

# College Planning 101

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# What We Will Discuss

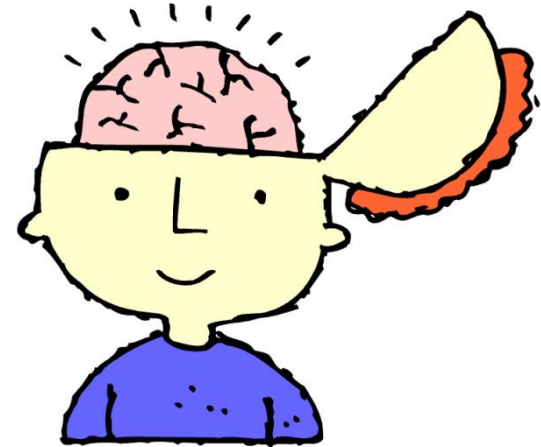
- How to Select a College; Identifying “Fit”
- Navigating the College Application Process
- What goes in to the Admissions Process
- Identify Helpful Resources to aid in Process

# The Selection Process



# What are you Looking for?

- Describe your ideal college.....
  - What are some must haves?
  - What are some deal breakers?
- Important Factors to consider
  - Location
  - Size/Diversity
  - Athletics
  - Reputation of Curriculum/Quality of Education
  - Admission Criteria
  - Cost/Financial Aid



# College Options

- **Private Colleges**
  - Rely heavily on tuition and endowments
  - May be affiliated with a particular religion or denomination
  - Typically award substantial scholarships
- **City University of New York (CUNY)**
  - 11 Senior Colleges, 7 Community Colleges, and 7 Graduate Professional Schools
  - Are funded by New York City residents
  - Located in New York City (most do not offer housing)
- **State University of New York (SUNY)**
  - Is comprised of 64 Campuses statewide
  - Are funded by New York State Residents

# The Application Process



# The Application Process

- **Do Your Research!!!**
  - How do I apply? (Fee-Waiver?)
  - Review Admissions Criteria
  - Review Opportunity Programs
  - Review Cost (NET Price Calculator)
  - Set up a Visit
- **Apply to at least 6**
  - (2) Reach Schools
  - (2) Target Schools
  - (2) Safe Schools
- **Continue to Research Scholarship Opportunities**
- **Be Mindful of Deadlines (EA,ED, etc)**

# Decision Programs

- **Early Decision (ED)**
  - Contractual Obligation to attend school if admitted
  - Must withdraw apps from all other colleges if admitted
- **Early Action (EA)**
  - Non-Contractual Obligation
  - Students can be “deferred” to Regular Admission
- **Regular Admission**
  - Concrete Deadline
  - Students are notified in the early new year
- **Rolling Admission**
  - Students are admitted on a space-available basis



# The Admissions Process



# Admissions Process

- **Academic Review Includes:**
  - Transcript (trend in grades)
  - Letters of Recommendation
  - Activities Sheet
  - Essay
  - Regent Exams
  - Standardized Test Scores (SAT, ACT, SAT SUBJECT Tests)

# Next Steps

## ***ARE YOU ON TRACK?***

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
SOPHOMORE YEAR	College visits		PSAT prep			College visits				SAT Subject Test prep		
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SENIOR YEAR	College visits	SAT or ACT prep – 3 <sup>rd</sup> sitting (if necessary)		College applications						AP prep		

# Questions?

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