DEAR SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

I hope you and your students are having a terrific fall! It may be hard to believe, but your senior class will be our class of 2020!

Although our application volume grew significantly last year to just over 51,000 freshmen applications, the fall entering class size remained the same with approximately 6,000 first-year students. We also enrolled our most accomplished class ever.

Unfortunately, some students who were very qualified for the University of Michigan were not admitted, particularly in our College of Engineering; while this is discouraging, please understand that we simply cannot accommodate all of the talented students who are interested in U-M.

We recognize that there is increased interest and are currently evaluating if we have the capacity to increase our class size to accommodate more students. If an increase is approved we will likely see the class size grow slowly over the next few years. We will continue to share updates regarding our enrollment goals as they are finalized.

Additionally, you likely noticed that academic excellence remained a very important component of our evaluative process. However, a student’s fit and interest in the University as demonstrated through coursework and essays were significantly important as we faced the arduous task of admitting fewer students from an extremely well-qualified pool of candidates.

Please encourage your students who consider Michigan among their top choices to apply Early Action; our deadline remains November 1. We will release all admissions decisions for Early Action applicants by December 24.

Students who do not apply by November 1 will be considered under our Regular Decision program. We guarantee a final decision by early April. (Please note that the School of Music, Theatre & Dance has one application deadline of Dec. 1).

Recognizing that recent years have brought tough economic times throughout the country, and especially here in Michigan, we want to emphasize how the University of Michigan remains committed not only to maintaining academic excellence and affordability for our resident students, but also outstanding student services. We continue to add support services and develop new academic programs, such as the School of Public Health’s new undergrad program, at a time when other universities are cutting back.

We have recently completed a multi-year program of upgrading our residence halls and improving our recreational facilities to ensure students have great academic and social environments available to them.

We look forward to working with you and your students to recruit the class of 2020 and wish you the best for a productive school year.

Go Blue!

Sincerely,

Erica L. Sanders
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Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Common App still the way for students to apply to U-M

To avoid any potential confusion down the line, we wanted to add a little preemptive note here to remind you – and your students – that the Common App is still the only way for students to apply to U-M for the 2016-17 school year.

You’ll likely be hearing some news about a new online application system supported by a group of colleges called the Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success. The Coalition was formed to develop a free platform of online tools to streamline the experience of planning for and applying to college.

Although U-M has joined the Coalition, the University is not using the application system at this time. U-M would like to first explore the new system to determine how to engage it with the University’s recruitment and application process.

New Software Features Simplify Course Planning for U-M Students

With some 15,000 classes offered each semester on the University of Michigan’s Ann Arbor campus, students enjoy a lot of opportunity, but face the complexity of figuring what works for them. Especially for first and second-year students, schedule planning can be daunting.

Since spring, students are encountering smoother course planning, scheduling and registering, thanks to three new features integrated into Wolverine Access, the U-M website that students use to register for classes.

Schedule Builder, Planner, and Backpack Validation provide a seamless experience that helps students attain their degree in an efficient manner and saves them (and their advisors) time and effort.

Schedule Builder eases the challenge of building a class schedule. Students enter courses of interest, and the tool generates all potential schedules. Even better, since Schedule Builder is integrated with Wolverine Access, students can import courses from their planner and get up-to-date information about which classes are open or closed.

Planner allows students to do long-term course planning with their advisors. Backpack Validation alerts students to courses in which they will not be permitted to enroll. Potential registration issues can be proactively resolved prior to a student’s registration appointment.
NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE
Extensive renovation provides more room for practice, teaching and performing

Following a three-year, $29.5 million renovation and expansion, the Earl V. Moore Building on North Campus has reopened, providing students with a vastly improved facility. The 1964 building will now include the William K. and Delores S. Brehm Pavilion, a new wing that adds 34,000 square feet. Named for its lead donors and longtime U-M supporters, the wing boasts a new entrance and lobby, a rehearsal hall for large ensembles, a music technology center, a state-of-the-art lecture hall, a suite of percussion practice rooms and new classrooms.

The renovations also resulted in a 25-percent increase in practice rooms; a public commons; significant acoustical, aesthetic and functional improvements to existing rehearsal and performance spaces; and a reconfiguring of faculty offices and studio space.

SCHOOL OF NURSING
School of Nursing celebrates opening of new high-tech learning facility

The School of Nursing celebrated the grand opening of its new high-technology learning facility. The new building is most assuredly student-centered, with active learning classrooms, skills labs, and simulated patient suites. The building, located at 426 N. Ingalls, is a four-story, 78,000-square-foot facility with more than 13,000 square feet dedicated to an expanded, cutting-edge Clinical Learning Center. The facility offers state-of-the-art anatomy and skills labs, exam rooms, standardized patient suites and high-fidelity mannequins that breathe, have heartbeats, produce vital signs and can simulate real-life childbirths.

ROSS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
New Ross initiative supports women in finance

A new effort at the Ross School of Business is working to encourage young women to pursue careers in the financial field. The Och Initiative for Women in Finance works to increase awareness among undergraduate students about careers for women in finance and to increase access to those career paths through mentorships, coursework, hands-on learning projects, professional development workshops, and co-curricular programming. Jane Och, who received her undergraduate business degree and a master’s degree in accounting from Michigan Ross, is a former associate at Goldman Sachs.

SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY
New interdisciplinary program focuses on wellness, personal training

The new Health and Fitness Program at the School of Kinesiology is perfect for students interested in wellness, personal training, coaching, or health and fitness education. This expanding field has seen a steady 18% job growth over the past decade, and graduates are in high demand. Health and Fitness students will participate in a robust interdisciplinary curriculum, receive internship placement, and prepare extensively for the ACSM Certified Health Fitness Specialist Exam.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
New Climate, Meteorology and Space Sciences degrees

The Earth’s climate and travel beyond are key areas of science and engineering in the 21st century, which is why U-M has created three new degrees to train the next generation of engineers: “Climate Science and Impacts Engineering” students will study and understand how climate change impacts other aspects of the Earth’s system, including society; “Meteorology” allows students to obtain the skills to properly analyze phenomenon such as synoptic scale weather systems; “Space Sciences and Engineering” prepares students to pursue graduate degrees in the space sciences or join the space industry, which is facing a severe workforce shortage.

STAMPS SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN
STAMPS application process offers a blueprint for success

Admissions selection is squarely in the hands of faculty and staff at the Stamps School of Art & Design. While academic rigor is a way of life at U-M, the required art portfolio comprises 50 percent of Stamps admissions decisions, creating a critical distinction between the admissions outcomes of the school and the University at large. Students can learn more about great application prep through our pre-college programs or by requesting a Stamps brochure.
U-M and LSA Lead the Way in Fulbrights

The prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers recent graduates and graduate students amazing opportunities to further their research, study, and teaching interests in more than 140 countries. Of the 28 Fulbright recipients from U-M last year – which were the most for any public university and second only to Harvard – 24 hailed from LSA. That’s a testament to the College’s focus on teaching and on fostering research opportunities for all students across all areas of study.

LSA program: Bridging Opportunity and Success

Through intensive academic preparation, individualized academic advising, and a focus on establishing a peer network, LSA’s Summer Bridge Program helps underrepresented students transition from high school to U-M before their first semester. Through Bridge, which this year celebrated its 40th anniversary, students are assigned an academic advisor who will support them from orientation through graduation, providing guidance on course selection, career planning, and progress toward attaining their degrees.

U-M LAUNCHES NEW INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The University of Michigan has launched a new center that brings together the seven science schools - with a goal to prepare health professionals of the future.

The Michigan Center for Interprofessional Education will serve more than 4,000 U-M students, expanding on a program more than a year in development. It’s designed to break down the traditional barriers that separate health professions by creating opportunities for collaboration and engaged learning across disciplines, with an end goal of preparing professionals who will work together more effectively to improve patient care.

More than half of non-resident undergraduates attending U-M receive some type of financial aid in the form of grants and scholarships (gift aid that is not repaid from U-M or the federal government), federal loans (must be repaid with interest) and federal work-study, which allows students to earn a paycheck to defray college costs.

Visit our U-M Net Price Calculator for individualized estimates of cost to attend U-M: 

npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/umich

University gift aid includes the Provost’s Award, a renewable grant for non-resident students offered to the neediest entering and continuing undergraduates pursuing their first bachelor’s degree. In combination with other federal and University need-based grants, the Provost’s Award covers 100 percent of tuition costs as well as most housing costs. Though every family situation is different, this award would apply to most families with an annual income of up to $68,000. Total aid will meet full demonstrated need for this selected set of students.

Admitted, entering students are automatically considered for most U-M scholarships, both through Schools and Colleges and the Office of Financial Aid. Some scholarships are awarded based on financial need and others reflect the University’s commitment to a student body that is broadly diverse in geography, achievements, special skills and talents.

Visit: finaid.umich.edu/ScholarshipsandGrants or call the U-M Office of Financial Aid at 734-763-6600.