

College Counseling Resources

COVID-19 related resources:

Many colleges are moving to a test optional platform in response to test dates being cancelled for ACT and College Board tests. For an up-to-date list, visit

<https://www.fairtest.org/sites/default/files/Optional-Growth-Chronology.pdf>

Database of virtual college tours: <https://www.strivescan.com/virtual/>

The following are a sample of a few of Ms. Timberlake's favorites in the extensive collection of up-to-date college resources.

Bruni, F. (2016). Where you Go is Not Who You'll Be (also summarized by the author in this video: <https://youtu.be/SgN2003VYgQ>)

Cappello, D. (2012). The Ivy League. New York: Assouline Publishing. *Audience:* Students and families considering highly selective Ivy League colleges, most offer admission to fewer than 5% of applicants.

[Challenge Success](#) white paper, *A 'Fit' over Rankings: Why College Engagement Matters More than Selectivity*

Fiske, E. B. (1989). The Fiske Guide to Colleges. New York: Times Books. (2019 Edition) *Audience:* Everyone. Great reference guide as you make your college list.

Greene, H., & Greene M. (2016). The Hidden Ivies: 63 of America's Top Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities. Collins Reference. *Audience:* Students and families looking for highly selective colleges or universities that may not be as well known. GREAT options in this little gem.

Kravets, M., & Wax, I. F. (2021). The K & W Guide to College programs for Students with Learning Differences. (15th Edition) New York: Penguin Random House. *Audience:* Students who will need special services in college.

Lythcott-Haimes, J (2016). How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success. Griffin Publishing. *Audience:* Parents of high school aged students.

Pope, L. (1990). *Looking Beyond the Ivy League*. New York: Penguin Books. *Audience*: Students looking for strong Tier 2 schools.

Pope, L., & Oswald, H. M. (2012). *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About College*. New York: Penguin Books. *Audience*: everyone.

Sawyer, E. (2006). *College Essay Essentials: A Step by Step Guide to Writing a Successful College Admissions Essay*. Chicago: Sourcebooks. *Audience*: Upperclassmen who would like additional assistance on college application essay writing.

Selinger, J. (2020). *Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions*. New York: Scribner. *Audience*: Families who want to learn more about the nitty-gritty, often unattractive reality behind selective college admissions.

Compiled and Edited by the Staff of the [Yale Daily News](#) (2007). *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges, 2008* (34th edition). New York: St. Martin's Griffin. ISBN 978-0-312-36689-6. (2019 Edition) *Audience*: Everyone. Get an inside view of college life as well as some quick and relevant facts right at your fingertips

Recommended Podcasts:

Coast to Coast College Admissions Podcast with Anna and Mark
College Admissions Decoded

The College Essay Guy Podcast: A Practical Guide to College Admissions
Getting In: Your College Admissions Companion