



# Becton High School Students Accepted into Top Colleges

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Dear Carlstadt and East Rutherford Parents & Community Members:

In today's educational climate, there have been many strides made in changing standards of achievement for America's students: the new SAT, Common Core Standards, the PARCC assessment, among many others. However, for most students, the real standard of achievement boils down to a single factor: college acceptances.



For Becton Regional High School, this standard of achievement has been met and exceeded. Not only has the school bolstered a nearly 10% increase in graduation rate—surpassing the state average of 89%—but students have also demonstrated their level of success by the caliber of the colleges they've been accepted to. Being accepted to prestigious schools such as Fordham University, Marist College, Rutgers University, The College of New Jersey, West Virginia University, Drexel University, Pennsylvania State University, New York University, Wesleyan College, Manhattan College, among many others, indicates that Becton graduates have what it takes to attend some of the most elite colleges in the country.

Although there were many academic reinforcements in this effort, there have also been many other motivating factors for students as well. Math teacher Michele Ferris has a tradition of encouraging Becton students to reach for their college dreams and celebrate their accomplishments. On Ferris' classroom wall, she endorses a huge display of college materials (posters, apparel, flags, etc.) from every college that every student has been accepted to during the school year. She states: "I started the college wall as another way to reach out to students. By showing an interest in them it developed more mutual respect between myself and them. The biggest outcome was more motivation. Even underclassmen stop off to see who was accepted and where the seniors are committing to. All college materials were brought in by the students themselves." This sense of pride and accomplishment in Becton's graduates resonates with students, staff, and administrators alike and creates a common goal for the entire school.

The growing success of Becton's students comes to no surprise when considering the recent improvements made to the school. Last year, the high school switched over to a flexible rotate- drop schedule, allowing more class time for students to learn as well as allowing students to take more classes and electives to grow their academic interests. The new schedule has allowed the school to offer many new, career-centered electives such as Web Page Design, Entrepreneurship, International



*The hall of fame “college wall” in Ms. Ferris’ room*

Business, Marketing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Forensics, and Criminal Justice. Following the approximately \$30 million renovation in 2013, the school also boasts state of the art labs and media equipment, aiding in student growth and productivity. Principal Dario Sforza best states why the environment at Becton has made such a huge impact on college acceptances:

“Although it is exciting to see the list of exceptional colleges and universities our students are being accepted to, it is certainly not a surprise. Becton students are not only intelligent, but are also extremely hardworking and motivated by the positive culture and learning environment that has been established here at Becton Regional High School. We hope to continue to capitalize on all the positive growth and continue to offer our students a progressive 21<sup>st</sup> century curricula that caters to their individual learning needs.”

By looking at the list of college acceptances, it is clear that students have already reaped the benefits of the school’s new offerings, but Becton is not stopping here. The school is determined to continue to move forward and is even looking to pilot a 1:1 initiative, giving students access to personal laptops that will enhance their class time productivity and research-based study. By cultivating college and career readiness opportunities for its students, it is clear that Becton is working hard to give students the tools they need to succeed in college. Although students have already proven that they can get into nationally-revered colleges and universities, the growing school culture will unquestionably ensure a bright future for all Becton graduates.

*See the next four (4) pages for the full list of 2015 & 2016 college acceptances!*

For full list of the 2015 & 2016 college acceptance, please see below:

<b>Albright College</b>	<b>CUNY John Jay College</b>
<b>Alvernia University</b>	<b>Curry College</b>
<b>Anna Maria College</b>	<b>Daytona State College</b>
<b>Appalachian State University</b>	<b>Delaware Valley University</b>
<b>Arcadia University</b>	<b>Dominican College</b>
<b>Barry University (Fla)</b>	<b>Drew University</b>
<b>Bentley University</b>	<b>Drexel University</b>
<b>Bergen Community College</b>	<b>Duquesne University</b>
<b>Berkeley College</b>	<b>East Stroudsburg University of PA</b>
<b>Bloomfield College</b>	<b>Emory University</b>
<b>Bloomsburg University of PA</b>	<b>Endicott College</b>
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>Fairleigh Dickinson University</b>
<b>Brevard College</b>	<b>Felician College</b>
<b>Cabrini College</b>	<b>Flagler College (Fla)</b>
<b>Caldwell University</b>	<b>Florida Gulf Coast University</b>
<b>Cazenovia College</b>	<b>Florida Institute of Technology</b>
<b>Centenary College</b>	<b>Florida International University</b>
<b>Coastal Carolina University</b>	<b>Fordham University</b>
<b>College of Mount St. Vincent</b>	<b>Gannon University</b>
<b>College of St. Rose</b>	<b>Georgian Court University</b>
<b>CUNY Hunter College</b>	<b>High Point University</b>

<b>Hobart &amp; William Smith College</b>	<b>Mercy College (NY)</b>
<b>Hofstra University</b>	<b>Mercyhurst University</b>
<b>Howard University</b>	<b>Merrimack College</b>
<b>Husson University (Maine)</b>	<b>Monmouth University</b>
<b>Indian River State College</b>	<b>Montclair State University</b>
<b>Indiana University of PA</b>	<b>Moravian College</b>
<b>Iona College</b>	<b>Mount Ida College</b>
<b>Ithaca College</b>	<b>Mount Saint Mary's University</b>
<b>Kean College</b>	<b>New England College</b>
<b>King's College</b>	<b>New Hampshire University</b>
<b>Kutztown University of PA</b>	<b>New Jersey City University</b>
<b>Lasell College</b>	<b>New Jersey Institute of Technology</b>
<b>Lehigh University</b>	<b>New York University</b>
<b>LIU Brooklyn</b>	<b>Ohio State University</b>
<b>LIU Post</b>	<b>Pace University NYC</b>
<b>Loyola University-Maryland</b>	<b>Pace University- Westchester, NY</b>
<b>Lynchburg College</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State University</b>
<b>Manhattan College</b>	<b>Pratt University</b>
<b>Marist College</b>	<b>Quinnipiac University</b>
<b>Marywood University</b>	<b>Ramapo College of New Jersey</b>
<b>Mass College of Pharmacy</b>	<b>Rider University</b>

<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	<b>Susquehanna University</b>
<b>Roger Williams University</b>	<b>Syracuse University</b>
<b>Rowan University</b>	<b>Temple University</b>
<b>Rutgers University- N. Brunswick</b>	<b>The Art Institute of Austin</b>
<b>Rutgers University- Camden</b>	<b>The College of New Jersey</b>
<b>Rutgers University- Newark</b>	<b>Towson University</b>
<b>Sacred Heart University</b>	<b>Trinity College</b>
<b>Saint Peter's University</b>	<b>University of Alabama</b>
<b>San Diego State College</b>	<b>University of Albany</b>
<b>School of Visual Arts- NYC</b>	<b>University of Bridgeport</b>
<b>Seton Hall University</b>	<b>University of Buffalo</b>
<b>Springfield College (Mass)</b>	<b>University of Connecticut</b>
<b>St. John's University</b>	<b>University of Delaware</b>
<b>St. Peter's College</b>	<b>University of Hartford</b>
<b>St. Thomas University (Fla)</b>	<b>University of Maine</b>
<b>Stevens Institute of Technology</b>	<b>University of Maryland-College Park</b>
<b>Stockton University</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts- Amherst</b>
<b>Stonehill College</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts- Boston</b>
<b>SUNY Alfred</b>	<b>University of New Hampshire at Durham</b>
<b>SUNY Delhi</b>	<b>University of New Haven</b>
<b>SUNY Stony Brook</b>	<b>University of Rhode Island</b>
	<b>University of Scranton</b>

<b>University of South Carolina at Beaufort</b>	<b>Wesley College (Delaware)</b>
<b>University of South Florida</b>	<b>Wesleyan College</b>
<b>University of Southern California: San Diego</b>	<b>West Chester University of PA</b>
<b>University of Tampa</b>	<b>West Virginia University</b>
<b>University of Tennessee</b>	<b>Western Connecticut State University</b>
<b>University of the Sciences</b>	<b>Western New England University</b>
<b>University of Connecticut</b>	<b>Wilkes University</b>
<b>Vaughn College (Fla)</b>	<b>William Paterson University</b>
<b>Wentworth Institute of Technology</b>	<b>York College</b>

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