



University of New Haven

# COLLEGE EXPLORER GUIDE:

## 3 Quick Things Every High School Sophomore Should Do



**How ready do you feel for life after high school?**

College might feel far away, but it's never too early to prepare for the future. Here are three things every sophomore can do ***RIGHT NOW*** to get better prepared for an amazing college experience.



# Explore your interests and passions

**A big part of the college experience is finding ways to turn your interests into getting involved on campus and discovering potential majors or careers.** What subjects do you enjoy? What do you love to do on the weekend? It's also important to consider the environment you thrive in—do you like big classes or small groups? Do you enjoy getting hands-on experience? Knowing how you learn best is key to your success on campus and after graduation.



**University of New Haven is 100% invested in your success.** We provide limitless resources to help you turn your passions into real career paths, like our state-of-the-art facilities and 5 unique schools, and over 200 student organizations. **No matter what you choose to do, we have all the resources you need to deepen your knowledge, help you make connections, and put you on the path to success.**

## What opportunities do students get to explore their passions at New Haven?

*"It's so easy to get involved.* I play trombone for the jazz band, marching band, and the pep band—but that's just with music. I'm also in the bowling club, and I'm hoping to start a programming club next semester."

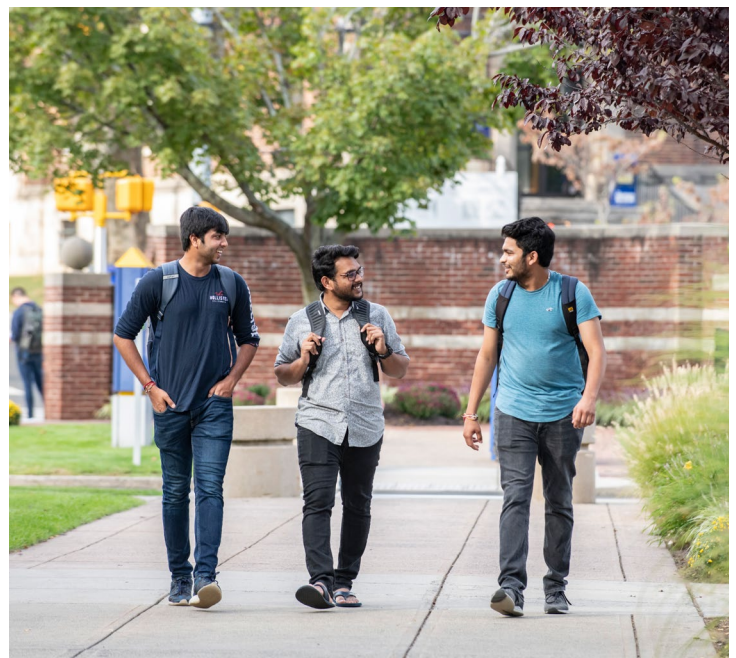
**Ryan Horgan, Computer Science, and Game Development**

# Consider where you want to **live**

When you consider what you'd like to do in the future, remember that **it's important that you love where you live!** If being able to access great food, entertainment, internships, and job opportunities is important to you, check out schools that make it easy to explore the world off-campus.

## **The University of New Haven's dynamic and diverse campus is bursting with opportunity!**

New Haven is home to world-class theaters, musicians, and museums and just a short train ride from New York City. We're also home to some of the best pizza places in the world—in fact, we're known as the Pizza Capital of the World! We also have an international campus in Tuscany, Italy, which allows our students to experience life and learning in an exciting, cultural environment (and, of course, eat more pizza).



## **What do students think of life at New Haven?**

**"I like the halfway size of the campus—it's not too big or too small that you can't see new faces or feel like you know people.** There's a great feeling of walking around campus and seeing something that you might not know about or hearing about new clubs makes life really interesting."

**Rebecca McDermott, Forensic Psychology**



# Think about your **big dreams and goals**

A strong network isn't something many sophomores consider when choosing a college but having access to mentors—whether they're graduates or faculty members with industry connections—is a great way to turn your dreams into reality. Think about what you might like to do in the future and look for colleges with alumni who have gone on to lead successful careers—there might be success in store for you there, too!



**Opportunities are limitless for New Haven grads.** We have a multitude of resources to support you and your dreams, like the *Center for Student Success and ChargerLink* (a new online job matching system). **96% of our alumni are succeeding in their chosen field**, in careers at the Dept of Homeland Security, ESPN, Disney, Microsoft, SNL, and more!

## **How do New Haven students use their connections?**

"I got an internship through one of my professors and ended up interning for the **Connecticut State General Assembly**. I was able to work on a body camera project for a local police department in a research capacity. I've helped out different legislators, done social media work, and *done more than I ever thought I would.*"

**Chris Fogarty, Criminal Justice**

By focusing on where you want to live and what you want to do in the future, you'll be ready to explore colleges.

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