



SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRANSFERRING TO 4-YEAR SCHOOLS

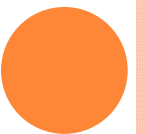
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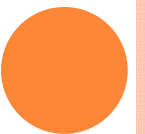
TRANSFER MENTALITY

- *“The [college] search should be*
- *unhurried and a painstaking process*
- *of investigation, self examination, and*
- *deliberate, informed decision.”*
- —Loren Pope, *Looking Beyond the Ivy League*



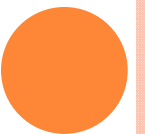
THINGS TO INITIALLY CONSIDER...

- Why am I looking to transfer to a college/
- university? Programs, Environment, etc
- When do I want to transfer? When to
- start planning?
- What do I want out of this experience?



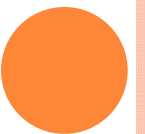
NARROWING THE SEARCH

- Determine what qualities are most important
- and not important to you.
- Have a Plan-A, Plan-B & Plan-C
- List admissions & financial aid deadlines, identify faculty, and make contacts at each of your choices
- Cast a wide enough net (think variety!)
- Visit your top choices



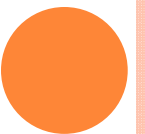
AFTER NARROWING, WHAT'S NEXT?

- Print out all Admissions Material for your
- Plan-A, Plan-B, etc.
- Think about who to approach for letters
- of reference
- Begin working on your admissions essay
- Begin gathering important documents:
- Tax returns, Visas, Writing Sample



THE ADMISSIONS ESSAY

- Start with an Outline
- Getting Started: Short Anecdote
- Describe yourself in 2-3 sentences
- Why do you want to attend this school?
- How has your experience at the 2-year college helped you with your academic career
- Short and Long-term career goals



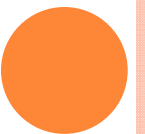
LETTERS OF REFERENCE

- Make use of your current faculty
- connections!
- The Etiquette of asking for a letter
- Who should you ask?
- Follow up!! It is YOUR responsibility!
- “Good” Letters vs. “So-So” Letters
- Follow up on the Outcome!



CAMPUS VISITS/ CAMPUS VIPS

- Office of Admissions/ Tours!
- Office of Financial Aid / Know the
- Process
- Faculty members in area of interest
- Office of the Registrar/ Course Offerings



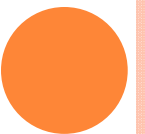
CAMPUS VISITS: ADMISSIONS 101

- Come prepared with a list of questions
- that you are interested in finding out
- Make sure to ask about any important
- deadlines
- Housing apps, scholarship/financial aid
- opportunities, etc
- Get a clear picture of the admissions
- process



ADMISSIONS COMMITTEES

- What do they look for in prospective students?
- GPA, Academic Rigor of Courses
- Red Flags: F & W-Grades, Incompletes
- Admissions Essay
- Strength of Reference Letters
- FIT (for Major & college choice)



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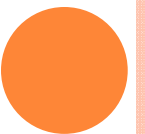
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MONEY MATTERS

- Be aware of all deadlines and application processes
- Complete the FAFSA whether you think you qualify or not!
- Be scholarship savvy (USE COLLEGE FISH)
- Educate yourself on grants, loans, etc.
- Find out who on campus makes decisions related to scholarships and get in contact.



HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Petersons Guide to Colleges & Universities:
- <http://www.petersons.com/>
- US News and World Report Rankings:
- <http://www.usnews.com/sections/rankings>
- Virtual Tours and College Planning Help:
- <http://www.ecampustours.com/>
- <http://www.xap.com>
- ΦΘΚ Alumni Chapter Search Directory:
- http://www.ptk.org/alumni/al_intro.htm
- ΦΘΚ Scholarship Partner Directory [http://](http://scholarships.ptk.org/)
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ONE FINAL THOUGHT

- *“College shopping shouldn’t be done*
- *with the attitude of ‘Am I good*
- *enough for the college but rather is it*
- *good enough for me?”*
- —Loren Pope, *Looking Beyond the Ivy League*

