

# COLLEGE CORNER

## College Selection Gets Smart

(NAPSA)—More than one million students enter college each year—and many schools are finding smart new ways to find the best of the bunch.

For instance, a growing number of colleges now focus on the student as a whole—as opposed to evaluating test scores—when making admission decisions.

Analysts say the approach can result in a better rounded education and often a better match between student and college.

For instance, Founders College in South Boston, Virginia, slated to open its doors in 2007, has said that student Scholastic Aptitude (SAT) and Advanced Placement (AP) test scores will not be considered during the admissions process. Instead, the residential liberal arts and business college will evaluate applications by reference to a student's context of knowledge, thinking and writing skills, essay, maturity level and motivation.

Once accepted, students will take courses that build upon each other, culminating in a cohesive body of knowledge.

"We seek to inspire a lifelong passion for knowledge and a commitment to take ideas seriously," said Dr. Gary Hull, the college's chairman and chief executive officer, "and we emphasize the thinking and communication skills that students will need to pursue success in any profession or graduate program."



**Nothing But A Number—SAT scores are not always taken into account when students apply to colleges.**

### **The Role Of Faculty**

While certain test scores may not affect students applying to the school, the faculty aren't so lucky. The school's professors and teaching staff are required to pass a rigorous, proprietary teacher-training program and to participate in ongoing teacher training. Tenure will not be offered.

"We prize effective teaching methods and great teachers," Hull said. "Instructors will focus on inspiring and fostering the intellect of students, as well as providing the finest education in essential liberal arts subjects."

The college recently received degree-granting authority from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

For more information, visit [www.founderscollege.com](http://www.founderscollege.com).