



TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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Admitted! How to Sell the Standout Student

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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

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- 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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