Where else in the world can your daughter attend a distinguished liberal arts college dedicated to the success of women that offers the resources of an Ivy League university in the world’s most exciting city?

... AT BARNARD.

WITH A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION, SHE WILL LEARN COURAGEOUSLY AND THINK FOR HERSELF.

IN NEW YORK CITY, SHE WILL EXPERIENCE THE WORLD.

AT THIS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, YOUR DAUGHTER WILL GROW IN CONFIDENCE AND SHAPE A LIFE THAT MATTERS.
Dear Parent or Guardian,

Women come to Barnard to shape a life that matters. As you and your daughter explore the next step in her education, we want to share with you what matters most to us: what we can offer to you.

Unique in American higher education, Barnard is a residential liberal arts college with a faculty whose members combine dedication to teaching with a commitment to research; a renowned institution in the midst of New York City, an amazing metropolis offering our students more than 2,500 internships each year; an intimate community partnered with a great research university; and a place truly dedicated to the advancement of women across all social spheres. This rare combination, within a culture that prizes independent thinking and bold pursuits, has inspired students who aspire to excellence in virtually every field of endeavor.

A graduate of Barnard recently said that attending a women’s college was about more than achieving academically. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, Barnard reaffirmed all that she knew she could be. Her experience illustrates what our students and alumnae share—a spirit and a confidence that are distinctly Barnard.

I wish you and your daughter a productive and inspiring college search and invite you to visit our campus in Morningside Heights to see for yourselves what makes Barnard matter.

Debora L. Spar
President

A DISTINCTIVE CHOICE

As you consider colleges, you and your daughter may have many of the same questions—about academic rigor, educational outcomes, and the quality of the environment. Your daughter may be eager to get a sense of the campus feel and other less tangible aspects of college life, while you probe issues of cost and value.

In these pages, we’ll answer some of your first questions. We hope you’ll also review the information we sent your daughter, explore our website, and join her on a campus visit to Barnard.

Barnard’s admission process is designed to help you and your daughter better understand Barnard and help us select those who we believe will flourish and contribute here. At Barnard, the most satisfied students are highly motivated, intellectually curious, and eager to explore the unlimited opportunities.

OUR DAUGHTER’S REMARKABLE INTELLIGENCE, IMBUED WITH A SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENT INQUIRY, WOULD BE SUPPORTED, WE FELT, BY BARNARD’S ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. THIS YEAR SHE WAS ELECTED EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE COLUMBIA SPECTATOR. THIS BEGINS A FULFILLING LIFE THAT WILL PREPARE HER TO OFFER HER MANY GIFTS IN SERVICE TO THE WORLD.

GAIL GREENWELL, parent of a recent Barnard graduate
A UNIQUE ACADEMIC CULTURE

Offering all of the benefits of a top liberal arts college—plus the advantages of an Ivy League research university—Barnard holds a distinctive place in higher education. With small classes, dedicated scholar-teachers, and an emphasis on one-on-one advising, Barnard challenges the intellect and encourages growth and discovery.

From the start, Barnard students establish close ties to faculty and staff members. Advisers work carefully with each student throughout her years at Barnard, offering guidance, support, and encouragement as she explores Barnard’s exceptionally wide range of academic and co-curricular choices.

Students are taken seriously by Barnard’s exceptional and committed faculty members, who meet the demanding tenure requirements of both a first-rate liberal arts college (Barnard) and a world-class university (Columbia). Courses are taught by regular members of the faculty—never graduate students. Faculty are hired and rewarded for dedication to undergraduate education, as well as for scholarly excellence.

The Barnard/Columbia Partnership
Barnard’s longstanding partnership with Columbia University, across the street from our campus, offers your daughter a remarkable combination of resources and opportunities.

Students on both campuses have shared access to resources that include 25 libraries, advanced science and technology facilities, thousands of courses, and lectures and events nearly every day of the academic year. For the entire University community, Barnard provides leading undergraduate programs in architecture, dance, education, theatre, and urban studies.

Beyond academics, Barnard students are active in an energetic and varied student life and a coed social life with Columbia. They lead and contribute to more than 250 student organizations on both campuses. Athletes compete on 16 NCAA Division I Ivy League teams through the Barnard College/Columbia University Athletic Consortium, as well as in club and intramural sports.

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SOURCE: ACCREDITATION REPORT OF MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
Learning and living in New York City, students enjoy an endless storehouse of cultural and intellectual riches. The city is a vast museum, library, laboratory, theatre, workshop, and employer. The best of everything is here. Through Barnard, students have access to it all.

The City as Classroom
Many courses incorporate the city’s great learning resources. Barnard’s faculty members bring experts to the classroom. Classes head to nearby corporate headquarters, cultural organizations, medical and science facilities, and government agencies—the institutions that set the pace for the rest of the world. Courses in art history, for example, send students to the collections of the Metropolitan Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, and the galleries of SoHo.

Through our extensive internship program, Barnard students choose among 2,500 internship opportunities in fields from politics to medicine to the arts. By the end of senior year, more than two-thirds of students have interned, acquiring valuable experience, making connections, and gaining insight into possible careers.

Barnard students have interned at CNN, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Microsoft, New York Presbyterian Hospital, the New York Times, Sony, and the United Nations, to name just a few.

The Neighborhood
Barnard’s neighborhood, Morningside Heights, is essentially a university town—and it’s located within one of Manhattan’s safest precincts. Students, professors, and staff of neighboring institutions—including Columbia University, The Jewish Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, and Manhattan School of Music—make up most of the pedestrian traffic. Many people who work, teach, or learn in the neighborhood also live near Barnard’s enclosed, four-acre, well-lit campus. The student-run nighttime escort service offers an extra sense of security for Barnard students, more than 90 percent of whom live in College-owned housing with 24-hour security.

New York City is America’s biggest college town, with 100 institutions of higher learning serving 594,000 college students.

Barnard offers incoming students a weeklong orientation to the city, complete with tips on how to take the subway.

MY DAUGHTER LOVES NEW YORK CITY AND WANTS TO BE THERE; THE INNUMERABLE OUT-OF-CLASS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE WONDERFUL. BARNARD AND COLUMBIA GIVE HER THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS—A SMALL, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT AND THE RESOURCES OF A LARGE UNIVERSITY.

SANDRA S. STONE, parent of a recent Barnard graduate

I SUPPORTED MY DAUGHTER’S DECISION TO ATTEND BARNARD BECAUSE I THOUGHT SHE WOULD BLOSSOM IN A COLLEGE WITH A STRONG ACADEMIC REPUTATION AND A DIVERSE ENVIRONMENT. BARNARD HAS BEEN A PERFECT MATCH.

NANCY ORTIZ, parent of a recent Barnard graduate

Students enjoy being part of the energy and excitement of the city—and appreciate returning to the serenity of Barnard’s enclosed campus, with its green lawns and brick pathways.
For Barnard students, going to this college for women means joining a community where they are challenged, nurtured, encouraged, and inspired. Here, the concerns and ambitions of women always come first—and every leadership position is held by a woman. The result? The Barnard woman has a strong sense of self, the ability to think critically and solve problems, and an understanding of her power to make an impact in the world. Barnard prides itself on fostering success, especially in fields in which women have been traditionally underrepresented, such as math and science.

Faculty members are committed to helping each student reach her potential, whether that means encouraging a quiet student to take the lead in a class discussion, exposing a student to a new field of inquiry, or guiding a student as she conducts independent research. And since 65 percent of the faculty are women—nearly double the national average—mentors are plentiful. Students are encouraged by both faculty and alumnae mentors to build lives that are personally and professionally fulfilling.

Barnard students also learn from each other. With the wide range of backgrounds, experiences, points of view, and aspirations they bring to campus, students exchange ideas, broaden perspectives, and provide mutual support.

Alumnae Achievement
The Barnard alumnae network—over 30,000 women working and leading in a wide range of professions—is one of our most valuable resources. Accomplished in fields from anthropology to the performing arts, politics to fiction writing, and medicine to finance, they serve as successful role models. They come back to campus as guest speakers, provide internships in their workplaces, and act as informal job-referral sources.

Barnard offers a truly distinctive college experience. It’s no wonder that in recent years, more women have applied to Barnard than to any other highly selective liberal arts college.

AMONG THE COUNTELESS ALUMNAE WHO HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY

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Barnard’s Commitment
We are committed to making your daughter’s Barnard experience exceptional. Barnard offers her opportunities to work with top-notch faculty, learn in new and exciting ways, and take advantage of academic and cultural experiences that go far beyond the classroom walls. Our commitment extends to helping families afford an education here. If your daughter is interested in Barnard, but you feel the cost may be beyond your means, we urge her to apply for financial aid. We strive to make a Barnard education affordable through tuition payment plans, work-study, loans, and grants.

Your Commitment
We understand that financing a college education affects the whole family and, for many, requires exploring unfamiliar financial territory. By committing to work with our financial aid office to explore financing options, you’ll be building a sound financial plan for your daughter’s education. You’ll also be giving your daughter the opportunity to take advantage of an educational experience that will provide intellectual and financial advantages for the rest of her life. Each Barnard student graduates with a powerful curiosity about the world strengthened by the ability to ask the right questions and analyze the answers. Your daughter will acquire skills in demand by employers of every description and will be well prepared for advanced study. Your commitment, coupled with Barnard’s, represents a lifelong investment in your daughter’s future.

Financial Aid
For all admitted students who demonstrate eligibility for assistance, Barnard provides financial aid in the form of grants, loans, and on- or off-campus employment.

Your daughter’s eligibility for aid is based on demonstrated need—the difference between the cost of attending Barnard and your family resources. Your ability to pay is determined individually and is based upon factors such as income and assets, taxes, current living costs, number of dependents, and number of children in college. In fact, if your daughter qualifies for aid, Barnard may not be any more expensive than another college with lower costs.

Financial Aid Package My Daughter Received Enabled Us to Help Her Live Her Dream. As Her Dad and I Went to Work Each Day, We Knew That She Was Where She Was Destined to Be, Preparing for the Exciting Next Step, Whatever That May Be.

Rachel Crossman, Parent of a Recent Barnard Graduate

Glossary of Financial Aid Terms

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<td>The difference between the Family Contribution and the Total Basic Budget.</td>
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<td>FAMILY CONTRIBUTION</td>
<td>The estimate of what the family will be responsible for contributing toward the cost of the student’s education for a single academic year (includes parents’ contribution, student’s contribution, and other resources).</td>
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<td>FINANCIAL AID</td>
<td>Funds available to college students to pay for their educational costs, in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study.</td>
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<td>GRANTS</td>
<td>A form of need-based financial aid that does not have to be repaid.</td>
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<td>LOANS</td>
<td>Funds borrowed at a low interest rate for college costs; loans must be repaid.</td>
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<td>NEED ANALYSIS</td>
<td>The review process used to determine the estimated family contribution.</td>
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<td>SCHOLARSHIPS</td>
<td>Financial aid based on academic achievement or special talents.</td>
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<td>SELF-HELP</td>
<td>The amount that each student is expected to borrow and/or earn during the academic year to help pay for her college expenses.</td>
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<td>TOTAL BASIC BUDGET</td>
<td>The total cost of tuition, room and board, student fees, and travel costs.</td>
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<td>TOTAL GRANT</td>
<td>Aid Eligibility minus Self-Help; can include Federal Pell Grant, state scholarships, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) Grant, Barnard College Grant, and all outside scholarships.</td>
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<td>WORK-STUDY</td>
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Does Barnard consider financial need when making admissions decisions? The Committee on Admissions considers only the merit of each student’s admission application when making decisions. If an admitted student requests financial aid, the Financial Aid Office separately determines financial aid eligibility.

How much does Barnard cost? For the 2011-2012 school year, tuition and fees total $42,184; room and board is $13,382. Students should also allow for the cost of books, supplies, clothing, and transportation. All of these costs are considered in determining eligibility for aid.

Does Barnard offer merit scholarships? No. All financial aid awards are based on demonstrated financial need. We encourage students to explore opportunities for outside scholarships. Please review our website for suggested sources.

Does my daughter have to apply for financial aid every year? Yes. Since financial aid is need-based and a family’s financial circumstances may change, students must reapply for aid every year.

What is the average financial aid grant for students? The average total grant for all Barnard students in 2010-2011—including federal, state, and institutional grants—was $33,795; the average financial indebtedness for recent graduates has been $14,142.

Is there a payment plan? Barnard offers a 10-month interest-free monthly payment plan.

When does my daughter apply for financial aid? She should apply when she applies for admission. All required documents should be received by February 1. If admitted, she will receive a financial aid award letter at the same time as her letter of admission.

Who do we contact if we have questions? Contact Financial Aid at 212/854-2154; finaid@barnard.edu; barnard.edu/finaid; or in person, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5 p.m.

BARNARD FACTS

Character
An independent college of liberal arts and sciences for women founded in 1889.

Location
Morningside Heights, a neighborhood on the Upper West Side of Manhattan that is home to six other institutions of higher education.

Enrollment
2,390 undergraduates from 48 states and more than 40 countries. 30% of students are African-American, Latina, Native American, or Asian American. 68% of students are from outside New York State.

Faculty
361 faculty members; student-faculty ratio of 7:1.

Majors
Curriculum leads to bachelor’s degrees in about 50 fields.
• Africana Studies
• American Studies
• Ancient Studies
• Anthropology
• Architecture
• Art History
• Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures
• Astronomy
• Biochemistry
• Biological Sciences
• Chemistry
• Comparative Literature
• Computer Science
• Dance
• Economic History
• Economics
• Economics and Mathematics
• English
• Environmental Biology
• Environmental Policy
• Environmental Science
• European Studies
• Film Studies
• French
• German
• Greek (Classics)
• Greek and Latin
• History
• Italian
• Jewish Studies
• Latin (Classics)
• Mathematics
• Medieval and Renaissance Studies
• Music
• Neuroscience and Behavior
• Philosophy
• Physics
• Political Science
• Psychology
• Religion
• Russian (Slavic)
• Sociology
• Spanish and Latin American Cultures
• Statistics
• Theatre
• Urban Studies
• Women’s Studies

Special Opportunities
Study abroad options in more than 50 countries. More than two-thirds of Barnard students take advantage of 2,500 internship opportunities in New York City and beyond.

Athletics
Barnard students compete at the NCAA Division I and Ivy League level through the Columbia/Barnard Athletic Consortium. Students also compete at the intramural and club levels.

Campus Clubs
More than 250 student organizations on the Barnard and Columbia campuses.

Admission
A highly selective college, Barnard looks for a strong high school record and recommendations, and requires the SAT I Reasoning Test (with two SAT Subject Tests) or the ACT with writing.