Admissions Process at Highly Selective Colleges

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66% overall
50 colleges
Invested in students. Intentional in outcome.

Under 10%
- Harvard
- Stanford
- Yale
- Princeton
- MIT
- U Chicago

Under 20%
- Dartmouth
- Duke
- Pomona
- Rice
- Tufts
- Vanderbilt

Under 30%
- Colgate
- Emory
- Tulane
- U Michigan
- Wellesley
- Vassar
Reality of Highly Selective College Admissions

• 90% have a 4.0 GPA
• Most rigorous load and then some
• Over 50% have near perfect or perfect scores
• Over 50% hold president/leader positions
• Over 30% nationally ranked
Highly Selective College Criteria

- Grades, Rigor and Breadth
- Standardized Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest
Highly Selective College Criteria

• Grades, Rigor and Breadth
  – Full academic load (7.0 academic credits)
  – Maximize Bear Creek course offerings
  – Perform well in AP courses
Highly Selective College Criteria

• Standardized Test Scores
  – SAT or ACT
  – SAT Subject Tests
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Extracurricular

- Duration
- Increased skill
- Increased leadership
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Highly Selective Applicants

• Naturally love to learn
• Self-motivated
• Resilient and gritty
• “Take it up a notch” academically
• Globally aware
What Can You Do Now?

- Naviance
- Rigorous course load
- SAT/ACT prep
- Summers/vacations
- Visit campuses

- Attend BC college visits
- Self-advocate
- Take responsibility
- Engage in classes
- Be curious
Alternatives and Options

• Hidden gems
• Honors colleges at public universities
• CTCL (Colleges That Change Lives)
• Community college transfer
College Doesn’t Define You or Predict Your Success
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