

Who's on First? Starting College:

Running the Bases with Admissions and Accommodations



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“Empowering The Student for College Success”

- **Choosing a College**

- **Accommodations:**

What you should know

- **Getting Started**

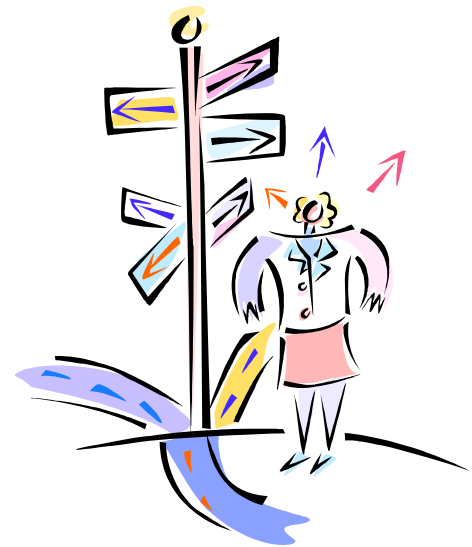




Choosing a College

Choosing a College: Types of Colleges

- Community College
- Technical or Vocational College
- Four Year College
- Public or Private



Choosing a College: Types of Degrees

- Certificates
- 2-Year Degrees
 - Associate in Arts
 - Associate in Science
 - Associate in Applied Science
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree



Choosing a College: Cost of Attendance

Tuition and fees

Average costs for...

- Room and board
- Books and supplies
- Transportation
- Personal expenses
- Other that can be documented



Choosing a College: Factors

“It’s All About the Right Fit”

- Major/Program of Study
- Length of Study
- Distance
- Reputation
- Size
- Institution Type
- Student/Faculty Ratio
- Campus Life
- Support Services
- Setting/Location
- Cost



Choosing a College: Applying for Admission

Top Factors in Making Admission Decisions:

1. Grades in college preparatory classes
2. Strength of curriculum
3. Standardized admission test scores
4. Overall high school grade point average
5. Application essay
6. Class rank

-The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) 2008 State of College Admission report

Choosing a College: Applying for Admission

Other Factors Include:



- Student's interest in attending
- Counselor recommendations
- Teacher recommendations

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**Accommodations:
What you Should Know**



Accommodations and You

- Know your Disability
 - What is it?
 - How does it affect you?
 - What are your strengths and weaknesses?
 - Understand how you learn



Accommodations and You

- Accommodations
 - What are they?
 - How do they help?
- Documentation
- Visit the Disability Services Office

Accommodations and You

- Differences between High School and College
 - Requesting Services
 - Grades and Testing
 - Parental Involvement

IDEA is about Success...

ADA is about Access



Accommodations and You

Keys to Success:

- Attitude
- Self-Advocacy
- Preparation
- Involvement



Getting Started



Getting Started (Timeline – Senior Year)

1. Visit College Campuses (*Junior/Senior*)
2. Formulate Top List of Schools (*Junior/Senior*)
3. Investigate Standardized Tests (SAT/ACT)
4. Request Recommendation Letters
5. Submit College Applications (*Now*)
6. Investigate and Apply for Scholarships (*Now*)
7. Apply for Financial Aid (*January-March 1st*)
8. Register/Attend Orientation (*May-August*)



Getting Started: Other Useful Information

- Research the Academic Program
- Safety on Campus
- FERPA
- Financial Aid

Getting Started: Financial Aid

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Student Loans
- On-Campus Employment



Contact the Financial Aid Office
for Specific Information

Resources

- www.washington.edu/doit
- www.mnade.org
 - College Readiness Information
- [http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/
list/ocr/publications.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/publications.html)
 - Transition Guide
 - Rights and Responsibilities



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