

Bates

PROFILE

Fall 2009

Dear Colleagues in Secondary Schools and Community Based Organizations,

We are pleased and excited with the many successes of the 2008-2009 admissions cycle. Without generalizing about the current economic challenges facing all of us, I will simply offer a few highlights and let you know that we always welcome your thoughts and comments.

Bates College places the individual prospective student at the center of our admissions process. We continue to believe that meeting and interviewing individual prospective students, choosing to critically read each application multiple times, and connecting with teachers and colleagues are significant components of our admissions process. Although increased selectivity challenges all of us (4,913 students applied for 475 places for September 2009), Bates remains committed to building the next class one person at a time.

We are pleased with the significant growth in the academic quality and diversity of recent Bates classes. From the pool of 760 multicultural applications, 94 underrepresented students will enroll this fall – a 69% increase from four years ago, representing nearly 20 percent of the incoming class – a college record. The very competitive selection and financial aid process for international students resulted in an enrollment of 26 students from 870 international applications. On the next page you can see the 36 states and 17 countries represented by the incoming class.

One of Bates' highest priorities is to meet 100% of the demonstrated financial need for students offered admission. Among our peer colleges, Bates contributes a larger percentage of its institutional budget to financial aid with over \$18 million dollars in need-based grants going to more than 40% of our students. Most private, highly selective liberal arts colleges crossed a major financial threshold this year with annual comprehensive fees exceeding \$50,000. At Bates we are pleased to report growth for the financial aid budget that continues to outpace comprehensive fee increases.

Bates College continues to be innovative in the recruitment and retention of students. Entering its third year, the "Swing Dean" program focuses on multicultural and first-generation Caucasian first-year students, and with a 99% continuation rate from first year to second year, our early results are impressive. Carmita McCoy, who spent this past year facilitating Admissions Office work as the Director of Multicultural Recruitment, will "swing" into the role of Associate Dean for Student Transition within the Dean of Students' Office as she supports the incoming Class of 2013. Marylyn Scott, who worked closely with first-year students this past year as their "transition dean", now "swings" back to Admissions as the Director of Multicultural Recruitment for the Class of 2014.

The Bates Admissions staff has never been stronger. Following four years of outstanding service, Jason Patterson '02 is returning to New York City where he will be a 12th grade advisor at The Urban Assembly School for Law & Justice. Luis Martinez '05 will take his place on the admissions staff; Luis returns to Maine after several years in the Washington, D.C. area, most recently working as a counselor at the Latin American Youth Center. I invite you to connect with your "geographic dean" listed on the back of this Profile with any specific questions or comments on behalf of your students and families.

From all of us at Bates College, we send our best wishes for a rewarding school year,



Wylie L. Mitchell
Dean of Admissions

Total Applications

Admissions data for new students enrolling in September 2009 as of May 8, 2009

	Applied	Accepted	Enrolled
First Year Men	2,081	527	220
Transfer Men	68	1	0
First Year Women	2,686	705	255
Transfer Women	78	1	0
Total	4,913	1,234	475

Enrolling U.S. Students

Arizona	2	Maine	38	Ohio	5
California	19	Maryland	12	Oregon	1
Colorado	9	Massachusetts	100	Pennsylvania	12
Connecticut	51	Michigan	1	Rhode Island	8
D.C.	3	Minnesota	4	Tennessee	7
Florida	5	Missouri	1	Texas	3
Georgia	2	Montana	4	U.S. Abroad	4
Hawaii	1	Nebraska	1	Vermont	13
Illinois	7	New Hampshire	26	Virginia	6
Kansas	1	New Jersey	22	Washington	4
Kentucky	2	New York	69	West Virginia	1
Louisiana	1	North Carolina	2	Wisconsin	2

Enrolling International Students

Barbados	1	Ethiopia	1	Singapore	1
Bangladesh	1	Japan	2	Sri Lanka	1
Belarus	1	Kenya	1	Tanzania	1
Canada	4	Liberia	1	United Kingdom	2
China	3	Pakistan	3	Vietnam	1
Ecuador	1	Paraguay	1		

Enrolling Dual Citizens

USA/Barbados	1	USA/Iran	1	USA/Sweden	1
USA/Canada	3	USA/Ireland	1	USA/United Kingdom	3
USA/Denmark	1	USA/Nepal	1	USA/Yugoslavia	1

Bates College Admissions Application Plans and Deadlines for 2009-2010

Admissions Plan	For Whom	When to Apply (postmark)	Notification From Bates	Candidate's Reply Date (postmark)
Early Decision (Round I)	If you have decided that Bates is your first choice college. It is understood that if you are admitted at this time, you will withdraw applications made to other colleges.	by November 15	December 15	December 31
Early Decision (Round II)		by January 1	February 15	February 23
Regular Decision	If you are applying to a variety of colleges.	by January 1	March 31	May 1
Deferred Admission	If you are planning to take a year off before entering college to work, travel, or pursue another interest.	by January 1	March 31	May 1
Early Admission	If you plan to enter college a year early (before graduating from secondary school).	by January 1	March 31	May 1
Transfer Admission	If you will have completed four or more transferable college-level courses before entering Bates.	by March 1 (by Jan 1 for non US Citizens)	March 31	May 1
International Student Admission	If your nationality is not American and you are not a permanent resident of the United States.	by January 1	April 10	May 1
January Admission	If you plan to matriculate in the semester beginning in January instead of September.	by November 1	December 1	As soon as possible

Visiting the Bates College Admissions Office

Interviews (strongly encouraged)

June 15, 2009 through November 15, 2009

- Weekdays, on the hour 9am to 3pm
- Some Saturday mornings in September, October and November

Alumni interviews in most parts of the United States and many foreign countries can be arranged for those students unable to visit Bates College. The Admissions Office must receive requests for interviews with alumni representatives by November 15, 2009 (February 15, 2010 for Transfer Applicants).

Group Information Sessions

- Weekdays, February 16 - May 1, 2009, and July 6 - August 31, 2009, at 10am and 2pm
- Some Saturday mornings at 10am in September, October and November

Campus Tours

Weekdays

- June 1, 2009 - October 16, 2009: 8:45am, 11am, 12:45pm and 3pm
- October 19, 2009 - October 23, 2009: 11am and 12:45pm
- October 26, 2009 - November 13, 2009: 8:45am, 11am, 12:45pm and 3pm
- November 30, 2009 - December 11, 2009: 11am and 12:45pm
- January 11, 2010 - June 14, 2010: 11am and 12:45pm
(some exceptions apply during holidays)

Bates College Admissions Staff and Geographic Assignments

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Bates in Brief

- Bates College was founded in 1855 by people who believed strongly in freedom, civil rights, and the importance of a higher education for all who could benefit from it. The College has always admitted students without regard to race, religion, national origin, or gender, and was the first coeducational college in New England. Bates has never had fraternities or sororities.
- The College is located in Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, which is Maine's second largest metropolitan area, and is located 35 miles north of Portland, 140 miles north of Boston and 340 miles north of New York City.
- The school year calendar is a 4-4-1: two full semesters followed by a 5 week spring Short Term.
- B.A. and B.S. degrees are offered. Major fields of study: African American Studies, American Cultural Studies, Anthropology, Art and Visual Culture, Asian Studies, Astronomy, Biological Chemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Classical and Medieval Studies, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Studies, Geology, German, Russian, and East Asian Languages and Literatures, History, Mathematics, Music, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Religion, Rhetoric, Romance Languages and Literatures, Sociology, Theater, and Women and Gender Studies.