



CONNECTICUT
COLLEGE

explore

Multicultural Leadership

A weekend program for high school seniors

Nov. 12-14, 2011 Application Postmark Deadline:
October 14, 2011

Connecticut College is committed to the belief that all students benefit from living and studying in a diverse environment.

HERE'S WHAT PAST ATTENDEES SAY ABOUT EXPLORE:

"The most important thing I learned during Explore was that Connecticut College has more than academic rigor and an excellent reputation — it has character. ... I immediately saw that it was a close-knit community of equals where everyone felt comfortable."

"'What if I hate it? What if no one talks to me?' I wondered on my way to Explore Weekend. I felt excited about staying over, but I was scared that I would not like the school. My worries were in vain because by Sunday morning, I felt I belonged at Connecticut College."

"During the Explore Weekend program, I was introduced to students whose descriptions of the College were very much like those given to me by the Admission staff. Not only was I able to see how honest the staff was, but I realized that the College's emphasis on the Honor Code was actually internalized by the entire community."

"I just loved the feeling of walking around campus and being part of Connecticut College for that weekend. Talking to the students was an important factor in my decision to apply. All the answers I received were honest and students shared really great reasons for attending Connecticut College."



DEAR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR,

I invite you to apply to one of our favorite and most important Admission programs: Explore Weekend at Connecticut College, which we will hold Nov. 12-14, 2011.

Connecticut College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college that is widely recognized for excellence in teaching and research. Our students flourish in an academic environment where classes are small, professors are accessible and students are mentored. A Connecticut College education prepares students to be thinkers and leaders in increasingly diverse and interconnected communities.

Long committed to diversity, we continue to work toward making our community more inclusive and affirming of differences, including religious, ethnic, sexual orientation and socio-economic. Explore is designed to acquaint students with what a liberal arts college has to offer and, more specifically, how Connecticut College prepares students for not only successful careers, but lives of meaning and purpose in a global community. The event brings together motivated, high-achieving high school seniors from underrepresented groups, as well as others committed to issues of diversity in their communities and beyond.

Over the course of the weekend, you will have the opportunity to

- Tour the campus with a student guide
- Get insiders' tips on the college application process
- Interview for admission
- Learn the ins and outs of financial aid from the experts
- Meet College deans and professors
- Attend classes of interest to you
- And more!

Every year we welcome Explore participants from all over the country for an unforgettable weekend. The College covers all the costs of the planned weekend activities, and provides travel assistance for those who need it. To discuss this or any other aspect of Explore, please call **Djiara Meehan**, associate director of admission and coordinator of multicultural admission, toll free at **888-553-8760**, or e-mail at **djiara.meehan@conncoll.edu**.

To apply, please fill out the attached application form (also available at www.conncoll.edu/admission/adm_explore.htm). Be sure to complete the short essays and fax or mail the completed form and your high school transcript by Oct. 14, 2011.

I hope to see you on campus in November!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha C. Merrill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "C".

Martha C. Merrill '84

Dean of Admission & Financial Aid



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE weekend program APPLICATION

DIRECTIONS: For priority consideration, please fax your application, essay and transcript to 860-439-4301 or mail it to Connecticut College, Office of Admission, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320. Postmark deadline: Friday, October 14, 2011.

Male Female Other Identity: _____

Name – Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Jr., etc.: _____

Current Address – Number/Street/Apt.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

E-mail Address: _____ IM Address: _____

Citizenship: U.S./Dual Citizen If dual, specify other citizenship: _____

U.S. Permanent Resident ("Green Card") Citizen of: _____

Other Citizenship (specify country): _____

If you are not a U.S. citizen and live in the United States, how long have you been in the country? _____ Visa Type: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____ High School Telephone: () _____

Guidance Counselor E-mail: _____

Name of organization/college access program that assists you in your college search (if any): _____

1. At Connecticut College, we embrace diversity in all of its forms. In a brief essay (1 page), please share with us how you feel your own unique experiences and background might contribute to the diverse community at Connecticut College.

2. Why are you interested in attending Explore Weekend at Connecticut College? What do you hope to gain from this experience? Please limit your response to 200 words.

Host Preferences

Please check one:

- Similar geographic area/from your high school
- Similar interests with Connecticut College student

Intended major _____

Sport _____

- Similar ethnic/racial background
- No preference

Travel

- Making own arrangements
- Applying for travel assistance

Optional Section

If you wish to be identified with a particular ethnic group, please check one or more of the following ethnicities that best describe you (response to this question will not be used in a discriminatory manner):

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes, Hispanic or Latino (including Spain) No

2. Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check one or more of the following groups with which you identify.

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White

If admitted to Connecticut College's Explore Weekend Program on November 12-14, 2011, I give my student permission to attend:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

PLEASE DETACH ALONG PERFORATION.