TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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Overview of Presentation

- Preparing for College
- Components of a Strong Application
- Letters of Recommendation
- Writing Essays and Answering Questions
- Things to Know / Opportunities
- Q & A
Preparing for College

- Create an accomplishments file
  - Leadership roles
  - Extra-curricular activities
  - Community involvement
  - Honors and awards
- Create a resume or a compiled list of all activities and accomplishments
Components of a Strong Application

It ALL depends on the university to which the student is applying.

- GPA – some institutions only look at unweighted GPAs.
- SAT/ACT – some institutions only take one while others accept both.
- Extracurricular activities are sometimes used as entrance evaluators, but are more often used for scholarship purposes.
**Components of a Strong Application continued**

- It ALL depends on the university to which the student is applying.
  - Select possible choices and know the requirements for those institutions.
  - Have multiple people review applications and essays.
  - Check Grammar!!!
  - “Tell your story.”
Letters of Recommendation

- Know what the institution requires
- First-hand knowledge of the student’s skills
- Should cover a variety of aspects / character traits
  - Academic ability
  - Leadership capabilities
  - Work ethic
  - Honesty and integrity*
Essays and Short Answers

- GRAMMAR, punctuation, structure, flow...
- Answer the question
- GRAMMAR....
- Double and triple check the answers are for the correct institution
- GRAMMAR...
Things to Know / Opportunities

- Gates Millennium
- Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP)
- Institution specific scholarships
  - OSU Freshman Research Scholarship
- Summer Camps and Academies
- Summer Bridge Programs
Thank you for coming!

Questions?

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