



Goal is Graduation

Guiding your admission to and graduation from college

Comprehensive PLUS Plan - Through College Graduation

College Planning Activities

<p>My College List - College Matchmaking (1)</p>	<p>You have 4,500+ schools to choose from - one size does not fit all. How do I choose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Know thyself. Student and parent evaluation, assessment and surveys. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Understanding the Importance of Fit - socially, academically, and financially. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Understanding myths & realities - How colleges make decisions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College research tools and training tutorials. Intro to CollegePlannerPro. Ongoing research guidance. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building and following a college prep curriculum. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Developing "MY" preliminary customized list of good match colleges. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-junior year curriculum assessment and advisement. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exploring admission trends and impacts on admission probability. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tests – PLAN, PSAT, ACT, SAT – which and when to take. How to prepare. Test optional schools. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Talent/Need considerations– impact on choice of school (if applicable)
<p>My Financial Strategy - College Affordability (2)</p>	<p>An investment in college planning will save you time and \$\$\$. How do I reduce my costs? How will I pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Understanding College Costs - myths and realities. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Understanding Financial Aid, Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and Net Price Calculators (NPC). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analyzing Retention and Graduation Rates - Correlation to Overall Education Costs. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identifying hidden education costs for each college on your application list. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identifying non-traditional cost savings strategies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identifying financial safety schools. College affordability review. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic use of dual credit programs (AP, IB, PSEO, CIS) to reduce time to college graduation. Customized Degree Audits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Scholarship strategy w/essay brainstorming, development, & ongoing editing support. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Career research – exploring the link between earning potential and debt management. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customized Education budget - 4 Year Financial Model - Forecasting My Net Out of Pocket Expenses. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analyzing and Comparing Financial Aid Awards. Financial Aid appeal strategy (if appropriate). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Talent /Need considerations – impact on funding (if applicable).
<p>My Strategic Application Strategy (3)</p>	<p>Your final application list should include a healthy mix of safety, financial safety, target, and reach schools. Creating this list and applying well is a strategic process encompassing many (if not all) of the topics below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My Demonstrated Interest Strategy. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College fairs, campus visits and tours, information sessions – how to prepare and what you should learn. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus and alumni Interviews – how to prepare and what you should learn. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College Matchmaking - My Final Customized College List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finalizing your priorities & aligning them to good match colleges. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finalizing your college application list to Safety, Financial Safety, Target and Reach schools. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assessment of admission probability. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pro and cons of applying – early decision, early action, restricted early action, etc. (financial impacts). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAFSA, CSS profile, and other financial aid application preparation and assistance. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constructing and strengthening and extracurricular activities resume. What colleges look for. Quality vs. quantity. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior and Senior year curriculum assessment and advisement - aligned to good match schools and admission criteria. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time management – meeting admission, financial aid and scholarship deadlines. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applying well – application(s), writing good essays, letters of recommendation, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Essay brainstorming, development, ongoing editing support during application process with a personalized timeline, advice on recommendations and resume development. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Talent/Need considerations – impact on applications (if applicable). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I've been admitted – How do I choose. Making a decision by May 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My Campus Involvement & Transition Strategies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gap year recommendations and assistance (if applicable).
<p>The College Years - My 4-Year College Graduation Strategy (4)</p>	<p>I've been admitted. I am enrolled. This is only half the battle, (5.5 years = current average # years to graduation). Guidance through graduation from college – with a focus on creating your customized plan to graduate in four years or less:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategies for smooth first year transition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Academic advising for course selection, majors & minors, internships, research opportunities, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course scheduling & sequencing and degree audit advising – your ultimate graduation guide. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic use of Rule 120/126 tuition banding cost reduction strategies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navigating academic processes - academic calendars, drop/add and withdrawal, changing majors, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial management - financial aid, budgeting, debt management, scholarships, hidden cost savings, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time management strategies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduate or professional school research, matching, & admissions advisement. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Talent/Need considerations – impact on enrollment (if applicable).