

A Conversation with College Counselors

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College & Career Counselors

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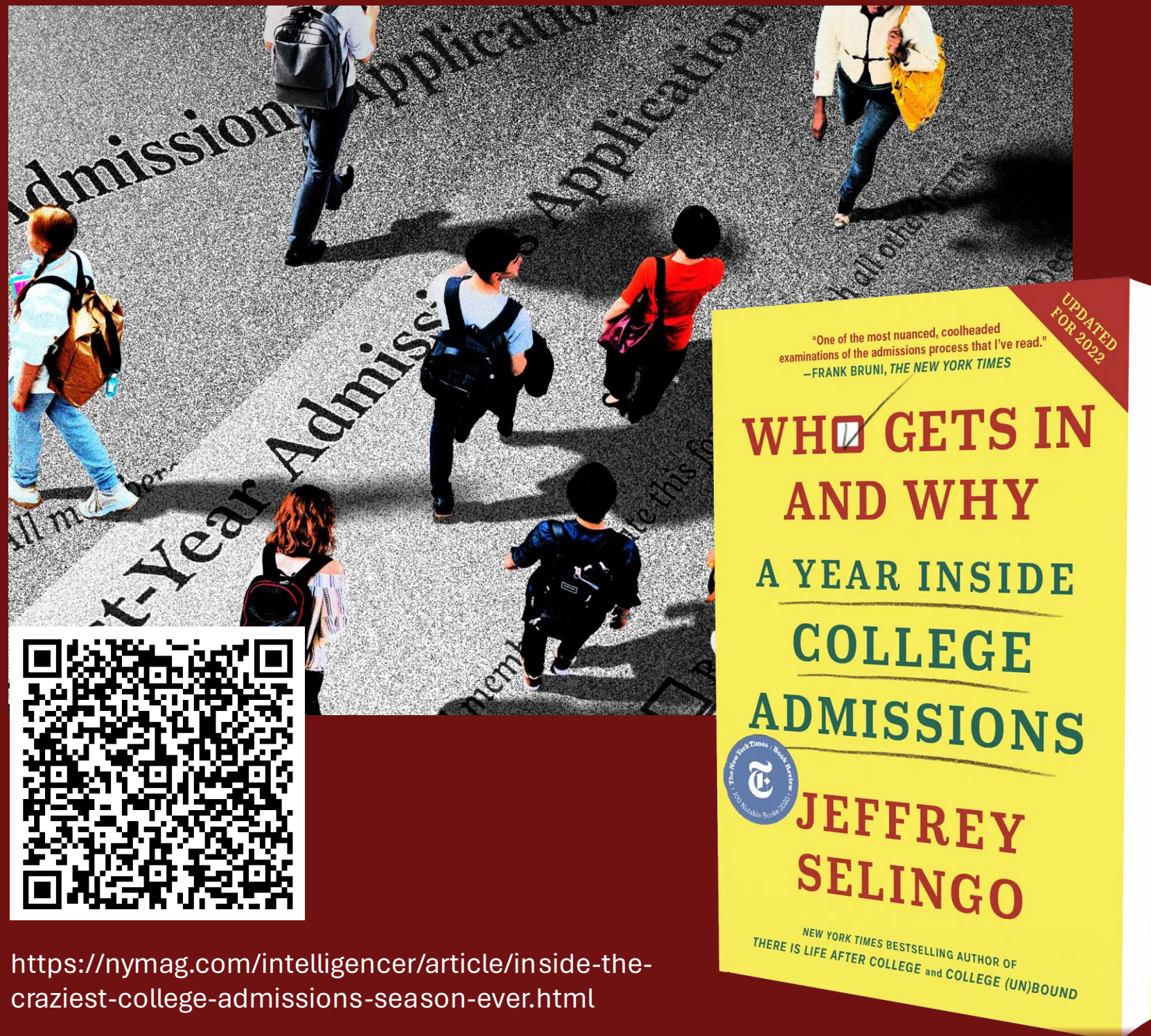


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Inside the Craziest College Admissions Season Ever: Most Applicants and Even Less Clarity From Schools

By Jeffrey Selingo, NY Mag

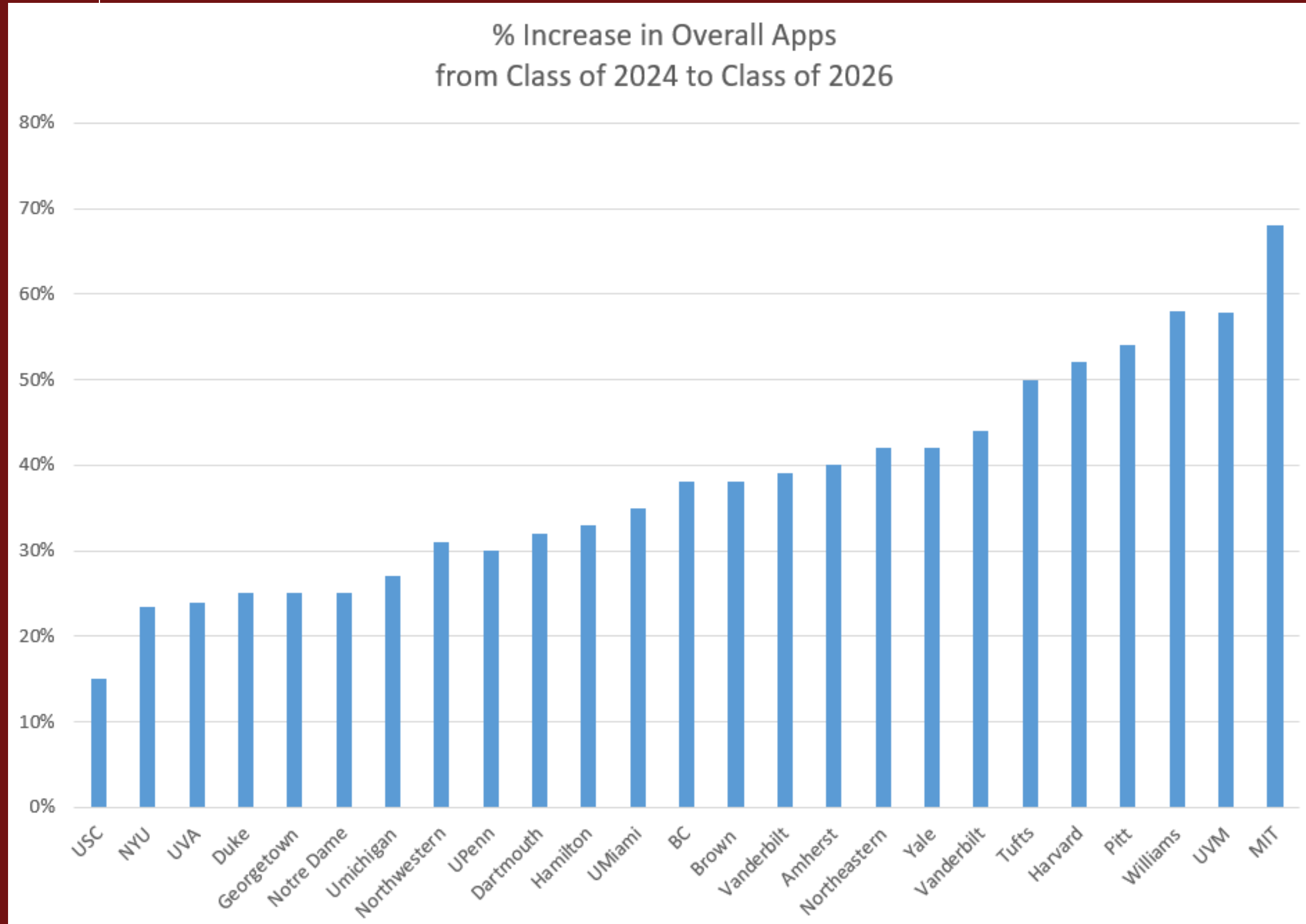


“College admissions has always been filled with uncertainty....Since the turn of this century, the number of applications to the 67 most selective colleges in the nation...has tripled — to nearly 2 million a year. That has translated into more stress and longer odds for a lot of applicants, and a much more complicated set of considerations for colleges, in terms of who to admit and when to admit them.”

College Admissions Panelists

- **Jim Bock**
President and Dean of Admissions, Swarthmore College
- **Ana del Puerto**
Senior Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Pennsylvania
- **Dana Gowder**
Assistant Director of Regional Recruitment, University of Pittsburgh
- **Drew Hashimura**
Regional Recruiter, University of Tennessee
- **Michael Keaton**
Vice President for Enrollment Management, Ursinus College
- **Caitlin Sweeney**
Assistant Director of Admissions, West Chester University

National College Admissions Landscape



- Increase in application numbers
- Decreasing acceptance rates at selective institutions
- Major may matter (e.g. PSU Smeal College of Business acceptance rate)
- More students applying ED/EA
- Higher deferral numbers & higher waitlist numbers
- Cost of Attendance continues to rise
- Testing Landscape continues to shift

What are we seeing at Radnor?

- Class of 2020: 2,887 applications
- Class of 2024: 3,628 applications

- % seniors applied EDI or ED II: 39%
- % seniors who submitted an app by mid-November: 76%

Anecdotally:

- More deferrals during EA/ED rounds
- More waitlisting and earlier than usual waitlist movement at some institutions
- Students applying to an increased number of selective and highly selective schools (more applications doesn't mean more acceptances)
- More stress

What does this mean for me?

- Do your “Fit” research. ANY college you apply to should be one you would be happy to attend.
 - Naviance
 - On-Campus Visits
 - Virtual Tours
 - College Fairs
 - Rep Visits at RHS or other local location
 - Common Data Set
- Focus on building a balanced college list
 - Reach
 - Target
 - Likely

Radnor School Profile

Class of 2024			
Quintile	WGPA Range	Mean WGPA	Mean UWGPA
I	4.11 - 4.51	4.2273	3.9999
II	3.88 - 4.10	3.9863	3.8076
III	3.57 - 3.87	3.7455	3.5987
IV	3.04 - 3.55	3.3440	3.2666
V	1.18 - 2.98	2.4542	2.4185
Overall		3.5598	3.4178
Middle 50%		3.23 - 4.05	3.15 - 3.84

RHS Average SAT Score (Class of 2023): 1306

RHS Average ACT Score (Class of 2023): 29

SAMPLE Balanced Lists

First Quintile (Weighted GPA: 4.11 - 4.51)

Reach	Target	Likely
Ivy + Penn State – Schreyer Honors College Vanderbilt University of Michigan	University of Richmond Boston University NYU Davidson	University of Pittsburgh Franklin & Marshall University of Miami George Washington University

Second Quintile (Weighted GPA: 3.88 - 4.10)

Reach	Target	Likely
Northeastern University Wake Forest University Villanova University Tulane University	Clemson University University of Pittsburgh Colgate University Indiana University - Bloomington	College of Charleston Syracuse University American University Dickinson College

Third Quintile (Weighted GPA: 3.57 - 3.87)

Reach	Target	Likely
Penn State – University Park University of Pittsburgh Gettysburg College Virginia Tech	Elon University Fairfield University University of Delaware James Madison University	Saint Joseph's University Temple University Loyola University Maryland West Chester University

Junior Spring To-Do List:

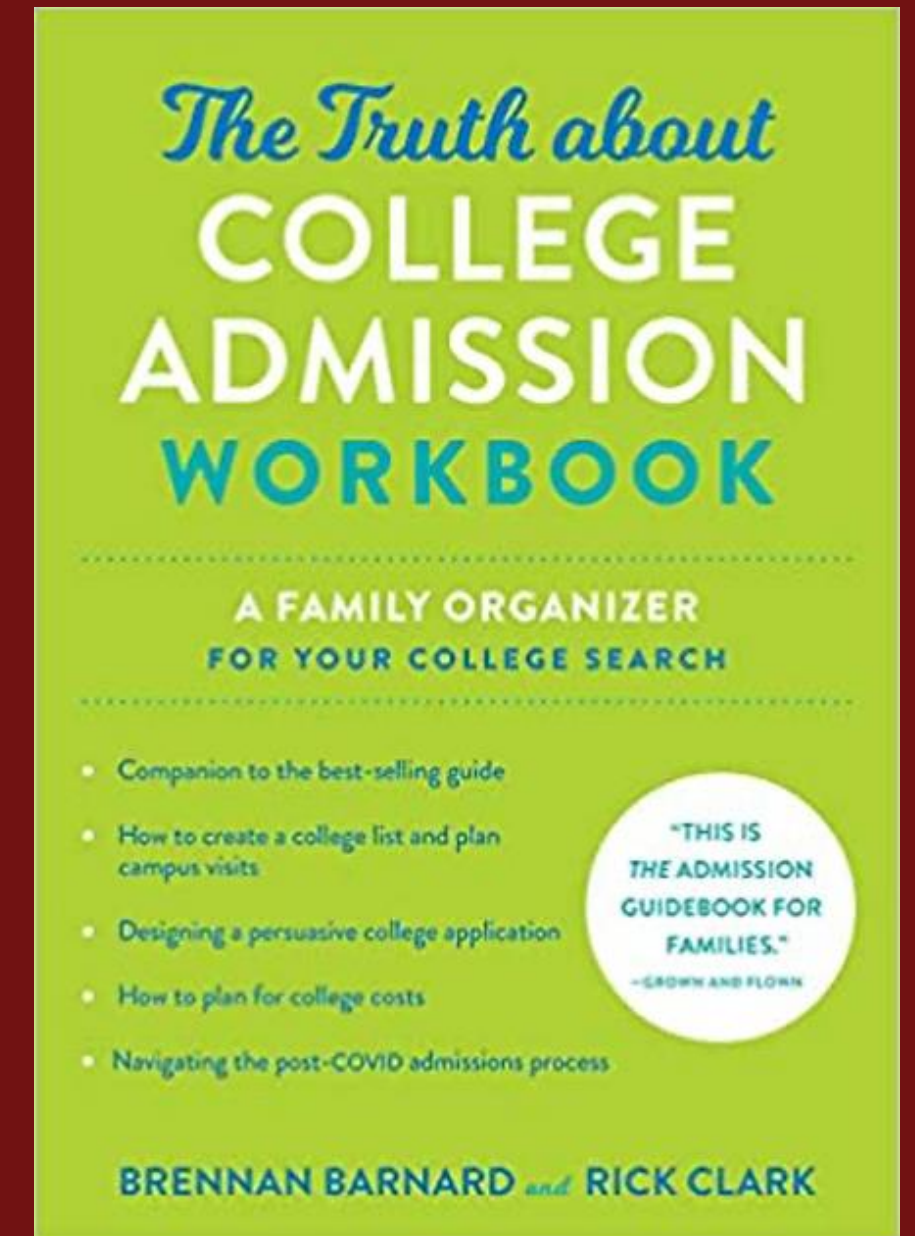
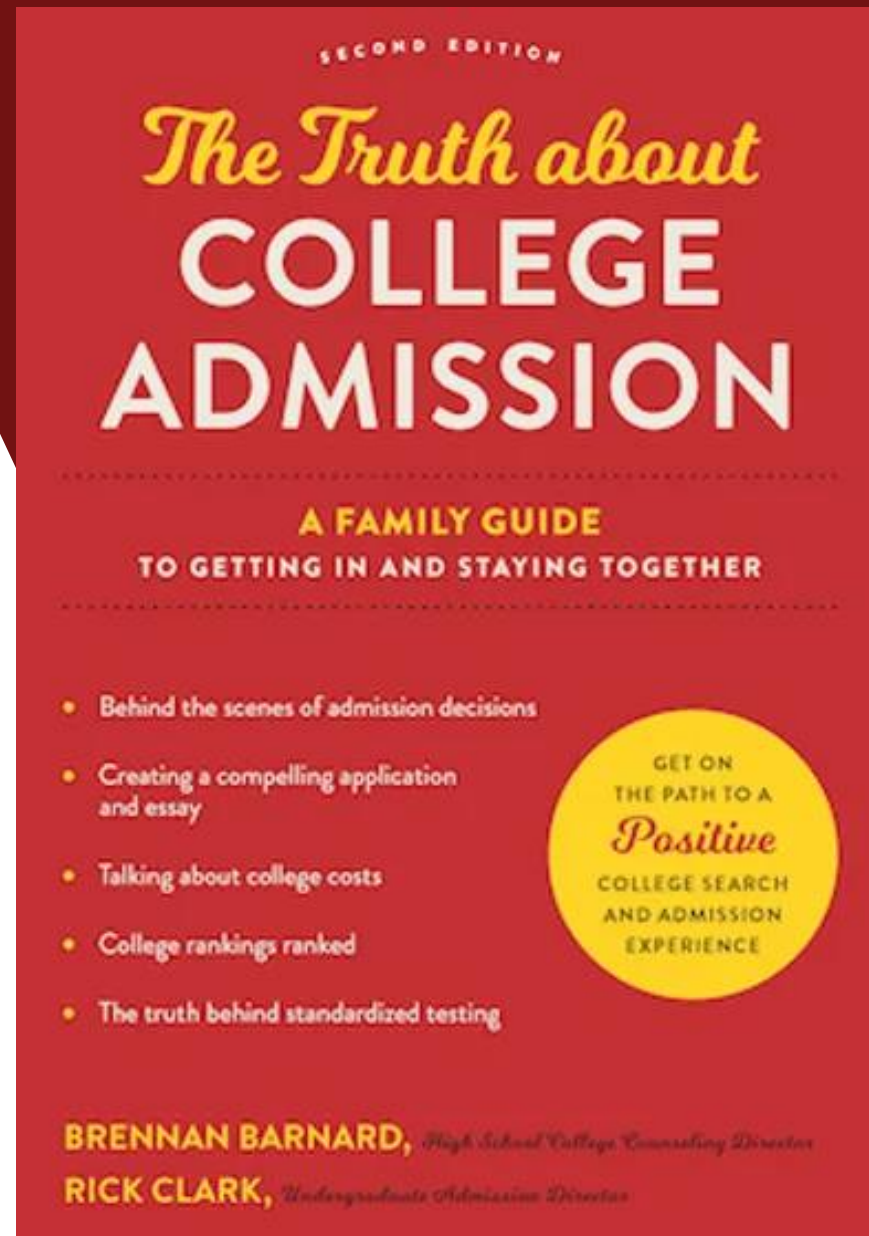
- Schedule your junior planning meeting with your college & career counselor, if you haven't already!!!
- Finalize your standardized testing plan
- Research colleges and continue college list building
- Discuss college affordability with your family
- May 1: Choose core teachers to write your letters of recommendation and have an in-person conversation
- June 1: Complete your Class of 2025 Junior Questionnaire in Naviance
- June 1: Submit parent reflection through online form

Upcoming Events

- April 25th: Lunch & Learn Workshop – Essay Writing
- May 2nd Lunch and Learn: Civil Service Fair
- May 19th 6:30PM- The Truth About College Admission, An Evening with Brennan Bernard and Rick Clark
- May 22nd 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Main Line College Fair, Villanova University
- May 23rd 7 PM - 9 PM: Information Session with Emory, Johns Hopkins, WashU, and Notre Dame
- Ongoing: College and Career Counseling Website and Schoology Group: Counseling Dept. Class of 2025

Upcoming Event: An Evening with Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark

Sunday, May 19th at 6:30 PM
RHS Auditorium



Registration Form:



Looking Ahead for Juniors

- Maximize your Summer!!!
- Vanguard Career Exploration Days: July 23-July 25
- Summer Mailing in early July
 - Final junior year transcript
 - Application checklist
 - Self-Reported Academic Record Instructions
 - Counselor Summer Availability
- Begin working on college applications
- Senior Application Night in early September
- Individual Senior Meetings – required before application materials are sent out!
- Fall Application Drop-In Sessions

Summer Workshop: College Essay Summer Boot Camps

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Ethan Sawyer
College Essay Guy

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Schedule

How to Write the Personal Statement
Option 1: June 3, 5, 7 (MWF)
Option 2: June 17, 20, 21 (MThF)
1:00pm-2:30pm or 7:00-8:30pm Eastern

Student can join for either of the events above. Content covered will be the same!

Day 1 | Brainstorming
Day 2 | Outlining & Writing
Day 3 | Revising & Upleveling

How to Write the College Application + Supplemental Essays
Sunday September 22nd
5:00pm-7:00pm EST

How to Write the UC Personal Insight Questions
October 5 & 6 (Sat & Sun)
5:00pm-7:00pm EST

FREE for all students in the Class of 2025!!

- How to Write the Personal Statement
- How to Write the College Application & Supplemental Essays
- How to write the UC Personal Insight Questions

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