

# GRAPHIC ORGANIZER – INFORMATIVE ESSAY: Catholic University Project

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My University: DeSales University (Center Valley, PA)

## INTRODUCTION (do this last along with the Conclusion)

Intro Sentence (*Hook*): “Be who you are and be that well.” – St. Francis de Sales. This quote from the saint that DeSales University is named after inspires its students to grow into the men and women God made them to be.

Background Info (*areas you will be sharing about your college*): History of DeSales University, Academics, Student Life and Faith Life, Athletics, and Admissions and Tuition

Main Transition Sentence: In order to appreciate the full experience at DeSales University, it is important to understand its rich history and explore the many opportunities for academic and personal growth that the school has to offer to its students.

## BODY PARAGRAPH #1

### Main Idea: **History of the School**

Detail: Bishop Joseph McShea wanted to expand education in the diocese

Example: To provide a Catholic college for men

Detail: Oblates of St. Francis de Sales founded Allentown College

Example: Planning began April 1962 and classes began Sept. 1965

Detail: Major changes were made over the next 30 years

Example: Sept. 1970 (became co-ed) ; name changed to “De Sales” and granted University status in 2001

Closing/Transition Sentence: Since the 1960s, DeSales University has been providing excellent academic programs to both young men and women from all over the country.

## BODY PARAGRAPH #2

Main Idea: **Majors** (Academics and Degrees)

Detail: has undergraduate, graduate, and distance learning programs

Example: more than 30 majors, or can you can design your own + study abroad programs

Detail: I would be interested in a degree in theology

Example: it would help me grow in my faith and give me more opportunities to serve the Church in ministry

Detail: I would have to take classes about Jesus and the Church

Example: Catholic Theology, Gospels, Old Testament, the Church and Sacraments, Jesus Christ, Faith and Reason

Closing/Transition Sentence: Not only would I want to get the best education possible at DeSales, I would also like to be active in both my faith and get involved in extracurricular activities.

## BODY PARAGRAPH #3

Main Idea: **Student Life/Faith Life**

Detail: Tocik Hall for female freshmen (Residence Hall/dorm)

Example: First-year students live in suites of four (2 students in each double room with a shared bathroom in-between)

Detail: About 60 clubs on campus

Example: I would join the Pro-life Club I am passionate about defending life at all stages. The Exercise is Medicine Club would be good for me because I need support to keep myself active.

Detail: Prayer – Daily/Sunday Mass; Service – Center for Service and Social Justice (local, national, international Service projects)

Example: Mass at Wills Hall Chapel (M-F at 5pm) and Connelly Chapel (Sun at 8pm); Giving blood, tutoring, helping the elderly, building homes for the poor, medical missions in Mexico

Closing/Transition Sentence: While campus life, liturgy, and service are significant experiences for the students, athletics plays a large role in promoting school spirit at DeSales.

BODY PARAGRAPH #4

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| Main Idea: <b>Athletics</b> (or other focus: _____)  |   |
| Detail: Division III school  | Example: Freedom Conference. Mascot - Bulldogs. Colors - Navy Blue and Scarlet  |
| Detail: Men's and Women's Sports<br>17 teams   | Example: Both Men's and Women's - Basketball, Soccer, Track and Field, Lacrosse, Tennis, Cross Country;<br>Men's only - Baseball, Basketball, Golf<br>Women's only - Field Hockey, Softball, Volleyball |
| Detail: Intramural Sports and 2 fitness facilities   | Example: Anyone can join the Intramural and club teams for fun; can workout at Recreation Centers or check out sports equipment   |
| Closing/Transition Sentence: After discovering all of the amazing aspects of DeSales University, one of the most important questions to ask now is, "What does it take to get in?" |   |

BODY PARAGRAPH #5

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| Main Idea: <b>Getting In</b> (Admissions and Tuition/Cost)   |   |
| Detail: College preparatory program or in high school highly recommended (official high school transcripts) + ACT/SAT scores + Counselor and Teacher recommendations | Example: four years of English, three four years of college preparatory mathematics; a minimum of two years of modern, foreign, or classical language; and at least two laboratory science courses.                   |
| Detail: Priority deadline for scholarships with rolling admissions system  | Example: December 1; will be notified within 4 weeks of application   |
| Detail: Total cost for Resident student = \$50, 972/year; Financial aid is available   | Example: Costs include tuition, room and board, mandatory fees, books, and personal expenses. Help for funding through Federal and State aid, loans, scholarships, work study, private funding, and military benefits |
| Closing/Transition Sentence: The cost of a Catholic college education at DeSales is expensive, but the benefits are definitely worth it.                             |   |

## CONCLUSION (do this last after the Introduction)

Wrap-up (*brief summary of your main ideas*): Spending four years as a student at this school would be a valuable experience overall. DeSales University has so much to offer for academic, spiritual, and physical development.

Your concluding thoughts (*your reflection on what you learned from/enjoyed about researching your college*): I especially enjoyed learning about the different majors and clubs that are available there, and I am glad that they also have a great service program to give back to the community.

Closing Sentence: I am not sure where God will lead me for my future education and career, but I am grateful that I had the opportunity to research such a wonderful Catholic university.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY ESSAY FORMAT (Rough Draft Due FRI 9/23, Final Draft Due THUR 9/29)**

- MLA format for Heading, Title, and page numbers (see sample)
- Typed, Times New Roman font, size 12
- Double-spaced
- Intro (3-5 sentences), each Body Paragraph (6-8 sentences), Conclusion (3-5 sentences) = **TOTAL 7 PARAGRAPHS for this essay**

### **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY TRI-FOLD BOARD FORMAT (Due THUR 9/29)**

- 3-panel presentation board
- Name of University and City, State** in BOLD LETTERS
- Include pictures of the **mascot, seal** (if any), **Founders/Religious Orders** who started the school, the **Saint** the school is named after (if any), important **buildings/landmarks** at the school, **famous alumni**, and symbols/graphics for **each of the 5 areas** you researched
- Include **text boxes** under your pictures to explain what they are, quotes about Catholic education + bullet points of important facts about the school
- Do **NOT** paste your essay to the board
- Must be neat and colorful!

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