Greetings from Philadelphia,

As we begin a new school year and welcome students back to campus, I want to thank you – our college counseling community – for your critical role in students making their way to college. Your curricular guidance, recommendation writing, organization and submission of so many materials, and comfort that you provide to students and families are so meaningful! I recognize the many (many!) hats you wear, and for that, I am grateful.

This year, Penn Admissions has reflected a lot on the importance of gratitude and how expressing gratitude makes us feel good. In this spirit, we have added a gratitude exercise to our Penn supplement with the hope of bringing a mini practice of mindfulness and reflection into the often-overwhelming college application process. Students’ responses to the prompt also provide insight into the way they notice the interactions that are meaningful to them. There is no wrong way for them to use the prompt – however they choose to approach it is exactly what we want to read!

As we look ahead to recruiting the Class of 2027, I remain focused on creating opportunities that broaden the pathway to college by making information more accessible and processes less complicated. I invite you to use this newsletter as a starting point to learn more about Penn, and I encourage you to browse our website, attend an event, follow us on social media, and reach out to our team as questions arise and you want to learn more.

Here’s to a great start to the school year, and I look forward to connecting with many of you in the coming months.

With gratitude,

Whitney Soule
Vice Provost and Dean of Admissions
PENN CLASS OF 2026
Penn evaluates all applications holistically, considering qualitative factors alongside measures of academic preparation.

54,588 APPLICANTS
EARLY DECISION: 7,794  REGULAR DECISION: 46,794

VISIT OPPORTUNITIES
Penn's campus in Philadelphia is once again open for visits! We also provide many ways for you and your students to engage with Penn online — from live virtual information sessions and application workshops to virtual tours, student-led panels, and on-demand videos.

To learn more about ways to engage with Penn, please visit: admissions.upenn.edu/visit

FINANCIAL AID
Penn is a need-blind institution for students that are citizens or permanent residents of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. That means that financial need will not be considered when making admissions decisions.

The average financial aid package for a first-year student in 2021-2022 was $61,852.

Penn is one of only a few universities that meets full demonstrated need with grant-based financial aid packages. Families should use our Net Price Calculator or MyInTuition to review an estimate of their financial aid package and total cost of attendance. To learn more about our calculator tools, please visit: srf.s.upenn.edu/estimate-your-costs

When financial circumstance warrants, applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to request an application fee waiver.

For more information, please visit the financial aid website: srf.s.upenn.edu

STANDARDIZED TESTING
Penn is continuing our test-optional policy and will not require applicants to submit the SAT or ACT for the 2022-23 application cycle. This applies to first-year and transfer applicants. Applicants who do not submit standardized test scores will not be at a disadvantage in the admissions process.

For more information on testing, please visit: admissions.upenn.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/what-penn-looks-for/testing

INCOMING STUDENT PROFILE
STUDENT GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION
Members of the incoming class of 2026 hail from 49 states, including Puerto Rico, D.C., Guam, USVI, and 84 countries.

In the fourteenth year of our partnership, 199 incoming first-year students were affiliated with Questbridge, a national program that aims to increase undergraduate enrollment of high-achieving, low-income students at top universities. Additionally, nearly 400 incoming students were affiliated with community-based organizations.

DIVERSITY
18% FIRST GENERATION  16% INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
19% PELL GRANT ELIGIBLE  55% STUDENTS OF COLOR

1by Home Address, not filtered by citizenship  2US Citizen/Permanent Residents

APPLICATION DEADLINES
EARLY DECISION: NOVEMBER 1    REGULAR DECISION: JANUARY 5    TRANSFER DECISION: MARCH 15

Apply through the Common Application or the Coalition Application.

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Clery Act information is available from the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-7515, or at publicsafety.upenn.edu/clery/annual-security-fire-safety-report/

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