



**Finding  
“The Right Fit”  
College**

# Finding The Right Fit

- Academic
- Geographic
- School Personality
- Major
- Talent
- Financial
- Hidden Gems



# Academic

- Grade Point Average
- [Mid-50% SAT/ACT scores](#)
- [Acceptance rate](#)
- In-state/Out-of-state
- [Honor's Program/College](#)



# Geographic

- Distance from home
- Weather
- Region of country
- Urban/Suburban/  
Rural
- Size of city/town
- Culture



# School Personality

- Christian/Non-Christian
- Size of school
- Class size
- Highly academic
- Commuter/Residential
- “ESPN Schools”



# Major



- Specific or broad
- Art school vs. Four-year college or university
- What school is the best for the major I am interested in?
- Leave options open
- What if I don't know what I want to major in?

# Major/Career Resources

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- [www.naviance.com](http://www.naviance.com)
  - Do What You Are (Myers-Briggs)
  - Holland's Code
  - Roadtrip Nation
  - StrengthsExplorer
- [mymajors](http://mymajors)
- [Compass](http://Compass)
- [careerdirectonline](http://careerdirectonline)

# Talent

- Athletic
  - [Recruiting](#)
  - [NCAA Clearinghouse](#)
  - Div. I, II, III and NAIA
  - [www.dynamitesports.com](http://www.dynamitesports.com)
- Fine Arts
- Visual Arts
- Dance





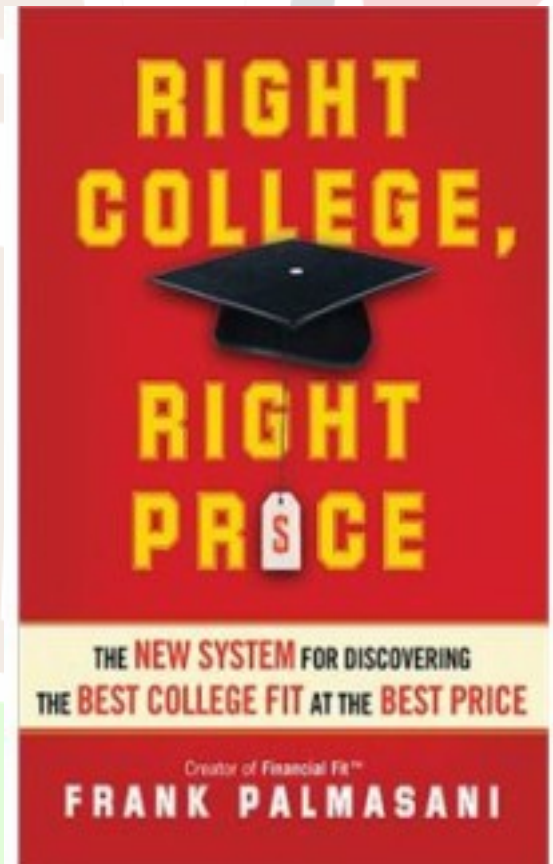
# Financial

- In-State vs. Out-of-State
- Sticker Price
- FAFSA/CSS Profile
- EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- [Net Price Calculator](#)
- Scholarships (Merit, Local/Private, National)
- Grants and Loans



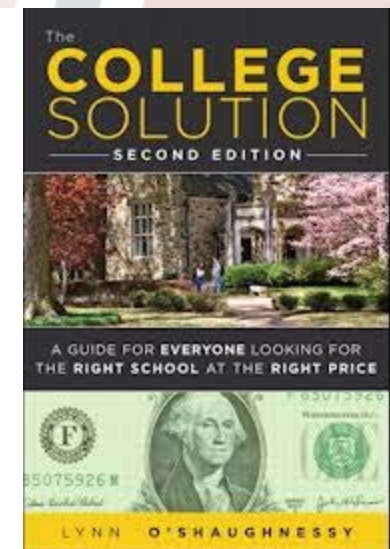
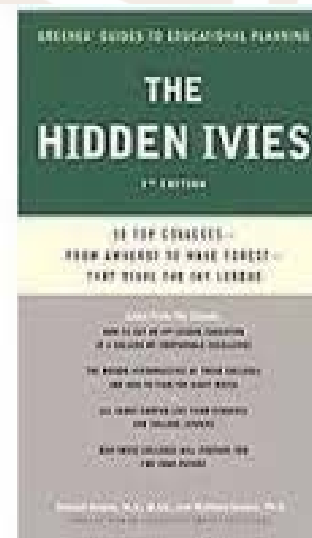
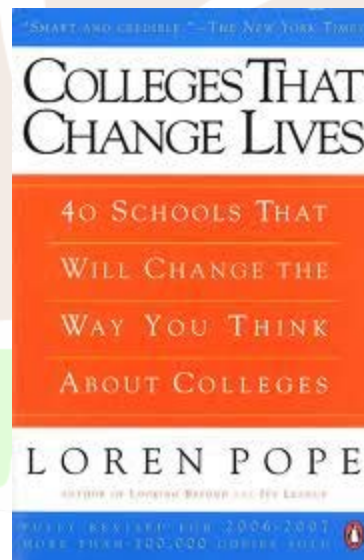
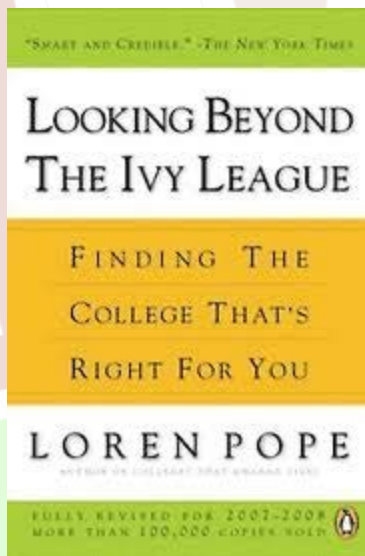
# Financial Resources

- [College Scorecard](#)
- [naviance.com](#)
- [collegedowncountdown.com](#)
- [Collegeabacus.com](#)
- [Tuitiontracker.org](#)
- [Collegefactual.com](#)
- [Costoflearning.com](#)



# What are Hidden Gem Colleges?

- Depends on what you are looking for
- Tend to be more popular colleges within certain regions of the country
- Lower Cost/High value



# Bring in Back To Scripture

- Jeremiah 29:11
- [Matthew 6:33](#)
- [Ephesians 6:10](#)
- [Psalms 138:8](#)
- [James 4:8](#)
- [Proverbs 3:6](#)
- [Ephesians 3:20](#)

