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COLLEGE PREP

Senior College Kick-Off

August 27, 2024

Please have one member of your party sign in!

Let's Center Ourselves

Program Run-Down

- Introductions - Meet the Dream Team
- Highlighting our Program/Resources
- Postsecondary Planning Preview
- Next Steps - Timeline
- Defining Roles and Responsibilities
- Words of Wisdom from Our Experts

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Postsecondary Perspective

Instead of focusing on making your student's life easier, help them to recognize they are capable of handling hard things. It is not what you do for your student but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.

THEY CAN DO THIS!

Values-Based College Process

- How do your values connect to the college?
- Take time for self-reflect
  - What do I do well? Where do I tend to struggle?
  - When am I at my best? My worst?
  - What truly matters most to me?
  - What motivates me? What challenges me?
  - Where do I feel comfortable? Uncomfortable?
  - When do I feel purposeful?
  - What gifts do I have to give?

Find the Balance: "*How vs. Why*"

How:

Applications

Essays

Letters or Rec

Resumes

Supplements

Deadlines

Why (7 Ps):

Person

Place

People

Price

Program

Parents

Prayer

What Does a "Good" College List Look Like?

- Represents Student's **VALUES**
- Appropriate Size (8-12 is the sweet spot)
- Has at least 2-3 'slam dunk' schools (admit and $)
- No more than a third are 'reach' schools
- *Every* school meets student's priorities (7 Ps)
- *Every* school will make student happy
- Represents a healthy collaboration between students, parents, and college counselor.
- Accounts for family's financial situation

Postsecondary Resources

- Highly Experienced, Well-Connected College Team
- DePaul Prep College Planning Page
- Postsecondary Advisory Programming
- College Rep Visits (Tue and Thur = FRESH)
- Application Tracker Google Sheet
- Interview and Scholarship Prep
- Maia Learning Software

Postsecondary Resources: College Rep Visits

- WHAT are Rep Visits?
- WHERE and WHEN are Rep Visits?
- HOW do students attend Rep Visits?
- WHY do students attend Rep Visits?

<u>General Guidelines:</u>

Be Curious. Be Engaged. Be Open to Growth. Be Respectful.

Post Secondary Resources: New for 2024!

- October 2nd Application Support Workshop
- Subscribe to College Rep Visits and College Counseling Event Calendar
  - College Planning Website
  - Maia

Postsecondary Resources: New for 2024!

- Follow @depaulprepcollegecounseling on Instagram!

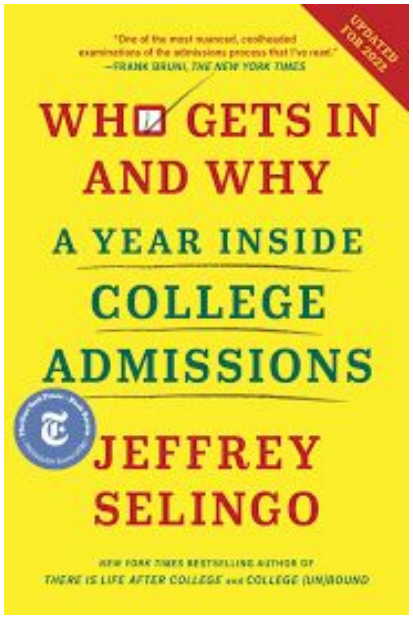
Maia Learning Overview

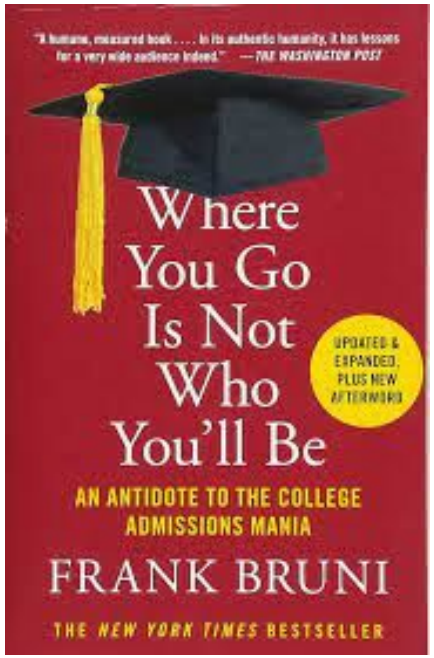
- Student (Single Sign On) and Parent Access
- Integrated with Common App
- Customizable College Search Tool
- College Rep Visit Calendar
- Assignments and Communication
- Career and Interest Profiles

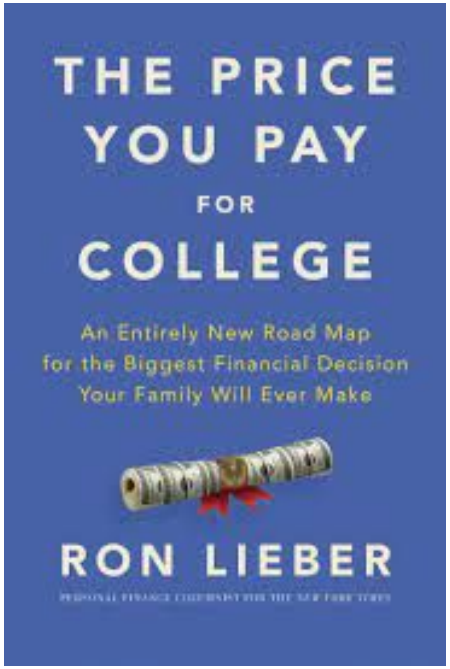
Postsecondary Planning in Advisory

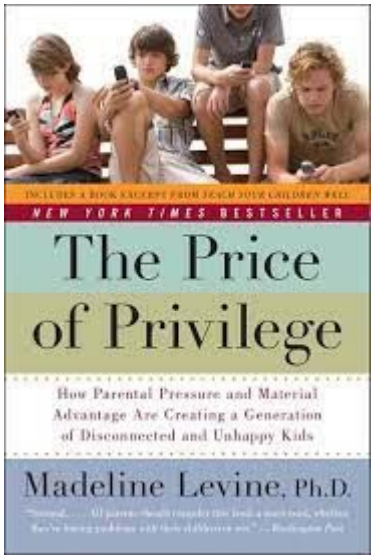
- ***Every*** Tuesday during FRESH - 1st Semester
- **Tuesday, August 27**
  - Connect Common App to Maia Account
  - Add CC as Advisor for Common App
- **Tuesday, September 17**
  - Request Letter of Recommendation Upload via Maia
  - Dedicated time to work on Common App
- **Tuesday, September 24**
  - Dedicated time to work on Common App

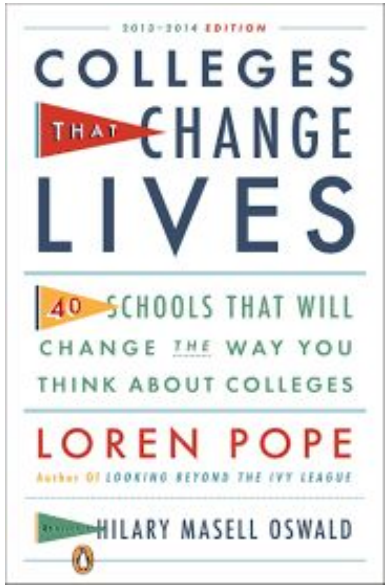
Resources We Love!











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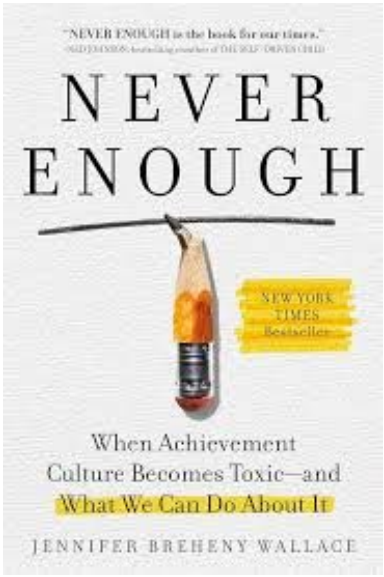


Student's General Timeline

September

- Fall Check-In with College Counselor
- Continue Building College List
- Meet with Admissions Reps @ DePaul Prep
- Attack the Common App
- Draft Personal Statement/College Specific Essays
- Potentially Take Standardized Tests*
- Complete Teacher LoR Process (Advisory)
- Explore Scholarship Options

Student's General Timeline

October

- CSS Profile Available October 1; FAFSA is TBD
- Settle On Early College List
- Finishing Touches on Essay(s)
- Complete the Early App (EA/ED) Process
  - October 15 deadline for *some* colleges
- Take Standardized Tests SAT = Oct 2 (DePaul Prep)
- Submit Official Test Scores*
- Continue to Meet Admissions Reps @ DePaul Prep
- Continue to Explore Scholarship Options

Student's General Timeline

November

- Submit Applications for **Nov 1** and **15** for Early Action and Early Decision Deadlines
- Re-Evaluate College List
  - Build Potential Plan for Regular Decision Apps
- Reach Out to Reps/Follow up Apps
  - SRAR (UIUC, Clemson, etc)
- Continue Exploring Scholarship Options
- Continue to Send Official Test Scores*

Questions to ask your Student NOW

- *Have you met with your College Counselor?*
- *How comfortable are you with your list?*
- *Is your list financially appropriate?*
- *Do you have plans to meet with College Reps?*
- *How can we support you?*
- *Is your **Application Tracker** up to date?*

Post Secondary Perspective

Teach your kids that: Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it's the courage to continue that counts.

– Winston A. Churchill

Standardized Testing Fall Dates

ACT	SAT
Saturday, September 14*	Wednesday, October 2*
Saturday, October 26	Saturday, October 5
Saturday, December 14	Saturday, November 2
	Saturday, December 7

Test Optional...What's the Deal?

2021: 45% of Comm App Applicants used scores

Under 10% of DCP Seniors submitted scores

2022: 1,830+ Test Optional Institutions

10 total DCP Seniors submitted scores (6%)

2023: 1,830+ Remained Test-Optional, 77 Test Free

26 total Seniors used scores in the app process (15%)

2024: 2000+ Test Optional Institutions, 80 Test Free

84 Seniors used scores for some/all (38%)

2025: 2070 Test Optional or Test Free Institutions

Test Optional Trends

- Large Publics potential bend back to testing?
- Southern Schools are already there
- Many Uber Selectives and Smaller Liberal Arts will likely never go back
- Selective Schools got WAY more selective

  (and still admitted higher % of Testers vs T.O.)
- *Drastic* demographic differences

Best Resource = FAIRTEST.ORG

Student Responsibilities

- Organize and Manage Maia/CA Account
- Complete and Submit Applications
- Take & Send Official Test Scores (IF required)
- Transcript Requests (non Common App colleges)
- Submit FAFSA/CSS Profile (*with family)
- Executing the last steps of LoR process
- Consistent Communication with CC @ DePaul
- Tell teachers if absent for college visit in advance

DePaul Prep Responsibilities

- Letters of Rec (*writing, uploading, sending*)
- Sending Transcripts (*already uploaded*)
- School Profile (*updates in progress*)
- Counselor Forms/Reports
- Provide Post Secondary Guidance and Perspective
- Communication to Colleges

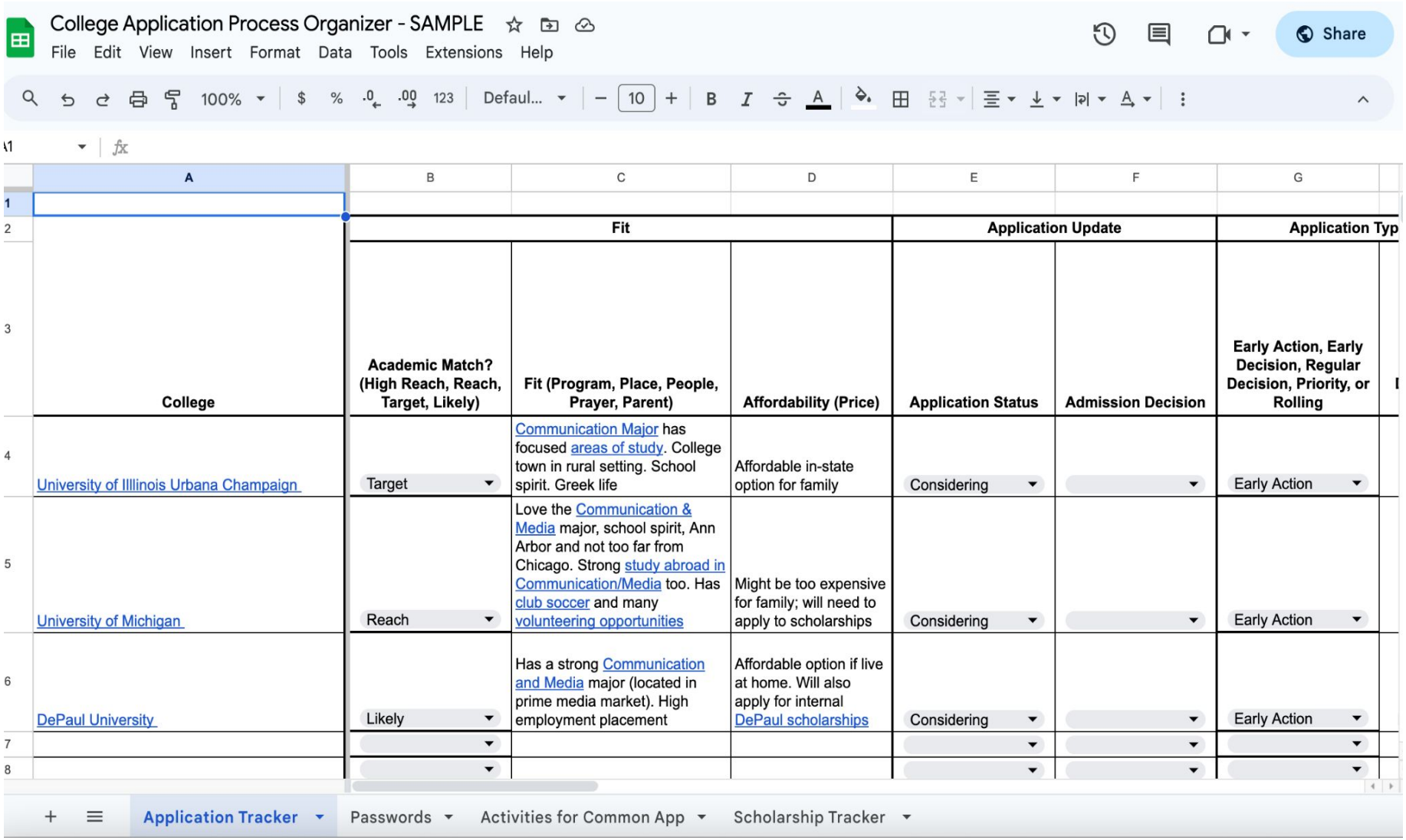
Parent Responsibilities

- Encourage Discernment & Value Seeking
- Encourage your Student to Self-Advocate
- Provide Perspective, but Give Space
- Assist with Tracker Completion
- Aid Student in FAFSA/CSS Completion
- Protect your Child's Privacy
- Celebrate Success

Post Secondary Perspective

By loving your children for more than their abilities, we show them that they are so much more than the sum of their accomplishments.

College Application Process Organizer


College Application Process Organizer - SAMPLE

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Share

	College	Academic Match? (High Reach, Reach, Target, Likely)	Fit (Program, Place, People, Prayer, Parent)	Affordability (Price)	Application Status	Admission Decision	Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Priority, or Rolling
			Fit		Application Update		Application Typ
4	University of Illlinois Urbana Champaign	Target	Communication Major has focused areas of study. College town in rural setting. School spirit. Greek life	Affordable in-state option for family	Considering		Early Action
5	University of Michigan	Reach	Love the Communication & Media major, school spirit, Ann Arbor and not too far from Chicago. Strong study abroad in Communication/Media too. Has club soccer and many volunteering opportunities	Might be too expensive for family; will need to apply to scholarships	Considering		Early Action
6	DePaul University	Likely	Has a strong Communication and Media major (located in prime media market). High employment placement	Affordable option if live at home. Will also apply for internal DePaul scholarships	Considering		Early Action
7							
8							

Application Tracker | Passwords | Activities for Common App | Scholarship Tracker

Program Reminders

Upcoming DePaul Prep College Counseling Events

- Tuesday, Oct 8 PEWS: Financing College (Virtual)
- Tuesday, Nov 19 PEWS: Continuing the College Convo (Pre-Recorded)

Upcoming College Fairs

- Sat, Sept 21 @ 8:00 am Chicago Classic HBCU Fair
- Sat, Oct 5 @ 11:00 am Chicago National College Fair

"Let's Hear From the Experts!"

University *of* Dayton

Questions?

Thank You!

Schedule a meeting with us by scanning the QR code below.

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