

WELCOME!

**COUNTDOWN-TO-COLLEGE
WORKSHOP**

**FOR 11TH GRADERS
and their
PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Thank you for being
here tonight, you've
taken a major step in
helping your child
through this journey!

Introductions

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As you go through this process, remember...

**COLLEGE IS A MATCH
TO BE MADE, NOT A
PRIZE TO BE WON!**

COLLEGE CHOICE

There are **nearly 2,500**
four-year colleges and
universities in the United
States **with varying levels of**
selectivity.

IMPORTANT FACT!

If you do your homework,
you'll learn that there are
many colleges for every
type of student.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND...

Approximately **80%** of the colleges and universities in the United States **have higher than a 50% acceptance rate!**

TONIGHT

- ★ Procedures for working with CHAMPS' College Counseling Office
- ★ Overview of college choice and the application process
- ★ Introduction to Naviance as well as the school's website

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Share driving responsibilities with your child...**sometimes you drive, sometimes your child drives.**
Moderation!!

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Take advantage of all resources that are offered you, not only by us, but others.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

➤ **We're small, but mighty!**

But we are telling you right now --
We are FAR from perfect! We have
limitations, thus we work
somewhat creatively.

Our resources are limited and our best way of communicating with you and your child is through email. Please encourage your child to **read ALL of our emails! Student communications will go through the CHAMPS email.**

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- We are College Counselors
-- not School (Guidance)
Counselors or Class
Advisors.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Also, we are not psychologists, family therapists or referees. When you come to see us, please come prepared and bring your best selves to the table.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- We aren't your private counselors. Caseload and time constraints don't allow it. However, outside **private counselors don't substitute for the work we do.**

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- **We endeavor to live in reality.**
We also encourage your kids to join us there. While we believe in having dreams, **we don't believe in misleading kids.**

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Understand that **college is going to cost you some money**. There is very rarely such a thing as a free ride.

How many times your child tests, how many schools your child applies to, how many schools you visit, and the types of schools your child applies to (audition, CSS Profile, etc.) will determine your pre-college costs.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Embrace the timetable right now. If you sit back and let your child start this process next November, it's entirely too late!

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Commit to the plan that your child will test **AT LEAST** once during their junior year.

The ideal plan is to take both the ACT w/ Writing and SAT w/ Essay exam during the 11th grade.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Encourage your child to be productive during the summer between junior and senior year.
RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH!

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Students, have all your college related information sent to your CHAMPS' email! This is where we will send your emails.

Where to Start?

Let's explore college options...

There are so many great options to choose from. Have an open mind. Just because YOU haven't heard of it, doesn't mean it isn't great.

Have an open mind...

A school does not have to be in California, New York City or Boston for your child to have a great experience...in fact, you should probably encourage your child to find his/her dream school in seemingly unlikely places, even though it might be out in the middle of Wisconsin, Iowa or Ohio!

Here is one reason why we are different...

Our mission is to help each child find the correct college fit, which may or **MAY NOT** include public institutions.

Community Colleges

This may be the best option for some students based on their academic record, but if you are eligible for a 4-year we are going to encourage you to start there.

Why do we ask you to look
beyond the CSU system?

Because of its abysmal
four-year grad rates due to
overcrowding!

Yes there are exceptions, but an average
of 19% of the students will graduate in 4 years.

Financial Aid only lasts for 4 years!

Why are we so hard on the UCs?

Because they've become
unreasonably selective!

(see handout)

Let's talk about what you are dreading...COSTS

AVERAGE STICKER PRICE

California State University (CSU) - \$26,000+

University of California (UC) - \$34,000+

Out-Of-State Public University-\$17,000-\$55,000

Private/Independent Colleges/Univ. – \$33,000 -
\$65,000+

The Good News...

Do not eliminate schools for the sticker prices alone – especially in the case of private colleges!

What can help reduce the costs of college....

Academic Excellence - good grades, strong rigor and high test scores can all be used to calculate merit scholarships -- not offered at every school, especially the most selective institutions

Talent/Skills - also a means for determining merit money

Need - factored by the submission of the **FAFSA/Dream Act**

Location - Cal Grant for students staying in state or an enticement from schools seeking CA residents for diversity

Leadership - often a factor in institutional and private scholarships

In-State Public Universities

The California State University (CSU)

The University of California (UC)

CSUs (23 campuses)



The UCs (There are nine of them)

➤	UC-Berkeley (UCB)	20%	(4.27 , ACT- 32 , SAT- 1390)
➤	UC-Davis (UCD)	36%	(4.10 , ACT- 29 , SAT- 1310)
➤	UC-Irvine (UCI)	33%	(4.13 , ACT- 29 , SAT- 1310)
➤	UC-Los Angeles (UCLA)	15%	(4.22 , ACT- 32 , SAT- 1390)
➤	UC-Merced (UCM)	74%	(3.67 , ACT- 24 , SAT- 1130)
➤	UC-Riverside (UCR)	57%	(3.82 , ACT- 27 , SAT- 1200)
➤	UC-San Diego (UCSD)	31%	(4.16 , ACT- 32 , SAT- 1360)
➤	UC-Santa Barbara (UCSB)	32%	(4.11 , ACT- 31 , SAT- 1330)
➤	UC-Santa Cruz (UCSC)	45%	(3.92 , ACT- 29 , SAT- 1280)

Out-of-State Public Universities

Out-of-state **TUITION** greatly varies from state to state:

- **Montana State U.** – \$21,390
- **U. of Arizona** – \$36,000
- **U. of Hawaii** – \$22,445 (not adjusted for WUE Scholarship)
- **U. of Michigan** - \$48,000
- **U. Mass. Amherst** - \$31,420
- **SUNY Purchase** - \$16,320

Major Private Universities

(just a few examples)

*New York University (NYU)

*Tufts University

*University of Southern California (USC)

*Brandeis University

*Stanford University

*University of Chicago

*Northwestern University

*Johns Hopkins University

*Washington University in St. Louis

*American University

*Boston University

*Tulane University

*Emory University

*Duke University

Major Catholic Colleges/Universities

*Georgetown University

*Santa Clara University

*University of Notre Dame

*DePaul University

*Villanova University

*Fordham University

*University of San Francisco

*Seattle University

*University of San Diego

*Marquette University

*St. Louis University

*Loyola Marymount U

The Ivy League (8 schools)

*Harvard University

(Boston area -- 5.9% acceptance)

*Yale University

(New Haven, CT -- 6.3% acceptance)

*Princeton University

(New Jersey -- 7.3% acceptance)

*Brown University

(Rhode Island -- 9.2% acceptance)

*Dartmouth College

(New Hampshire -- 10.0% acceptance)

*The University of Pennsylvania

(Philadelphia -- 12.1% acceptance)

*Columbia University

(New York City -- 6.9% acceptance)

*Cornell University

(Upstate New York area -- 14.9% acceptance)

Liberal Arts Colleges

JUST A SAMPLING OF SO MANY GREAT ONES.....

*Occidental College

*Kenyon College

*Colorado College

*Hiram College

*Beloit College

*Eckerd College

*Lake Forest College

*Illinois Wesleyan University

*Goucher College

*Whitman College

*Sarah Lawrence College

*Willamette University

*Swarthmore College

*University of Redlands

*Bradley University

*Amherst College

Why choose a small, private Liberal arts college?

- Generally, they have **much better four-year graduation** rates than large publics, as well as retention rates
- **One-on-one relationships** with real professors, not graduate assistants.
- As an undergraduate, **you are the main customer.**
- **Class sizes are generally much smaller.** Tendency to build closer, longer-lasting friendships with peers.
- The institutionally generated **financial aid packages tend to be more generous.**

Women's Colleges

The Five Sisters

- * **Barnard College** (New York City)
- * **Wellesley College** (Boston Area)
- * **Smith College** (Massachusetts)
- * **Mt. Holyoke College** (Massachusetts)
- * **Bryn Mawr College** (Philadelphia Area)

More Women's Colleges

- * **Scripps College** (Claremont, CA)
- * **Mills College** (Oakland Hills/Berkeley Area)
- * **Mount St. Mary's College** (Los Angeles Area)
- * **Agnes Scott College** (Atlanta Area)

Some of the Very Best HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges/Universities)

- * **Howard University** – Washington, DC
- * **Spelman College** (all women) – Atlanta, GA
- * **Xavier University** – New Orleans, LA
- * **Morehouse College** (all men) – Atlanta, GA
- * **Clark-Atlanta University** – Atlanta, GA
- * **Hampton State University** – Hampton, VA
- * **Morgan State University** – Baltimore, MD
- * **Fisk University** – Nashville, TN

College Consortiums...

The Claremont Colleges

- * Pomona College
- * Pitzer College
- * Scripps College
- * Claremont-McKenna College
- * Harvey Mudd College

The 5-College Consortium

- * Amherst College
- * Smith College
- * Mt. Holyoke College
- * Hampshire College
- * U of Mass-Amherst

More College Consortiums...

The Colleges of the Fenway

- *Emmanuel College
- *Simmons College
- *Wheelock College
- *Wentworth Institute of Technology
- *Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- *Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

The New School, New York

- *Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts
- *Parsons - The New School For Design
- *College of Performing Arts
 - School of Jazz
 - School of Drama
 - Mannes School of Music
- *The New School For Social Research
- *Schools of Public Engagement

Visual and Performing Arts

*Conservatories for Dance, Music, Theater

*Art Colleges (www.portfolioday.net)

Colleges that Cater to Students on the Spectrum or with Learning Disabilities

Trade Colleges

A Few Prominent Theatre and/or Music Conservatories

*Boston Conservatory

*Mannes College of Music

*California Institute of the Arts

*Cornish College of Arts

*North Carolina School of the Arts

*University of the Arts

*Berklee College of Music

*Peabody Conservatory

*Manhattan School of Music

*The Juilliard School

*American Academy of Dramatic Art

*Eastman School of Music

*The Hartt School

*Curtis Institute of Music

Some Prominent Art Colleges

(check out www.portfolioday.net)

*Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)

*Art Center College of Design

*School of the Museum of Fine Arts/Tufts

*Cooper Union

*California College of Art and Design

*Parsons School of Design

*California Institute of the Arts (Cal Arts)

*Otis College of Art and Design

*Maryland Institute College of Art and Design (MICA)

*Columbia College Chicago

*School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)

*Pratt Institute

*Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)

*Cornish College of the Arts

*Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt)

*University of the Arts

Some of the Top Science/Tech Places

- *Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- *California Institute of Technology (CalTech)
- *Georgia Institute of Tech. (Georgia Tech)
- *Missouri School of Science and Tech.
- *Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
- *Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)
- *Virginia Institute of Technology (Virginia Tech)
- *Illinois Institute of Tech.
- *Rose-Hulman Inst. Of Tech.
- *Cooper Union
- *School of the Mines
- *Carnegie Mellon University
- *Harvey Mudd College
- *Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (RPI)

TESTING

Why is it so important?

Whether we like it or not, it is still a factor for many colleges.

Three vitally important websites:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.fairtest.org

Still talking about testing...

To prep or not to prep?

**Sign up for an
SAT with Essay and/or an ACT with Writing
sitting now!**

Do not wait until fall to test for the first time!

KEY INGREDIENTS
OF A WINNING COLLEGE
APPLICATION

WHAT ARE THEY,
IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE?

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

THE TRANSCRIPT

How RIGOROUS or hard is the curriculum a student has taken AND is taking?

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

How well did the student do
in his/her courses?

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

EXTRACURRICULARS

QUALITY NOT QUANTITY!

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

LETTERS OF
RECOMMENDATION

FROM THE COLLEGE
COUNSELOR AND TEACHERS.

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

WELL-MANAGED APPLICATION

- STRONG ESSAY, WHERE REQUIRED
- DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN COLLEGE, WHERE APPLICABLE.

APPLICATION TYPES

➤ The Common App -

WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG

Questions/prompts are typically updated in August for the next admissions cycle.

➤ Individual Online Apps

Second-most typical way to apply to colleges after Common App.

CRAFTING A LIST

- **Assessment** of talents, interests grades, test scores, activities, and geographical/financial restrictions.
- **Research** college options – Do the investigative legwork. Ask questions, use internet and book resources. Read subjective narratives on colleges.
- Establish a preliminary list of colleges that interest you – as long of a list as you want. Get on their mailing lists. Visit whatever campuses you can. Meet their admissions representatives at college fairs and their own “road shows.”

REFINING THE LIST

- Refine the preliminary list, and begin imposing structure on it, based on your own qualifications and limitations, and using the following three categories:

(Realistic) reach – 25% or less, based on college's overall acceptance rate

Possible -meaning you have a 50% shot at acceptance, based on your own stats

Likely -70% or higher, based on your personal stats

- Keep researching and learning about the schools on your refined list, narrow your options, and edit it down to a workable final list.

**We do not believe in having FAR REACHES on a student's final list.

THE KEY INGREDIENTS:
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT with Writing

and/or the

ACT with Writing,

and the **SAT SUBJECT TESTS** (if required)

Procedures for Individual Spring Appointments:

- Priority will be given to students that complete the Preliminary College Questionnaire.
- **We cannot take requests for dates/times.**
- We will set an appointment that coincides with one of the student's electives.
- Spring appointments will start in early February and will continue until every student has been given an opportunity to meet with a college counselor. If you miss your appointment, you will go to the end of the list.
- We encourage parents to attend, but understand it may not be possible.

Appointments...what to bring?

- The preliminary college list.
- A completely open state of mind.

Resources

THE CHAMPS WEBSITE — The College Planning Pages are your first stop for finding answers and resources!

OUR FAMOUS (INFAMOUS?) EMAILS — we will send you guideposts/reminders on a frequent basis.

NAVIANCE — What in the world is it?

Spring Semester '18 Overview - College Counseling

- **Individual student/parent appointments** - Spring semester starting about the second week of February, and running throughout spring semester
- **NACAC College Fair** – April 26th (we take the entire Junior Class)
- **College Counseling Drop-In (STUDENTS ONLY)** – Lunch

Senior Year Overview

- **Mandatory “All About the Class of ’19” - TBD**
- **Individual student/parent appointments - September and October**
- **Financial Aid Workshop - Late Sept./Early Oct**
- **College Counseling Drop-In (STUDENTS ONLY) – Lunch**

College is not a prize to be won, but a match to be made. “Fit” is everything. There is not a “bad” college, but there is certainly such a thing as good or bad “fit.”

Let's discover the right fit for each of you!

Thank you for coming!

Questions

