

# The Role of Parents in the Admission Process

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# Getting Started

- What excites or energizes you about the process of selecting a college?
- What concerns or frightens you?

# Determining Values in Choosing a College

- What do you value?
- What is important to you?

# What do you value?

- ☐ Institution's reputation
- ☐ Institution's size
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Distance from home
- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Value
- ☐ Scholarship options
- ☐ Little or no debt
- ☐ Manageable debt
- ☐ Class size
- ☐ Program quality and reputation
- ☐ Academic facilities
- ☐ Student-to-faculty ratio
- ☐ Faculty teaching
- ☐ Faculty reputation
- ☐ Faith integration and exploration
- ☐ Extracurricular and recreation facilities
- ☐ Dorms and living situation options
- ☐ Clubs and activities
- ☐ Student leadership opportunities
- ☐ Music, art, or drama opportunities
- ☐ Athletic offerings
- ☐ Athletic program reputation
- ☐ Athletic facilities
- ☐ College success/support resources
- ☐ Counseling or health and wellness resources
- ☐ Disability support services
- ☐ Off-campus or travel courses
- ☐ Study abroad options
- ☐ Class scheduling/flexibility
- ☐ Online course availability

# Discussion: Values and Priorities

- Identify your top values. What is most important to you?
- Are there any non-negotiables?
- Discussion for students and parent(s)/guardian(s).
- How will you determine priorities?

# During the College Search:

How will you stay on top of communications?

- Weekly dinner discussion?
- Shared email address?
- Let colleges know that you are no longer interested

How/where will you let your student lead in this process?

- What can they decide?
- What is a joint decision?
- What can only you decide?

# College Costs and Your Values

- Be open and honest with your child
- Set realistic expectations for what you can afford
- What are your thoughts on loans?
  - Student loans (subsidized or unsubsidized)
  - Parent loans
  - Alternative loans
  - What is the an appropriate amount to borrow?

# College Costs and Your Values

- What about AP, College in the Schools, and/or PSEO?
- What about graduate school?
- What else??



# You can do this!



## Questions? Thoughts?