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Four main areas are emphasized here: 1) the overall acceptance rate of Maryland students to law school; 2) the acceptance rates at our top feeder schools; 3) the number of students accepted and matriculated at Top 10/Top 25 law schools; and 4) the scope of students' acceptance into law schools from around the country. The results from 2012 are compared with 2005 University of Maryland data, as well as with national data from 2011.

I. OVERALL ACCEPTANCE RATES

Percentage of seniors accepted to at least one law school

<i>SENIORS</i>	
Maryland 2012	89 %
Maryland 2005	74 %
National 2011	80 %

This data brings two points to light: 1) The acceptance rate for Maryland seniors increased 15 percentage points from 2005 to 2012; and 2) The acceptance rate for Maryland seniors is 9 percentage points higher than the 2011 national average.

II. TOP FEEDER SCHOOLS ACCEPTANCE RATES

All graduates

	<i>2005 UM Acceptance Rate</i>	<i>2012 UM Acceptance Rate</i>	<i>Change 2005-2012</i>	<i>2012 Overall Acceptance Rate</i>	<i>2012 UM V. Overall</i>
Maryland	21 %	36 %	+ 15 %	27 %	+ 9 %
Baltimore	31 %	79 %	+ 48 %	61 %	+ 18 %
American	17 %	32 %	+ 15 %	33 %	- 1 %
George Washington	16 %	31 %	+ 15 %	30 %	+ 1 %
Georgetown	12 %	27 %	+ 15 %	28 %	- 1 %
Catholic	28 %	44 %	+ 16 %	36 %	+ 8 %
George Mason	12 %	24 %	+ 12 %	28 %	- 4 %
Fordham	10 %	42 %	+ 32 %	32 %	+ 10 %
Virginia	21 %	26 %	+ 5 %	15 %	+ 11 %
Pennsylvania	7 %	26 %	+ 19 %	16 %	+ 10 %
William and Mary	22 %	41 %	+ 19 %	32 %	+ 9 %
Cardozo	11 %	49 %	+ 38 %	37 %	+ 12 %
New York University	27 %	30 %	+ 3 %	28 %	+ 2 %
Columbia	13 %	23 %	+ 10 %	18 %	+ 5 %
Brooklyn	30 %	62 %	+ 32 %	37 %	+ 25 %
Boston University	32 %	42 %	+ 10 %	30 %	+ 12 %

Of our top feeder schools (listed in order and each with at least 50 applicants), most show dramatic increases in acceptance rates of Maryland students over the last 7 years. In addition, the current acceptance rate of Maryland applicants is the same or better than the overall rate at 13 of our top 16 feeders.

III. TOP RANKED LAW SCHOOLS

All graduates

2010-2012	
Top 10 Acceptances	266
Top 10 Matriculants	83
Top 25 Acceptances	837
Top 25 Matriculants	199

Not only is the recent success of Maryland students evident at our feeder schools, it is also apparent at schools ranked in the Top 10 and Top 25 by US News and World Report. Maryland alumni are currently attending Top 10 and Top 25 schools in great numbers, with nearly 200 Terps now studying at a Top 25 law school.

Individual School Acceptances of Maryland Students		
	2005-2007	2010-2012
Harvard	24	25
New York University	42	46
UCLA	14	29
Notre Dame	9	20
Duke	25	34
Virginia	35	48
Georgetown	84	97
Vanderbilt	19	31
Chicago	10	28
Cornell	27	44
Washington University, St. Louis	13	26
George Washington University	132	154
Columbia	25	31

The table above compares some of the Top 25 schools' acceptance numbers between 2005-2007 and 2010-2012. As an additional note, in the past 2 years at least one Maryland student was accepted to each of the Top 25 law schools.

Maryland is consistently among the top 12 largest undergraduate feeders to law schools in the nation, with almost 200 seniors and 500 total graduates applying to law school last year.

IV. NATIONAL SCOPE OF ADMISSION

Top 50 Schools are denoted in bold font

Schools Who Accepted 5 or More Maryland Students for Fall 2012 Admission			
Albany Law School	Duke University	Michigan State	San Francisco
American University	Emory University	New England Law	Santa Clara
University of Baltimore	Florida Coastal	New York Law	Seattle University
Boston College	Fordham University	New York University	Seton Hall
Boston University	George Mason	North Carolina	Southern California
Brooklyn Law School	George Washington	Northeastern	Suffolk University
UC Davis	Georgetown	Northwestern	Syracuse University
UCLA	Georgia	Notre Dame	Temple University
Cardozo School of Law	Harvard University	Pace University	Texas
Catholic University	Hofstra University	Pennsylvania	Touro College
Charleston	Howard University	Phoenix	Vanderbilt
Charlotte	Illinois	Pennsylvania State	Villanova University
University of Chicago	Indiana-Bloomington	Pittsburgh	University of Virginia
Chicago-Kent	Loyola Marymount	Regent	Wake Forest
Columbia University	Loyola U. Chicago	Richmond	Washington and Lee
Connecticut	Maine	Roger Williams	Washington U., St. Louis
Cornell University	Maryland	Rutgers-Camden & Newark	West Virginia
DePaul University	Mercer	Saint John's	Whittier
U. District of Columbia	Miami	Saint Thomas	Widener University
Drexel University	Michigan	San Diego	William and Mary