5 percent more than last year. Rice admitted 2,439 students, for an admit rate of 7.5 percent. It expects to enroll about 4,800 students this fall, according to *The Rice Thresher*. Although Rice remains standardized test-optional, only 22 percent of this year's students did not submit a score.

Santa Clara Boasts Largest Pool. Santa Clara U., "the Jesuit University in Silicon Valley," fielded 18,964 applications for its Class of 2028, 1 percent more than last year and the most in school history. It admitted 47 percent of those students. The average weighted high school GPA of admitted students is 3.85. About half of the new class comes from California. Some 12 percent are first in their family to attend college. International students, who come from 68 countries, account for 8.4

Austin is test-optional. Those students posted a median SAT score of 1420. Of those applying under the state's auto admit rule (top 6 percent of their Texas high school class), 49 percent asked the Austin campus to look at their test scores in its holistic review of applications.

Virginia Admits 9,665 Students. The U. of Virginia received 58,995 applications for its Class of 2028, up from last year's 56,538. During its three admissions periods, UVA admitted 9,665 applicants. Its target first-year class size is 3,970. Admitted students have until May 15 to commit.

"These are talented, inspiring and resilient students who made a difference in their schools, their communities and in the lives of others, and we are excited that many will join us on Grounds in the fall as first-year students," said Greg Roberts, dean of admission. ■

percent of the new class. Pell Grant students account for 9.5 percent. Females make up 39 percent of incoming engineering students.

"Each new academic year brings a wave of talent, passions and enthusiasm that invigorate our campus community," said dean of undergraduate admission Becky Konowicz.

Swarthmore Admits 975 Students. Swarthmore C. in Pennsylvania received 13,065 applications for this fall and sent letters of admission to 975 prospective members of its Class of 2028. First-generation students account for 34 percent of admitted students. A total of 33 percent are affiliated with a local, national and international community-based organization such as A Better Chance, College Horizons, College Match and QuestBridge.

Public and charter schools account for 68 percent of admitted students. Some 93 percent of students attending schools that report class rank placed in the top 10 percent. Engineering is the most popular intended major, followed by computer science, political science, English literature, biology, economics, environmental studies and philosophy. Swarthmore intends to enroll about 415 new students.

"Though the work of selecting admitted students in such a gifted pool was never easy, it is always deeply rewarding," said Jim Bock, vice president and dean of admissions.

Tufts Admits 10 Percent Regular Decision. Tuft U. in Massachusetts received more than 34,000 Regular Decision applications for its Class of 2028, and admitted 10 percent of them. Of those admitted from schools using class rank, 92 percent placed in the top 10 percent of their class. Women make up 56 percent of the admitted class, and 50 percent of those admitted to Tufts School of Engineering.

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Enrollment Trends

Why Do Enrollments Seem To Be Falling? In 2022, the Gates Foundation assembled a study group to answer that question. It found the education “marketplace” had shifted and students have mixed perspectives on the value of higher education.

In June 2023, it also assembled 10 focus groups of high school juniors, seniors and college non-enrollees. An overview of findings noted that “these audiences make it clear that institutions need to prove their value to them.” Both high schoolers and non-enrollees “see... other paths that are shorter, cheaper and/or more directly linked to specific job opportunities.”

These audiences also want and need supports throughout college. They also are anxious about making wrong choices when it comes to college. Members of the focus group felt that the “reasons to get a college degree” declined from the previous year. And while non-enrollees see some value in traditional higher education options, these paths “fall below the value they associate with job training and courses to receive a license.”

The focus group findings show that both high school students and non-enrollees admit that they have “little understanding of how financial aid works, managing the logistics necessary to acquire financial aid and fully comprehending what they can afford.”

Colorado State 2023 Increases. Colorado State U.’s enrollment at its flagship Fort Collins campus hit 33,648 last fall, up 0.5 percent. Sixty percent were Colorado residents. The Fort Collins campus welcomed its third largest first-year class of 5,299 students. Just over 30 percent represented racial or ethnic minorities, 25 percent was first-generation students, while 9 percent came from rural Colorado communities. The high school GPA of first-year students was 3.72.

CSU’s Pueblo campus welcomed 982 first-year and transfer students, up 4 percent over 2022. Total enrollment rose to 3,657, up 3.6 percent.

Michigan Upper Peninsula Posts Enrollment Gains. Enrollment at Michigan Technical U. grew by 3.53 percent, Northern Michigan U. by 3.26 percent, while eight of Michigan’s 15 public universities saw drops in enrollment. Observers think that preparation for well-paying jobs and the appeal of outdoor activities are the two most important factors that attract students to these two universities in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Smaller classes and hands-on learning are two other factors.

Minnesota Enrollment up Over Two Percent. Between 2018 and 2022, enrollment at Minnesota’s 26 community and technical colleges and its seven public four-year institutions plunged by over 20,000 students or about 25 percent. But this school year has seen a rebound of 2 percent system-wide and 3.7 percent at the state’s two-year institutions. In part, that’s thanks to a \$650 million legislative

infusion to higher education budgets, and brings total expenditure to almost \$4 billion.

“We haven’t seen numbers like this in over a decade,” Chancellor Scott Olson told *Inside Higher Education*.

NKU’s Direct Admit. Beginning August 1, 2024, Northern Kentucky U. will implement its Direct Admit Program for students considering admission in Fall 2025. Kentucky students with a high school GPA of 2.75 will be contacted about their direct admissions to NKU.

Research Finds College A Sound Investment Despite Rising Tuition. Researchers at Rutgers and New York universities in an article published in the *American Educational Research Journal* estimated that the cost-benefit of having a college degree “offers better returns than the stock market. However, there are significant differences across college majors and the return is higher for women than men.”

Engineering and computer science had the highest median returns, followed by business, health, math and science majors. Education and the humanities and arts majors had the lowest returns.

“Our findings suggest that selecting majors with high returns is a sound financial decision, but at the same time, if a student has decided to pursue a major with a lower return, they may want to consider pursuing additional training or education to improve their labor market prospects,” said Liang Zhang of New York U.

Social Issues Affect College Choice. A new Lumina Foundation-Gallup State of Higher Education survey found that legislation on gun control, reproductive healthcare, curriculum restrictions and inclusivity effect enrollment decisions for most current and prospective students.

Some 80 percent of prospective students say that gun laws and regulations are at least somewhat important in their college choices. And 84 percent of them say they preferred campuses that restrict firearms.

About 80 percent say that they prefer states with fewer restrictions on reproductive healthcare. And increasingly, medical students are choosing states for training based on abortion laws; 14 states have banned abortions in nearly all circumstances.

Some 76 percent of students say it’s important that they be able to discuss race, gender and other “diverse topics” in the classroom. How these legislative policies affect enrollment in the long-term is yet to be seen.

Virginia Bans Legacies at Public Colleges. Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin signed legislation that ends legacy admissions at the state’s public colleges and universities. The new law takes effect July 1. It does not affect admissions this year. Colorado passed similar legislation in 2021. ■

COUNSELOR’S BOOKSHELF

First-Generation Warriors: A University Leader’s Experience as a First-Gen Student, by Dawn Meza Soufleris; essay in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 2024; <https://www.chronicle.com/featured/student-success/first-generation-warriors>.

The Black Family’s Guide To College Admis-

sions by Timothy L. Fields and Shereem Herndon-Brown, Johns Hopkins University Press; ISBN-10: 142-144-4895; \$22.95.

“Segregation Forever? The Continued Underrepresentation of Latino Undergraduates at the Nation’s 122 Most Selective Private Colleges and Universities,” by Sandra Perez and Gabriel

Montague; “While the share of Latino student enrollment grew at almost all of these institutions between 2020-22, enrollment did not represent the demographics of the state from which the students came.” Kentucky, Florida, Michigan, Tennessee and Maryland had the five highest access scores in 2020; <https://edtrust.org>.

“Finding Your Workforce: Latino Talent for a Global Economy;” *Excelencia in Education*; see, www.edexcelencia.org. ■

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Some 30 QuestBridge scholars were admitted to the new class. More than 400 students in the admitted class come from outside the U.S. Of the U.S. admitted students, 29 percent hail from New England, 31 percent from Mid-Atlantic States, 17 percent from the West, 15 percent from the South and 6 percent from the Midwest. About 60 percent of admitted students submitted optional standardized test scores.

Vanderbilt Admits 3.7 Percent RD. Vanderbilt U. in Tennessee drew 41,336 Regular Decision applications and admitted 1,512 or 3.7 percent of those students. International students from 59 nations account for 13.4 percent of the new class. First-generation college students make up 18 percent, while rural and small town students account for 10.6 percent.

Of students from schools that post class rank,

90.8 percent placed in the top 10 percent. Of those who submitted SAT scores, the middle 50 percent scored 750-800 in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, 780-800 in Math. The Middle 50 percent scored 34-36 on the ACT.

Wellsley Admits 13 Percent. Wellsley C., the elite all-woman's school in Massachusetts, attracted 8,900 applications for its Class of 2028, the most in the school's history. It admitted only 13 percent of them. Admitted students hail from 47 states and 30 countries. First-generation students account for 18 percent of the new class, while 10 percent are international students. At home, 52 percent speak another language than English. QuestBridge contributed 18 students to the Class of 2028.

"Every year we invite an amazing group of students to join our community," said T. Peaches Valdes, dean of admissions and financial aid. "This year's cycle had a number

of twists and turns, but I am extremely proud of the work that the Admissions and Student Financial Services teams have done, and will continue to do, to support students and families navigating the process."

Williams Admits 1,159 New Students. Williams C. in Massachusetts attracted 15,411 applications for its Class of 2028 through its Early and Regular Decision cycles. In total, it admitted 1,159 students, the fewest on record. Williams refrained from releasing its acceptance rate.

"It places disproportionate emphasis on the students who weren't admitted," Liz Creighton, dean of admission and student financial services, told *The Williams Record*. "We prefer to focus instead on the students to whom we could offer a spot in the class." Nonetheless, the paper calculated Williams' admit rate at 7.5 percent. ■

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Ivy League Standardized Test Requirement. Ivy League school Brown U. joined Dartmouth C. and Yale C. in reinstating their standardized test requirements. Brown also will retain its Early Decision and legacy preference options.

Harvard will keep its test-optional policy through the Class of 2030, the U of Pennsylvania will remain test-optional through its Class of 2029, while Columbia U. is permanently test-optional.

Gonzaga Attacks Skills Gap. In honor of Women's History Month, Gonzaga U. in Washington state launched online programs to help close the "skills and confidence gap." Working in collaboration with Ziplines Education, a San Francisco-based continuing

education company, Gonzaga will offer "cost-effective innovative programs that prepare continuing-education students for high-growth careers."

End of the Road. Thanks to declining enrollment and significant debt, Notre Dame C. in Ohio will close down at the end of the Spring 2024 semester. NDC has arranged for its students to transfer to nine nearby colleges and universities. The Sisters of Notre Dame founded the school in 1922.

Due to declining enrollment and financial problems, Fontbonne U. in Missouri also will shut its doors after Summer 2025. Washington U. in St. Louis has purchased its 16-acre Clayton campus. "During its more than 100-year history, Fontbonne U. has graduated over

20,000 students. Each one is a living legacy of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet."

Arts Affiliation. The Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier is to become affiliated with the California Institute of the Arts located in Santa Clarita. VCFA will continue to provide its low-residency program and focus on nontraditional learners. The larger CalArts with 70 undergraduate and graduate degree programs will likewise offer programs.

"The affiliation between our schools will strengthen both institutions and allow us both to continue to broaden the range of academic opportunities and creative collaborations available to artists," said Ravi Rajan, president of CalArts.

CalArts was established 1970. VCFA began in 2008 as the only college devoted exclusively to graduate fine arts education. ■

CURRICULUM CAPSULES

California Community Colleges Offer New Degree Programs. "To enhance accessibility to four-year degrees," California C.C.s is launching several new degree programs. Students can enroll in respiratory care programs at Antelope Valley C. and Victory Valley C., paramedicine at the C. of Siskiyou, dental hygiene at Cypress C. and Oxnard C. and paralegal studies at Santa Ana C. That brings to 39 the number of Bachelor degree programs offered or soon-to-be-offered at California Community Colleges.

Georgetown's Joint Environment and Sustainability Program. Beginning Spring 2024, Georgetown U. freshmen and sopho-

mores can enroll in the Joint Environment & Sustainability Program and work toward a Bachelor's of Science degree. JESP "will not only empower students, but will equip them with an array of scientific and humanistic skills to address the environmental problems of our time," said Rosario Ceballo, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

New C. Offers Online Program. In January, the New C. of Florida, which has been subject of recent political controversies, launched a new online degree program with a classical liberal arts concentration. Students worldwide can earn an associate's or bachelor's degree or a one-year certificate. ■

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Pittsburgh Promise Coaches to Remain. Even after its scholarship program ends in four years, Pittsburgh Promise coaches will remain in some under-resourced Pittsburgh high schools to support post-secondary college and career planning, the program announced.

Global Scholarships. Global Scholarships is a scholarship search engine "dedicated to providing students worldwide with access to scholarship opportunities." See, www.global-scholarships.com. ■

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