**CWRU Highlights for Alumni Admission Ambassadors**  
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**CWRU is a comprehensive research university:** #13 among private institutions in the US in terms of Research and Development dollars spent. 4 colleges granting undergraduate degrees: Arts & Sciences, Case School of Engineering, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Weatherhead School of Management (Business).

*Why it is important:* students have access to premiere researchers and scholars. Integrated graduate/professional programs like PPSP, BS/MS programs, TiME (Engineering Management). **Students are admitted to all programs at the university (single-door admission) and have the ability to pursue multiple interests across the four undergraduate schools.**

**CWRU Is located in University Circle:** CWRU is located in University Circle, Cleveland’s arts and cultural district home to the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the Cleveland Orchestra, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, and more.

*Why it is important:* Partnerships with health/civic/arts/cultural organizations allow students from all disciplines to do research/volunteer/attend cultural events within walking distance of campus.

**CWRU focuses on Experiential Learning:** Engineering and Management students may participate in co-operative education (co-op). Nursing students participate in clinicals, all others may participate in internships or practicum. Even first-year students have opportunities to do research with faculty. Study abroad, service learning, interdisciplinary programs, work study.

*Why it is important:* Experiential learning supplements classroom learning with real-world experience. Career oriented students have experience in their field, grad-school oriented students have research experience. Breadth of experiences encourages synergies across coursework.

**CWRU faculty teach undergrads:** 10:1 Student-to-faculty ratio, 95% of undergraduate hours are taught by faculty with terminal degrees. Over 70% of classes have fewer than 30 students, 59% are fewer than 20. SAGES (Seminar Approach to General Education and Scholarship) forms the foundation of our core curriculum. **SAGES includes a series of seminars that focus on problem solving, writing and discussion** and a Senior Capstone project.

*Why it is important:* Access to faculty allows for networking, landing jobs/grad school recommendations/research opportunities/volunteer opportunities. Critical thinking, communication and problem solving are the same attributes that prospective employers look for in their employees. Skills developed in SAGES prepare you for graduate/professional school.

**CWRU grads are successful,** according to our First Destination Survey given to graduating seniors. For the class of 2014, 93% of respondents were working full time, enrolled in graduate or professional degree programs, or pursuing a personal goal like travel or community service. Of those employed, 76% indicated they were working in jobs that required a degree and were related to their major at CWRU. Our students get the skills they need to be hired immediately in many different sectors, so students not working in jobs related to the major are likely still using skills that they learned in their studies at CWRU.

**It is an especially exciting time at CWRU – talking points**

The Class of 2019 (first-year class) is the most competitive and academically accomplished class in the history of the university.

**Applications have increased** by 300% since 2007. We had nearly 23,000 applications for the Class of 2019, and the admission rate was around 35%.
The new **Tinkham Veale University Center** (meeting space, dining facilities, student activities offices) opened in August 2014. A major $55 Million project in the heart of campus.

**Think[box]**, our center for innovation, will soon be moving to a 7-story, 50,000 square facility. It will be one of the largest university-based innovation centers in the world. Think[box] may be used by anyone, undergraduate students included.

A **new residence hall** for upperclass students will open in fall 2015.

The **Wyant Athletic and Wellness Center** opened in fall 2014. Now there are major athletic centers on both sides of campus, near both residential villages.

The **Uptown Project** is on Euclid Avenue between Ford Rd. and East 115th St. (residential, dining, retail, location of new bookstore – creating “college town” atmosphere)

Planned construction: Maltz Performing Arts Center

**Huffington Post** recently named CWRU one of the 7 trendiest colleges in the US and one of the 15 colleges where **geek is chic**.

$5 Billion of development happening in greater Northeastern Ohio area.