

College & Coffee



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Agenda

- What is the timeline now that apps are turned in
- How to support your child during their acceptances and denials
- Balance with grades and fun!
- Finding the right fit for their final decision

Timeline

Now: Students are finishing/ have finished their applications

March 2nd: FAFSA due

March/April:

- Decisions will start to come in (depending on the school, this will be portal, email or mail)
- Financial Aid Awards: Some schools pair it with admissions decisions, others will come out in April
- Admitted students day: varies by campus. Good way to check out the campuses!

May 1: Commitment Day, accept the offer at one school and put a deposit on tuition/housing

May 6-17: AP Testing

June 3: Senior Check out

June 7th: Graduation!!

June/July: The latest that students will find out about waitlist schools

Supporting your child

Acceptances and denials will come! It is okay for your child to be angry, sad and disappointed at the decision. Know that their reaction might be different than yours.

- It is okay for your child to have a range of emotions
- Be there to listen
- Recognize that there are other options
- Talk about next steps
- Give time to process

Senior year grades

While grades do matter, this is the time for them to relax a little more. A lot of the hard work is already done!

They should be maintaining similar grades to the rest of their high school career, but a C or two will not take their admission away!

If they are concerned about how their current grades will affect their admission, they should come talk to their guidance counselor or me.



Finding the right fit and deciding

“Rather than choosing a school based primarily on a flawed scoring system, students should ask whether they will be engaged at the college in ways that will allow them to form strong relationships with professors and mentors, apply their learning via internships and long-term projects, and find a sense of community.”

“The students who benefit the most from college are those who are most engaged in their academics and campus communities, taking advantage of the opportunities and resources their particular institution provides. Engagement is the key.”

<http://www.challengesuccess.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Challenge-Success-White-Paper-on-College-Admissions-October-2018.pdf>

“College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won”

<https://www.julielythcotthaims.com/how-to-raise-an-adult/>

Finding the right fit and deciding

Does this school meet their interests in:

- Location
- Majors
- Clubs
- Campus size
- Financial aid/ Cost
- **Can they picture themselves there?**



Seeing the campuses they get into can make/break a decision!

What MV Alum are saying...

When asked about current college fit:

Factors like weather, city, and future opportunities at university weren't factored in as much as they should have been. The thing I looked at most was educational prominence (ranking) and in hindsight that was a bad idea.

When asked about what they would change about their high school experience:

Relax more, and worry less

Have more fun!

I would be less focused on my studies and go experience new things/activities.

Q & A