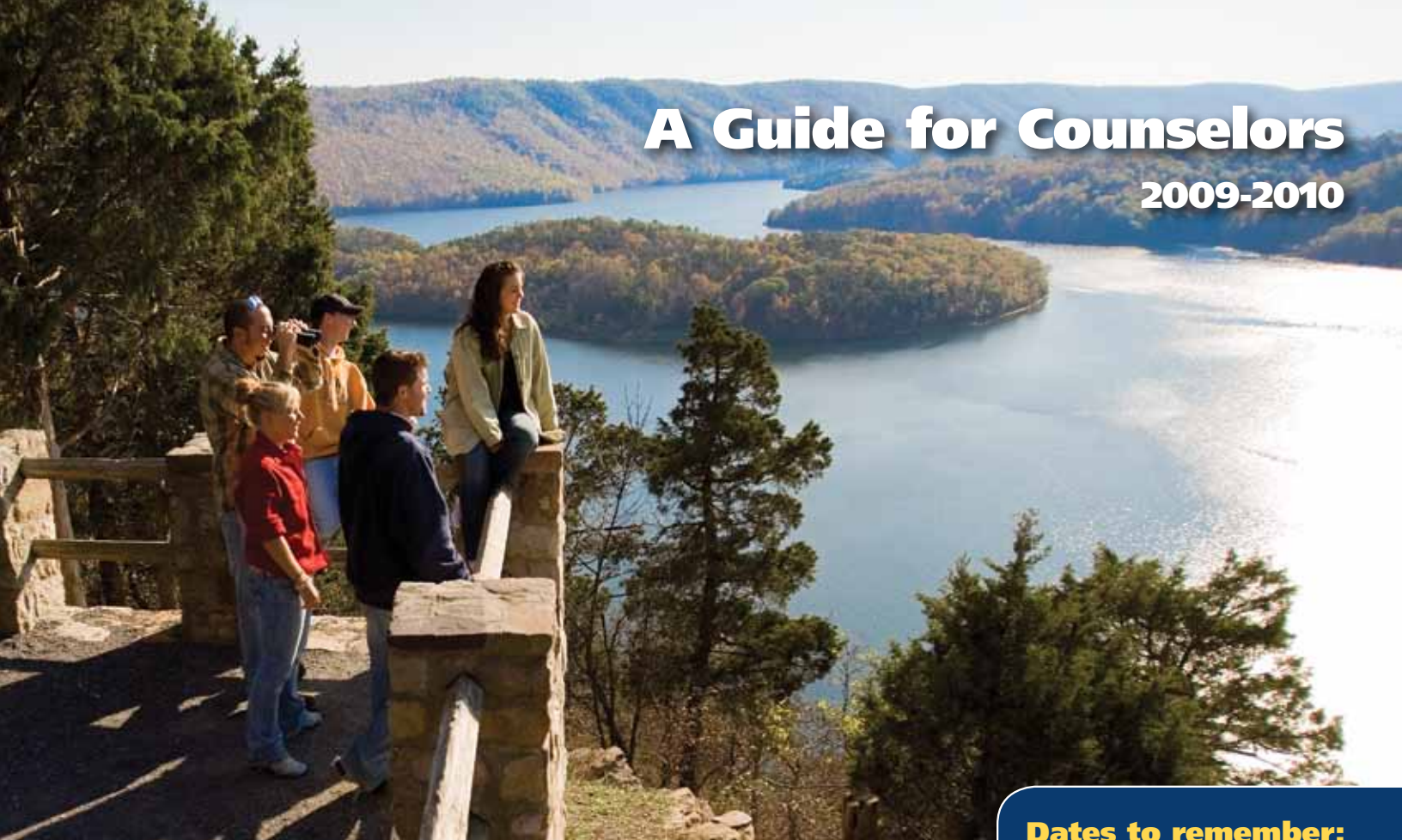


A Guide for Counselors

2009-2010



Juniata At A Glance

Founded in 1876, Juniata is an independent, co-educational college of liberal arts and sciences. Located in the scenic mountains of central Pennsylvania, the beautiful 110-acre main campus is supplemented by the 315-acre Baker-Henry Nature Preserve and Baker Peace Chapel. In addition, a 365-acre Environmental Studies Field Station on nearby Raystown Lake provides one of the most distinctive opportunities in environmental science in the nation.

The College has a strong reputation for academic excellence, personal attention, and state-of-the-art technological resources. Juniata students enjoy small classes, a challenging, flexible curriculum, collaborative student-faculty relationships, countless chances to learn by doing, and a lively campus offering lots to do and great new friends.

Juniata takes a serious, personal approach to ensuring affordability. We work personally with students and their families to identify sources of aid, both from Juniata and elsewhere. We provide a **conditional guarantee of aid**, as well as a **guarantee of graduation in four years or less**, both to minimize debt and costs as well as to maximize career momentum.

Recently, we launched a new Accountability Web site—www.juniata.edu/accountability. On this site we explain who we are, what we do best, what we need to improve upon and how we are getting better. We hope you find the information helpful in the important work that you do.

Dates to remember:

Early Admission: 12/1

Early Action: 1/1

Regular Decision: 3/15

Nomination Scholarship: 1/4

Eagles Abroad Scholarship: 1/4

Campus visits:

Available by Appointment

M-F, 9 am to 3 pm

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Helpful Information to Discuss with Your Students

Who Attends Juniata?

Total Undergraduate Enrollment: 1532

Student Characteristics: 56% women, 44% Men;
95% full-time; (based on 1468 on-campus students)

Geographic Diversity: 63% from PA; 34 states and 30 countries represented

Ethnic Diversity: 7% international; 7% domestic minority

Student to Faculty ratio: 13 to 1

Freshmen Enrollment Statistics, Fall 2009

Total Applications: 1964

72% were accepted; of those, 26% enrolled.

Freshman Quality: Total first-time freshmen: 366;
83% attended public high schools

SAT average: 1198; 25th percentile, 1110; 75th percentile, 1300

ACT average: 26.3; Average HS GPA: 3.75; 41% from top 10th of HS class; 74% from the top quarter of the class.

Class includes 8 valedictorians, 13 salutatorians, and 12 National Merit Scholars (includes finalists, semi-finalists and commended students.)

Student Success at Juniata

Retention: Freshmen Retention: 86%; 6-yr graduation rate is 79%. Of those that graduate, 95% do so in 4 years or less.

Placement: 97% of graduates secure jobs or attend graduate school within 6 months of graduation. Almost 100% of students applying to professional health schools, allied health schools and law schools were accepted in last 5 years. 34% attend graduate school; 64% are employed.

Athletics: NCAA Division III.

Nationally ranked field hockey and men's and women's volleyball teams. See all 18 Juniata varsity sports at www.juniata.edu/athletics

Enrollment Policies

Philosophy: The Admission Committee places the most emphasis on a student's high school transcript. Activities, standardized tests, community involvement and all the things that make up the student's life are important in the review process.

Juniata seeks a broad student population base including a wide geographic and cultural representation from a variety of social and economic backgrounds. The 'ultimate' question throughout the application review process is always, "Will this student be successful at Juniata?" We support students in looking for the college that 'fits' them best. Hopefully, it is Juniata, but it may not be.

Requirements for Admission: High School Transcript, Standardized test scores*, application essay, information concerning extra-curricular activities.

***Standardized Test Optional Policy:** Students may choose to submit two graded papers preferably from Senior/Junior years. The papers should be original work, no term papers. Generally, papers are 2 to 5 pages in length.

AP/IB Course Information: Juniata accepts AP credit if the student scores a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement exam. IB (International Baccalaureate) Exams scored at 6 or 7 receive equal credit at Juniata. Students receiving an IB diploma will have sophomore standing at Juniata.

Application Deadlines:

Early Decision: December 1

Early Action: January 1

Regular Decision: March 15

All applications submitted by the March 15th deadline will be reviewed for academic scholarship eligibility. However, it is advised that students apply by January 4th of the senior year if interested in our competitive scholarships. The Nomination Scholarships, Eagles Abroad and John Stauffer Awards all require additional forms and or interviews.





Financial Aid

Tuition & Fees 2009-10: \$31,550; Room & Board: \$8,650

Philosophy: The Office of Student Financial Planning works with individual families and considers each family's uniqueness. Need-based grants are available through the Juniata Scholarship Fund as well as state and federal programs.

Average financial need met for Fall 2009 class: 92%

Percent of freshmen determined to have need: 73%

Financial Aid Application: Students applying for need-based aid must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Suggested filing deadline is March 1st of the senior year.

Scholarship Program

Merit-Based Scholarships: Juniata offers an array of competitive scholarships ranging from \$10,000 per year to full-tuition, room and board. Merit-based scholarships recognize students for their outstanding academic and co-curricular achievements. All scholarships are renewable annually. Some merit-based awards require a GPA of 3.0 to renew; 3.0 GPA is based on a three-semester period.

National Merit Opportunities: John Stauffer Scholarships are a tremendous opportunity for four entering students who have achieved National Merit Finalist status or National Achievement Finalist status as determined by the governing body under the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

All finalists must come to campus for an interview with the John Stauffer Scholarship selection committee. The awards are full tuition.

Need-Based Grants and Scholarships: All students demonstrating financial need are offered financial assistance through the Juniata Fund Scholarship program.

Juniata Alumni provide tremendous support each year for this program; it is considered the highest priority giving at Juniata. These funds, along with state and federal dollars, help to bridge the gap between estimated family contribution and college cost.

What Makes Juniata Distinctive?

Juniata is a distinctive liberal arts college that justifiably prides itself on the success of its students—success that comes from encouraging students to think and do for themselves. With the help of **two advisers**, almost half of the students at Juniata **design their own major**, or "Program of Emphasis." In addition, almost all students in all disciplines participate in **intensive hands-on learning experiences**. Educational programs emphasizing experiential milestones such as **research, lab work, internships and international study** are the norm.

To illustrate: Juniata's business curriculum has expanded to include a focus on **entrepreneurialism**, establishing a startup incubator and a **seed capital program** from which students receive \$5,000 grants to fund viable business ideas. Information technology is centered on **real-world learning**, integrating several courses with corporate clients and projects. Even the humanities take an entrepreneurial approach: The Gravity Project is an **unconventional theater curriculum** initiated by Juniata's theater faculty in which professionals from across the country teach in-residence seminars.



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"I am the head and founder of a small independent college-prep school in the Washington suburbs. Four years ago I was helping guide my son through college options, one of which was Juniata. My son said it was the friendliest campus he had visited. The same sentiment is frequently expressed about my school, so his words got my attention. 'What can you draw from that?' I asked. 'The kids are happy, I guess,' he suggested. 'Anything else?' He thought, then said, 'Either they have a real easy time of it, or they have to work hard but enjoy the challenge.' I suggested he visit again and find out.

"Three weeks later, he said, 'It's challenging, but it's easy to see they enjoy it, from the few classes I saw. That's going to be my first choice.'

"Now a senior with a Business Administration/ Fine Art POE, he looks forward with confidence to the next step, in the way my seniors look toward college having mastered the essential skills required to enter the larger world. Juniata works so well because of its own particular combination of informality and rigor."

—John Potter, Headmaster, New School of Northern Virginia

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75th

out of 3,800
 colleges and universities
 ranked by **Forbes.com**



85th

in **U.S. News and
 World Report** in 2009
 college rankings

5th

coolest small town
 in America
 says **Budget Travel**



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colleges plus Juniata
 on honor roll for
 great colleges to work for



**Juniata is
 one of the best colleges in the U.S.**