Miami Selects New AVP for Enrollment Management

Miami University is excited to announce that Michael S. Kabbaz, former Director of Admission at the University of Richmond, has been selected as the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management beginning May 1, 2011.

Before joining the University of Richmond, Kabbaz worked for the College Board, overseeing usage of AP programs and consulting on a variety of enrollment and educational initiatives. Kabbaz worked in Miami’s Office of Admission from 2001-2003, serving as the Associate Director for Operations and Communications.

“As an Ohio native, I look forward to helping move Miami University to its next level of excellence. Miami is one of the best public institutions in the country and well-recognized for the quality of its undergraduate teaching, and I am thrilled to help shape its future success,” said Kabbaz.

Class of 2015 News

Thank you all for your endless efforts in helping us recruit and enroll the Class of 2015. Whether you submitted a transcript, wrote a letter of recommendation, or hosted a prospective student event, we hope you know just how much your time and energy are appreciated and valued.

While the overall numbers for the incoming class are still being finalized, we can tell you that this year Miami received a record-breaking 18,430 applications for first-year admission. While students are still confirming their enrollment, we anticipate a class of about 3,500 will commence on an exciting academic journey on the Oxford campus this fall.

If you counsel a student who has accepted a place on Miami’s wait list, please let them know that we will communicate our final decision regarding their status as soon as possible. Because we cannot currently predict whether we will be in a position to offer acceptance to any of the students who elected to be placed on our wait list, we would encourage those students to confirm their enrollment at another institution by the May 1 deadline.

Should you or your students have any questions regarding the Class of 2015 or the wait list, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our staff at your earliest convenience.

Bridges Program News

Miami’s Outreach & Multicultural Recruitment Team is pleased to announce that it will once again offer three opportunities for students to participate in its annual Bridges program. Bridges is an overnight experience designed for high-achieving underrepresented high school seniors (Class of 2012) from Ohio and across the US who have an interest in learning more about the educational opportunities available at Miami University.
Details for this year's program are still being finalized and will be shared with you as soon as the three dates are solidified. A copy of this year's application and deadline will also be sent to you in the coming weeks.

Please be sure to visit the Bridges website for the latest information and updates regarding the program.

**Changes for Fall 2012**

Beginning with the fall 2012 application for admission, Miami University will no longer require students to submit scores for the ACT/SAT writing exam. The updated application for admission will be available to students on August 1 at either the Miami website or the Common Application website. When speaking with students, we ask that you please remind them that applications submitted in August may not be immediately acknowledged and that Miami's Early Action deadline of December 1 is non-binding.

Should you or your students have any questions about Miami's application for admission, please do not hesitate to contact your admission representative.

**Junior Scholars Program**

Do you have students who want to get a jumpstart on their college degree? Do you know of any rising high school seniors who would like to spend the summer living on a college campus? If so, we would encourage you to find out more about the Junior Scholars Program at Miami University.

Since 1982, more than 2,000 rising high school seniors have taken advantage of the opportunity to earn college credit as they spend the six weeks on Miami's campus. Students who apply and are admitted to the program get to choose from nearly 40 college classes in a variety of disciplines. Students will typically earn six to eight semester hours of credit which can be applied toward a Miami degree or transferred to another college or university.

For program requirements and a copy of this year's application, please visit the website. Please note that eligible students will typically have a grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale or rank in the top ten percent of their class. Applications for the Junior Scholars program must be initiated by May 15, 2011.

**Visit Opportunities**

Miami's Office of Admission encourages students and parents to visit campus this summer. With information sessions and campus tours available Monday through Friday at both 10 AM and 2 PM, and on many Saturdays throughout the summer months, as well, visiting Miami has never been easier. Students are encouraged to register online for a date and time that best fits their needs.

And if you find yourself in the Oxford area this summer, please inform us of your plans. Members of our admission staff will be happy to meet with you, facilitate a tour of our campus, and provide you with a complimentary meal in one of Miami’s award-winning dining facilities.

**Summer Experiences for High School Students**

Miami University is excited to offer a variety of summer programs for high school students in many different areas including the fine arts, iPhone game design, and civic engagement. Information and registration for the fine arts summer programs is available at the Summer Arts Institute website; a complete list of all other available programs can be found on the website for Miami's Office of Lifelong Learning.
We hope the information presented in this newsletter has been helpful and provided you with some additional insights regarding Miami University. Should you have specific questions or concerns about the University or its policies and procedures, we encourage you to contact your admission representative or to visit Miami's School Counselor Website.