

# ***WHAT IS A "HIGHLY SELECTIVE" SCHOOL?***

- Any university/college or specific program that has a 25% or below admit rate.
- Certain GPA or test scores do not guarantee admission.
- Unpredictable in who is admitted
- Varies based on the applicant pool for the individual year.
- Programs within a college/university that are “space-limited”:
  - Engineering
  - Business
  - Computer Science
  - Nursing
  - Architecture

# ***EXAMPLES OF HIGHLY SELECTIVE PUBLICS***

- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
- University of Michigan
- College of William and Mary
- Georgia Tech
- University of Texas - Austin
- UC\_\_\_\_\_ (LA, Berkeley, San Diego, Santa Barbara, etc.)
- University of Washington - Seattle
- University of Virginia

# ***EXAMPLES OF HIGHLY SELECTIVE PRIVATE*** PRIVATES

Northwestern University

Emory

Tulane

Vanderbilt

Notre Dame

Williams, Bates, Bowdoin,  
Colby, Tufts, Carleton, Grinnell,

Wake Forest

MIT

Middlebury

Duke

Claremont System

Rice

Ivy League

Johns Hopkins

Georgetown

Boston University

Carnegie Mellon

Wash U

Boston College

NYU

U Chicago

Northeastern

Stanford

George Washington U

Case Western

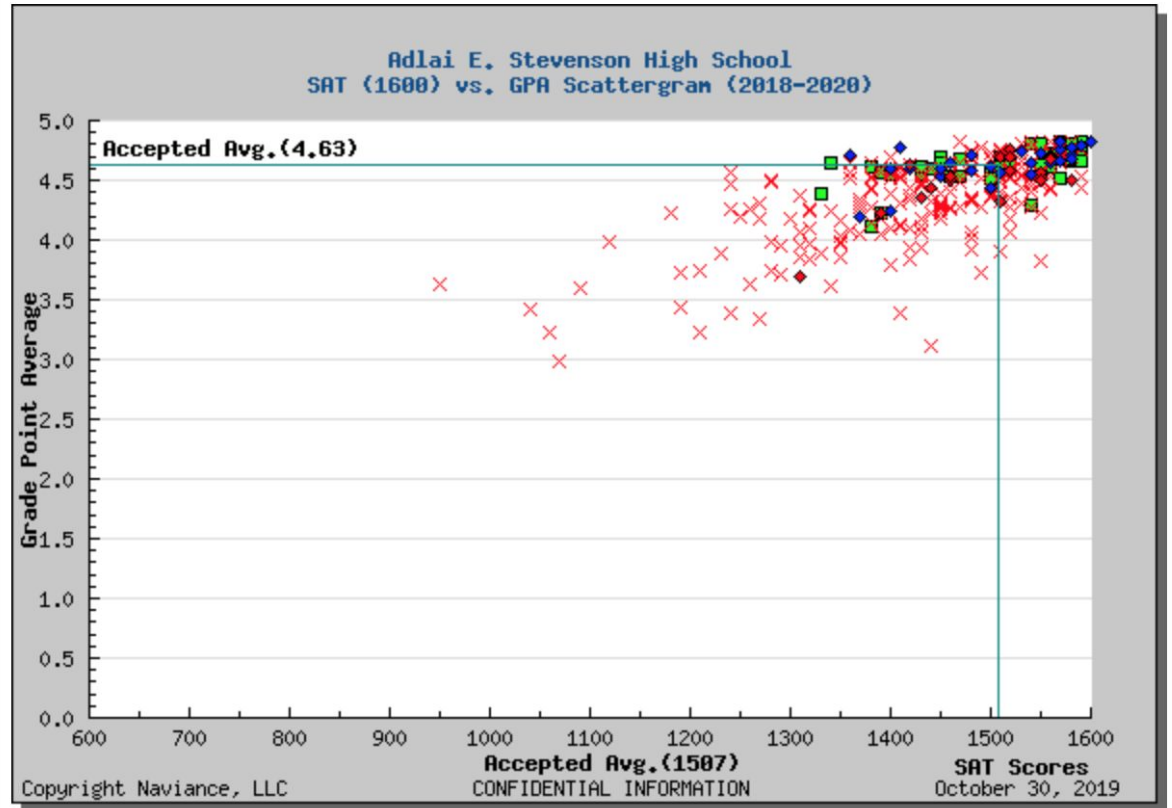
U of Southern CA

# ***DIVERSIFY YOUR LIST!***

## Northwestern

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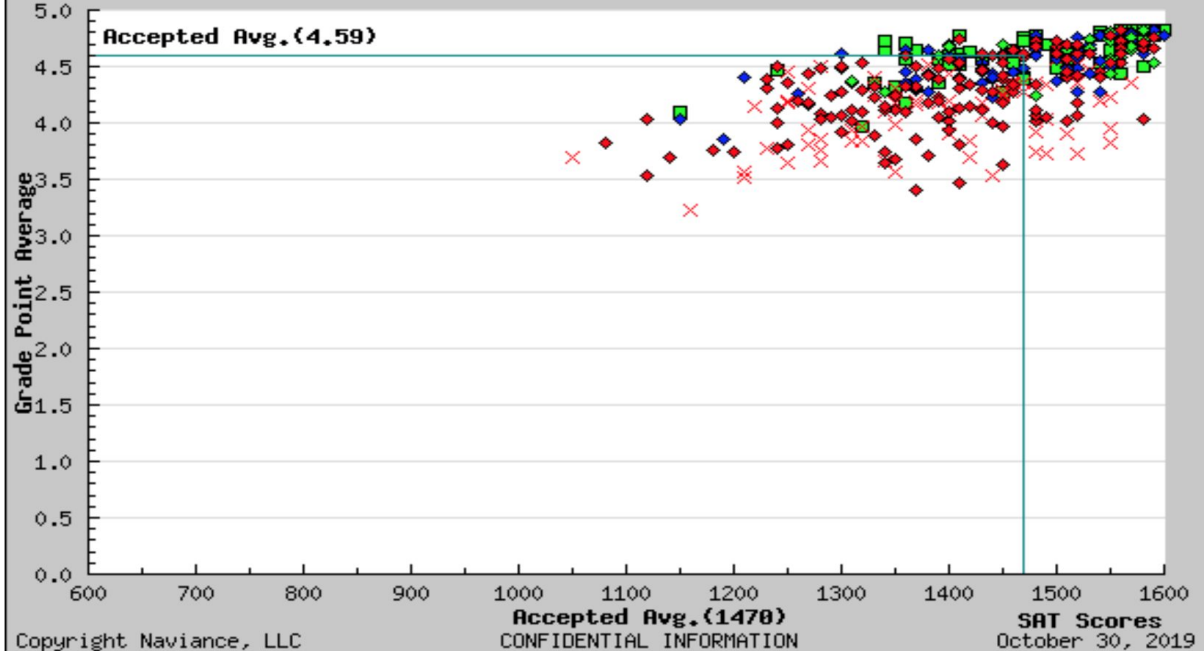
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## U Michigan

Adlai E. Stevenson High School  
SAT (1600) vs. GPA Scattergram (2018-2020)



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- Accepted
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- Waitlisted or Deferred (Accepted)
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More detail to come with future programming!

# ***DIVERSIFYING YOUR LIST***

A school that is a reach for some may be a target for others.

## **SAFETY SCHOOLS**

- “Slam Dunk” for admission
- Financially reasonable

## **TARGET SCHOOLS**

- Meet all admission requirements
- Financially attainable

## **REACH SCHOOLS**

- May be deficient in some admission requirements
- May be a financial reach
- All colleges with less than 25% admit rate (regardless of students academics)

# Highly Selective Admissions

Antonia Garcia - Northwestern University

Megan Lakatos - University of Michigan

## PRESENTATION GOALS

- ▶ Holistic Admission
- ▶ Diversifying Your College List
- ▶ Demonstrated Interest
- ▶ Types of Financial Aid
- ▶ Final Tips



# HOLISTIC ADMISSION

## ▶ What does a strong applicant look like?

- ▶ Beyond the perfect gpa and test scores



## ▶ What is holistic admission?

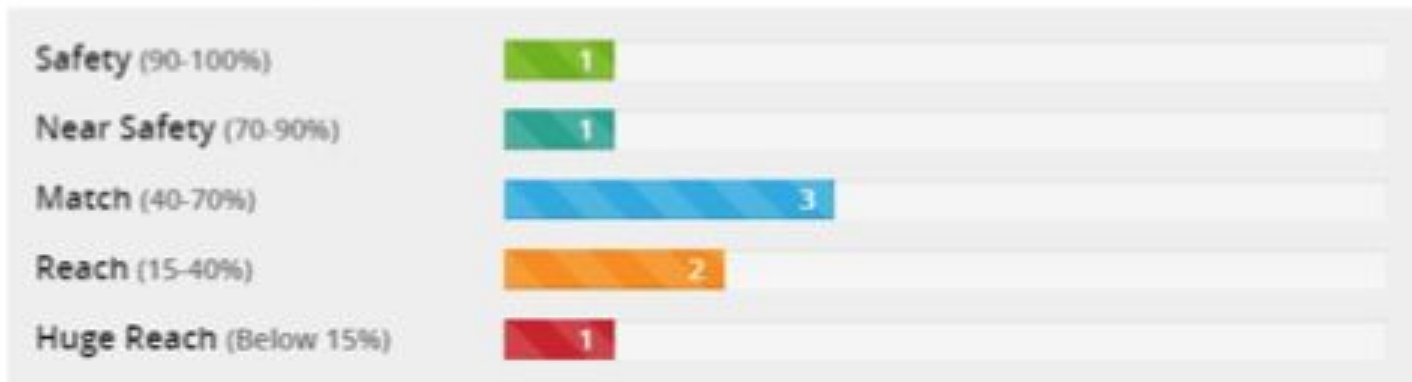
- ▶ Academics
- ▶ Involvement
- ▶ Essay(s)
- ▶ Recommendation(s)
- ▶ Interview



# DIVERSIFYING YOUR COLLEGE LIST

## ► Reach, Match, Safety

- Honors programs



*Example of a balanced college list, created using [College Raptor's match tool](#).*

## ► Deadlines and how colleges use them

- Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision

# DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

## ▶ What is demonstrated interest?

- ▶ Demonstrated interest is the degree to which you show a college that you are sincerely interested in attending their school.

## ▶ Does it matter?

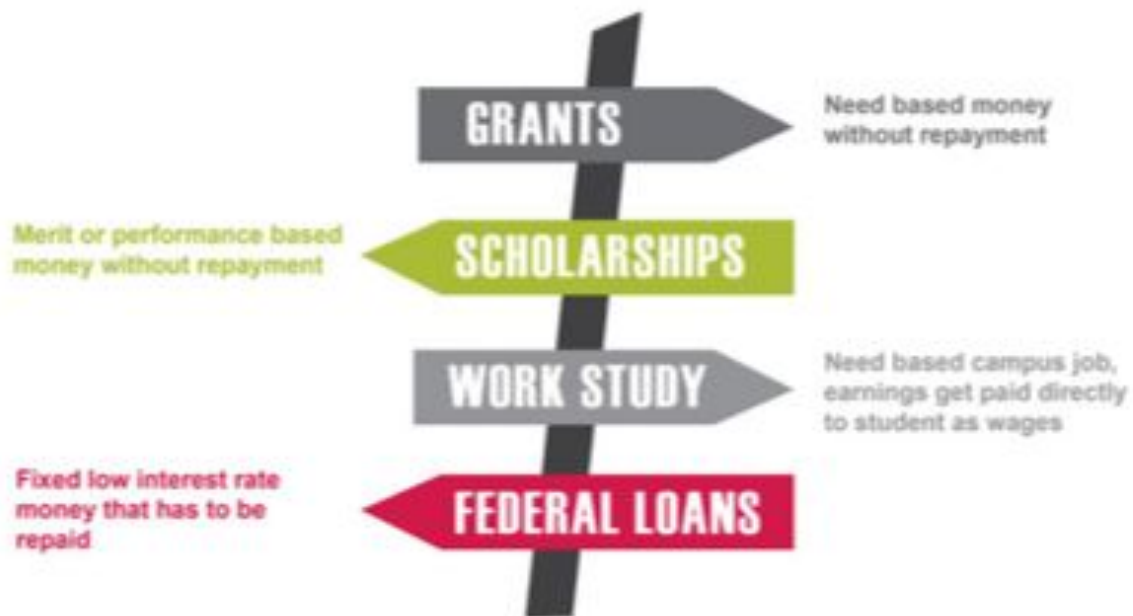
- ▶ Yes and No - not one size fits all across all colleges
- ▶ It's ok to ask

## ▶ Types of demonstrated interest

- ▶ Campus visit
- ▶ High school visit; local presentation
- ▶ Interview; in-person meeting w/regional rep
- ▶ College fairs
- ▶ Social media; mailing list; emails/calls



# TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID



# FINAL TIPS

**Tips to Reduce Stress about  
College Admissions?**



PLEASE TAKE THIS SURVEY!

