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?**

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