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# INSIDE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: ACADEMICS, ACTIVITIES, & THE BIGGER PICTURE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026  
(6:00 - 7:00 P.M.)**

**DVUSD GOVERNING BOARD ROOM**  
(20402 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, 85027)

**PRESENTER:**

Erin Goodnow, *Going Ivy*

**DESCRIPTION:**

This presentation explores what colleges truly look for in applicants—academics, extracurricular involvement, and the personal story told through essays and recommendations. Learn how students can intentionally shape a compelling narrative over time, developing interests into leadership and impact that clearly reflect authentic passions.



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