Greetings from Ohio State!

I hope you are enjoying a productive spring and looking forward to summer break. It is certainly a busy time at Ohio State. We’re in the midst of our last quarter ever and putting the final touches on our semester conversion plans. Enrollment Services has a lot of changes in the works as well: we’re welcoming new leadership in our office, rolling out a new admissions application, and restructuring our processes for selecting merit scholarship recipients and Honors students. I’ll touch on each of those things briefly here.

Most of this newsletter is dedicated to a Q&A about our move this fall to join the many schools that have adopted the Common Application. This change applies specifically to new, first-year students applying to the Columbus campus; transfer students and regional campus applicants will apply via the application we’ve used for many years.

Our move to the Common Application will make life easier for applicants, not just for those applying to multiple schools, but also for those who wish to be considered for Honors, Scholars, or the Morrill Scholars Program (MSP) at Ohio State. I can happily report that:

1. There will no longer be an early deadline (December 1) for high-ability students wishing to be considered for merit scholarships.
2. There will be no separate applications for Honors, Scholars, or MSP programs; those processes will be facilitated by the Common App.

Regular readers of Admissions News are used to seeing a different picture at the top of this page. Mabel Freeman, our longtime leader in Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience, retired at the end of January after an enormously distinguished career. She’s still benefitting students in a new role at Columbus State Community College. But my picture here is only temporary; we are anticipating the arrival of our new associate vice president, Vern Granger, in early July. Presently assistant dean of enrollment services and director of admission at the University of Tennessee, Vern brings a wealth of experience, having excelled in positions at North Carolina State University and UT. I look forward to introducing Vern at fall events.

In the midst of all this activity, we’re gearing up for another great class of Buckeyes; we’ll have details about the first-year class of ’12 in our fall newsletter. Watch for a request for final high school transcripts in coming weeks!

Thanks for all you’ve done this year to help college-bound students make those tough choices (even those not bound for Ohio State ©).

Have a wonderful summer,

Dolan Evanovich
Vice President
Enrollment Services

Ohio State and the Common Application

In addition to Ohio State’s move to semesters starting this summer, another big change is on the horizon. Starting with spring, summer, and autumn 2013 terms, Ohio State will begin using the Common Application (as well as the Ohio State Supplement to the Common Application) for freshmen applying to the Columbus campus. Other populations will continue using our CollegeNet application.

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We’ve compiled some common questions for you. Find more “Common Questions for School Officials” at commonapp.org/CommonApp/SchoolFormsFAQ.aspx.

Q: Will application deadlines change?
We will no longer have an early December 1 admissions application deadline for any scholarships.

Other application deadlines remain nearly the same:
- October 1 for spring semester
- February 1 for summer term and autumn semester

We will likely keep our application live on the Common Application site for a number of days past the deadline, but applications after the deadline will be considered late.

Q: Can an applicant apply for summer term?
Yes, summer enrollment will again be an option in 2013. However, because the Common App doesn’t provide a “summer term” option, applicants will indicate their requested term on the Ohio State Supplement to the Common Application.

Q: Is there a different application for international students?
We have had separate applications in the past, but this year all freshmen applicants (international and U.S. citizens) to the Columbus campus will use the Common Application.

Q: How will applicants know which application to use?
As of early July, students who visit apply.osu.edu or the “Apply” page on our Undergraduate Admissions website will be guided to the correct application.

Q: Will you accept paper copies of the Common Application?
We will not be printing paper copies for distribution. If an applicant prints his or her form and mails it in, we will ask that applicant to submit it electronically. We will only accept paper copies in rare, pre-approved situations.

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Q: Will you accept paper copies of the school forms?
We will accept paper copies, but our preferred method of receipt is electronic.

Q: Will you require a supplement?
Yes. It is necessary to have a supplement to collect major, term, alternate campus (for Ohio residents), SEVIS address (for international applicants), disciplinary explanations, unique application fee waiver codes, and information for determining Ohio residency. The Ohio State Supplement will also serve as the application for the University Honors Program, Ohio State Scholars Program, and Morrill Scholars Program.

Q: Will applicants be asked to complete the athletic or arts supplement?
No, we will not be including either supplement with our application.

Q: How many letters of recommendation will be required?
We require one but allow for a maximum of three, to be submitted online. The required one can be from a counselor or teacher. Our preference is to receive these electronically through Common Application’s “School Forms” system. Using this system, the applicant assigns his or her application to a school official (using the counselor or teacher’s e-mail address); Common App will e-mail the counselor or teacher with instructions for providing the requested information online.

Q: Will you require the mid-year report and transcript?
No, we will not require the mid-year report and transcript. We will continue to require an initial transcript at the time of application and a final transcript for applicants who matriculate.

Q: Will you still require the College Prep Form?
No. We believe the information we garnered from the College Prep Form will be available from the Common Application School Report.

Q: Will you be using an applicant’s self-reported test scores and rank/grade point average in your evaluation process?
We will continue to use the high school transcript and the school report for the rank and grade point average. We will still require official test scores to be sent from the testing agencies for evaluation purposes.

Q: If an applicant wants to choose a different term or major after the application has been submitted, who should he or she contact?
If the application and supplement have already been submitted, the applicant should contact Undergraduate Admissions. Prior to submission, the change can be made to the application form within the Common App system. Both the term and major will be collected on the Ohio State Supplement to the Common Application.

Q: If an applicant submits the wrong application or changes his or her campus choice after submission, what is the best advice?
If an applicant has already applied to Columbus using the Common Application, he or she should contact Undergraduate Admissions to make the campus change request. If an applicant applies to a regional campus and wants to attend Columbus, Undergraduate Admissions will handle the change (note that we will need to have that applicant submit additional information so we can perform a holistic review).

Q: If applicants want to apply to Honors, Scholars, and/or the Morrill Scholars Program after the Common Application has been submitted who should they contact?
Applicants may contact Undergraduate Admissions.

Visit hscounselors.osu.edu for helpful resources!
Ohio State’s website for high school counselors provides:
• a quick link to checking your students’ application status
• contact information for your territory manager
• pdfs of Considering College and Admissions News
• helpful links for you and your students