



Planning for College: Build Your College List

Classroom Guidance Series for
Counselors



Today, we will cover the following...

- 01** Build Your College List Overview
- 02** Using College Search Filters
- 03** Reviewing Colleges in BigFuture™
- 04** Saving Colleges in BigFuture

Four Simple Steps to Build Your College List



**Go to
BigFuture
College Search**



**Sign In to Your
College Board
Account**



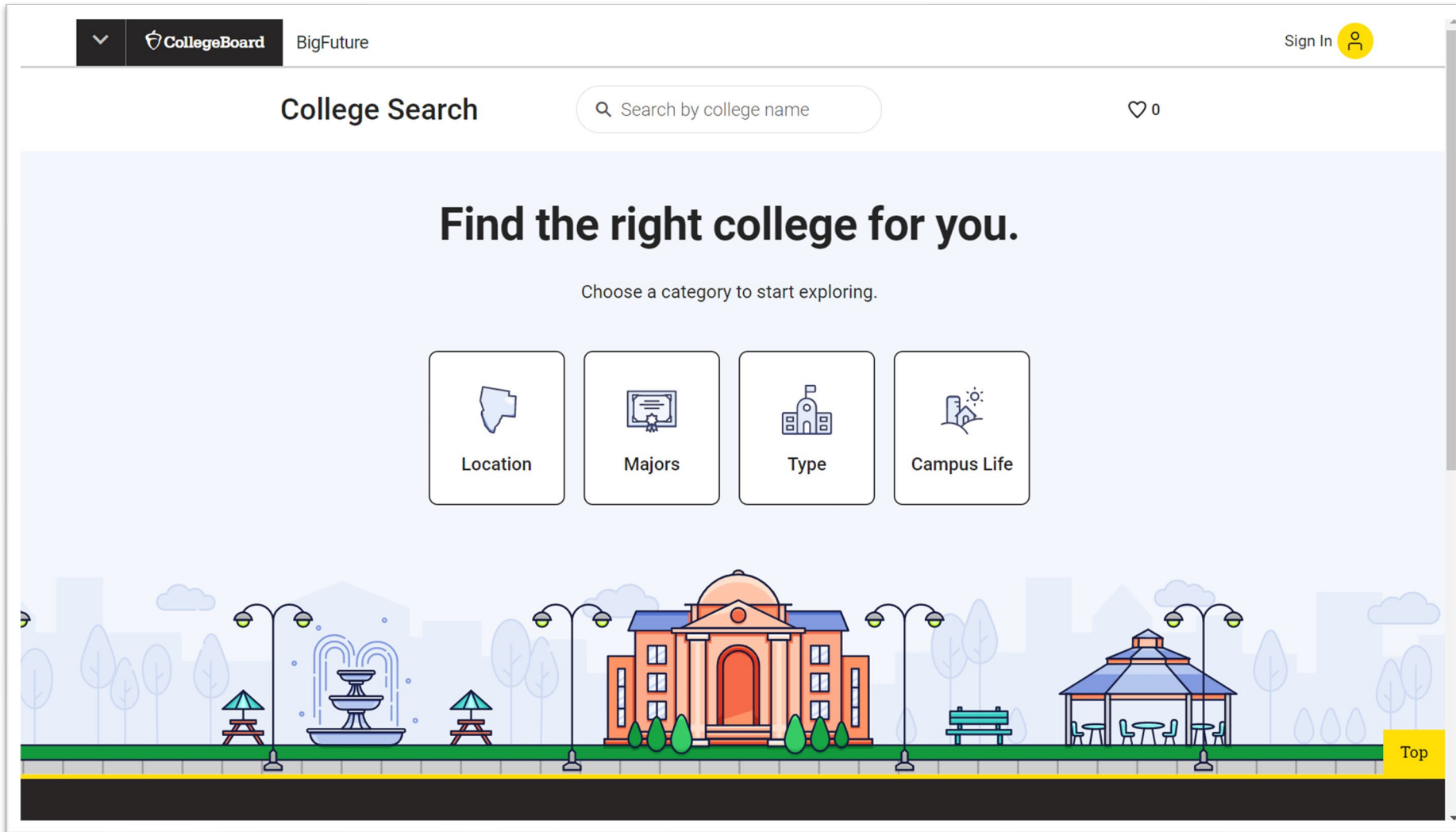
**Conduct College
Search Using
Filters**



**Save at Least
6 Colleges in
BigFuture**

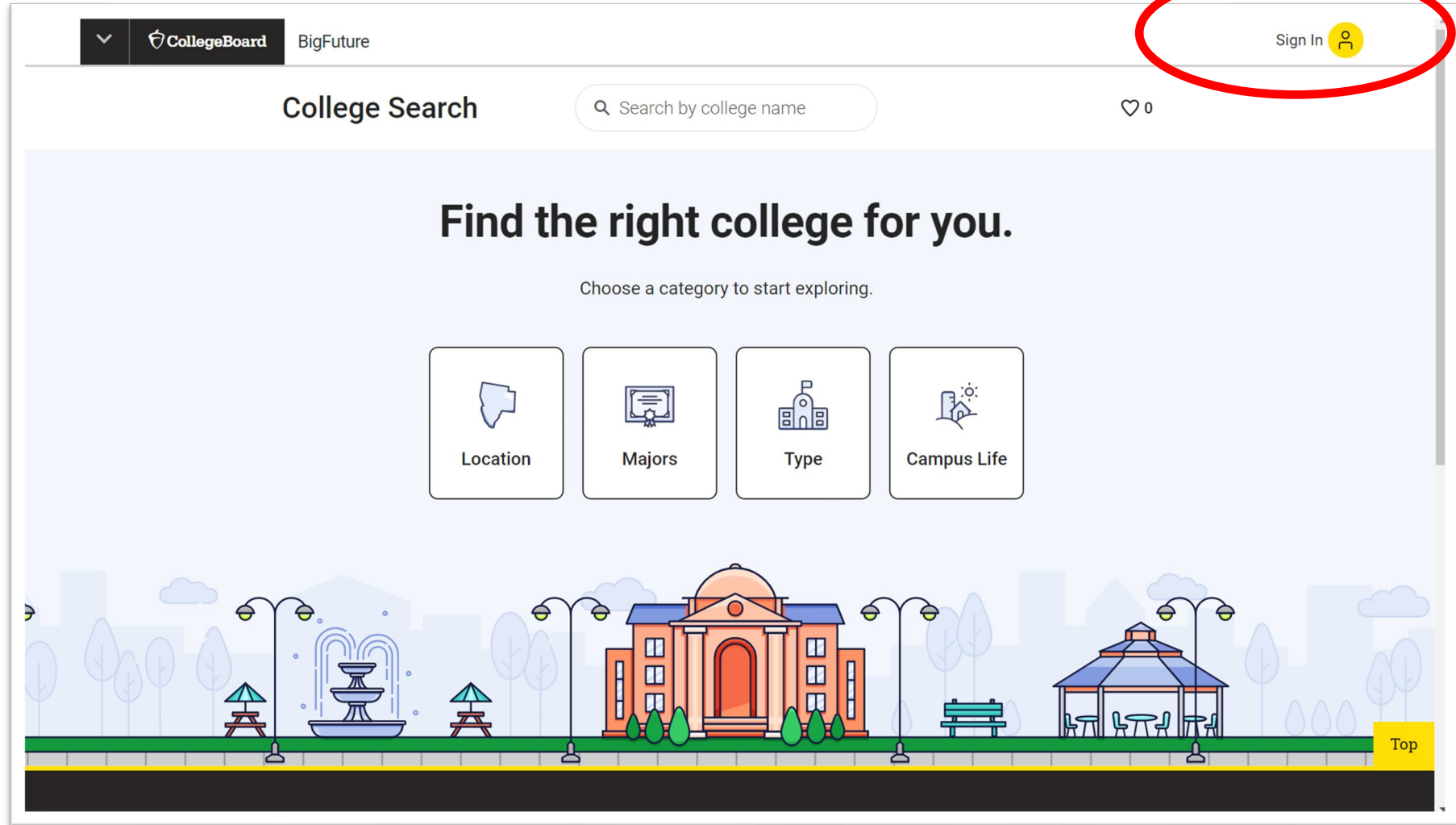
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Step One: Go to collegesearch.collegeboard.org



Step Two: Sign In to Your College Board Account

Sign in to your College Board account in order for your work in BigFuture to be saved.



Step Three: Conduct College Search Using Filters



Location



Affordability



Majors



Credit



Type



Admissions



Campus Life

Search by Location

States and Territories

Distance from Zip Code

2 miles (walking distance)

20 miles (short drive)

50 miles (moderate drive)

200 miles (long drive)

500 miles (short flight)

2,000 miles (long flight)

Outside the U.S.

Location

Choose one of the options below to filter colleges by location.

States and Territories (U.S.)

Distance from Zip Code (U.S.)

Outside the U.S.

[Clear All](#) [Show Colleges](#)

Search by Major

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- 🏥 Adult Health Nurse/**Nursing**
- 🏥 Critical Care **Nursing**
- 🏥 Emergency Room/Trauma **Nursing**
- 🏥 Family Practice Nurse/**Nursing**
- 🏥 Geriatric Nurse/**Nursing**
- 🏥 Maternal/Child Health and Neonatal Nurse/**Nursing**
- 🏥 Nurse Midwife/**Nursing** Midwifery
- 🏥 **Nursing** Administration
- 🏥 **Nursing** Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide

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Search by Type

College Level

4-Year (Bachelor's degree)

2-Year (Associate degree, certificates)

College Type

Public

Private

Special Mission

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs)

Tribal Colleges and Universities (TSIs)

All-Women

All-Men

Religious Affiliation

Type

College Level —

4-Year
Bachelor's degrees

2-Year
Associate degrees or certificates

College Type —

Don't limit yourself—both public and private colleges can be affordable with financial aid.

Public

Private

Special Mission —

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Search by Campus Life

Size

Less than 3,000 students

3,000 to 9,000 students

9,000 to 15,000 students

More than 15,000 students

Setting

Urban

Suburban

Rural

Sports

Activities

Campus Services

Disability Support Services

Campus Life

Size —

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Setting —

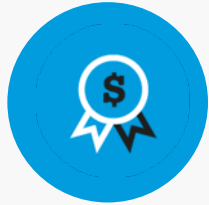
Urban
Located in cities

Suburban
In small cities, large towns or residential areas near cities

Rural
Often near farms or wilderness areas and a small town

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Additional College Search Filters



Affordability

Financial Need Met

- 65% or more
- 75% or more
- 90% or more
- 100%

Application Fees

- Application fee waivers offered
- Free to apply

Aid for International Students



Credit

Advanced Placement[®]

CLEP[®]

Transfer Credits



Admissions

Acceptance Rate

- Most selective (0%–10% accepted)
- Very selective (10%–25% accepted)
- Selective (25%–50% accepted)
- Less selective (50%–90% accepted)
- Not selective (90%–100% accepted)

Open Admissions

GED

Review List of Colleges

BigFuture compiles a list of colleges based on student preferences.



List is sorted by graduation rate by default. Can also sort alphabetically or by SAT[®] range.

8 Colleges Found

Sort by ▾

College of William and Mary →


Williamsburg, VA

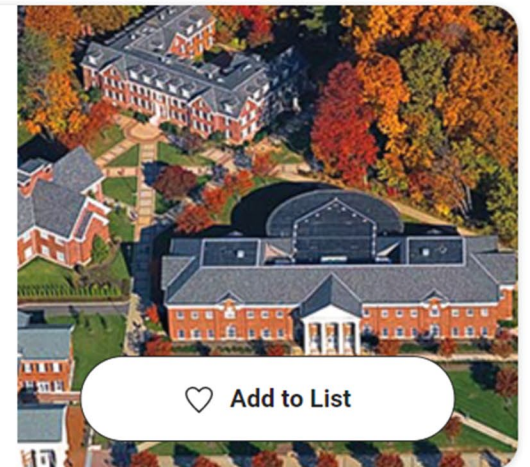
-  4-year • Public • Medium • Suburban
-  90% graduation rate
-  \$19K average per year after aid
-  SAT 1300–1490



The College of New Jersey →

Ewing, NJ

-  4-year • Public • Medium • Suburban
-  86% graduation rate
-  \$24K average per year after aid
-  SAT 1160–1360



College Profiles

Learn more about each college on your list.

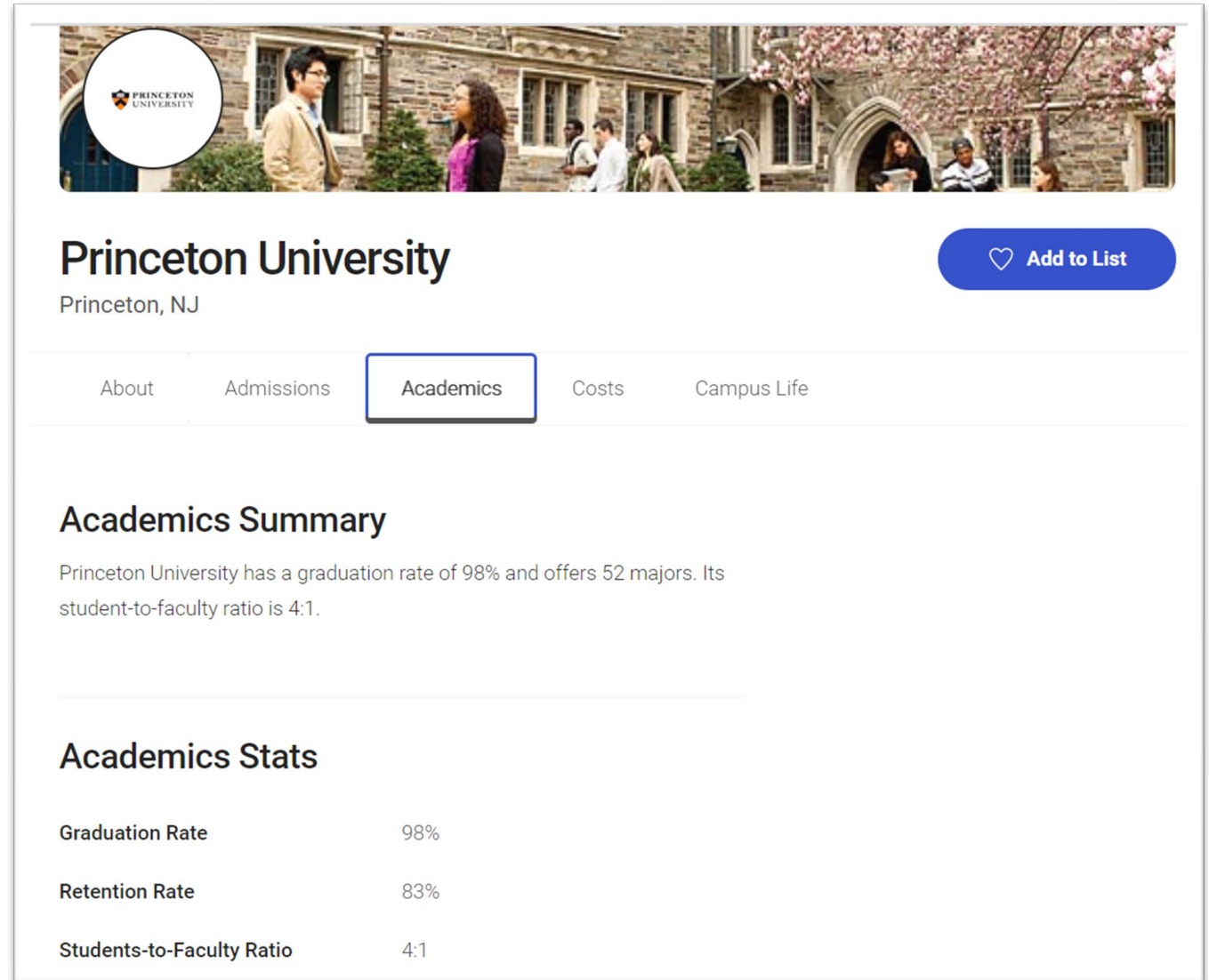
About the College

Admissions

Academics

Costs

Campus Life



The screenshot shows the Princeton University profile page on CollegeBoard. At the top, there is a banner image of students on campus with the Princeton University logo in a circular inset on the left. Below the banner, the university's name "Princeton University" and location "Princeton, NJ" are displayed. A blue button with a heart icon and the text "Add to List" is positioned to the right. A navigation bar contains five tabs: "About", "Admissions", "Academics" (which is highlighted with a blue border), "Costs", and "Campus Life".

Academics Summary

Princeton University has a graduation rate of 98% and offers 52 majors. Its student-to-faculty ratio is 4:1.

Academics Stats

Graduation Rate	98%
Retention Rate	83%
Students-to-Faculty Ratio	4:1

Add 6 or more colleges to your list

Add colleges of interest to your list.

The number of colleges saved to your list is at the top of the screen.



By saving 6 colleges on BigFuture, students will earn entries in monthly drawings for both \$500 and \$40,000 awards.

Learn more at
[Bigfuturescholarships.org](https://bigfuturescholarships.org)

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
Search by college name

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My College List

You've added 6 colleges.

Sort by ▾

-  **Clayton State University** ×
Morrow, GA
Net Price \$10,037 • **Acceptance Rate** 51%
SAT 880–1020 • **Level** 4-year
-  **Connecticut College** ×
New London, CT
Net Price \$40,707 • **Acceptance Rate** 37%
SAT 1310–1450 • **Level** 4-year
-  **College of William and Mary** ×
Williamsburg, VA
Net Price \$18,551 • **Acceptance Rate** 37%
SAT 1300–1490 • **Level** 4-year
-  **Savannah State University** ×

Congratulations!

You Have Built
Your College List!