



## C2C Partner Schools

### Minneapolis, MN

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School  
DeLaSalle High School  
Risen Christ Elementary School

### Racine, WI

John XXIII Educational Center

### Milwaukee, WI

Nativity Jesuit Middle School  
Notre Dame Middle School

### Waukegan, IL

St. Martin De Porres High School

### Chicago, IL

Christ the King Jesuit High School  
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Pilsen  
San Miguel Middle School, Back of the Yards

### Tucson, AZ

San Miguel High School

### Browning, MT

De La Salle Blackfeet School

## Information for C2C Partner School Administrators

**General Information:** Countdown to College is a college preparatory program offered to students from our network schools. Each summer Saint Mary's University will accept 24 rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders from the pool of applicants recommended by partner school personnel. The program takes place each summer for two weeks in Winona, MN.

Students who are chosen will receive, without cost, a two-week academic college preparatory program. Parents of first year students are invited to accompany their children to campus for the first two days (transportation provided by C2C). The daily schedule will consist of academic classes, recreation and supervised study halls, starting at 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. Academic classes during the two weeks will consist of reading, vocabulary, math, and writing. Years 3 and 4 will focus on a science immersion experience studying water ecology. Teachers from partner schools will be recruited to accompany the students and serve as co-teachers with SMU instructors and facilitators of after-school recreation activities, field trips, and study hall.

Countdown to College participants will have the opportunity to return each summer for the next four years and will receive preferential enrollment in Saint Mary's University after high school graduation.

**Procedures for Recommendation:** Students nominated from partner elementary/middle schools by their eighth grade teachers and graduate support personnel, and by admission counselors from participating high schools will be considered for this academic camp. Each partner school may recommend up to four candidates. Recommendation forms are to be completed by either eighth grade teachers (for elementary/middle schools) or high school admissions counselors for candidates who are accepted and confirmed for attendance in the fall of 2015.

Nominated students will complete an application that includes a handwritten spontaneous essay (to be completed in school). Their parent(s) or guardian will also complete a brief statement indicating their support of this opportunity for their child. Parent/guardian applications may be completed either in Spanish or English. Candidates will be chosen based on financial need, academic potential, character, leadership and commitment to academic success.

**Selection and Notification Timeline:** Saint Mary's selection committee will review all applications and select students from partner schools. Selected candidates will be notified by the end of April.