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# The College Process

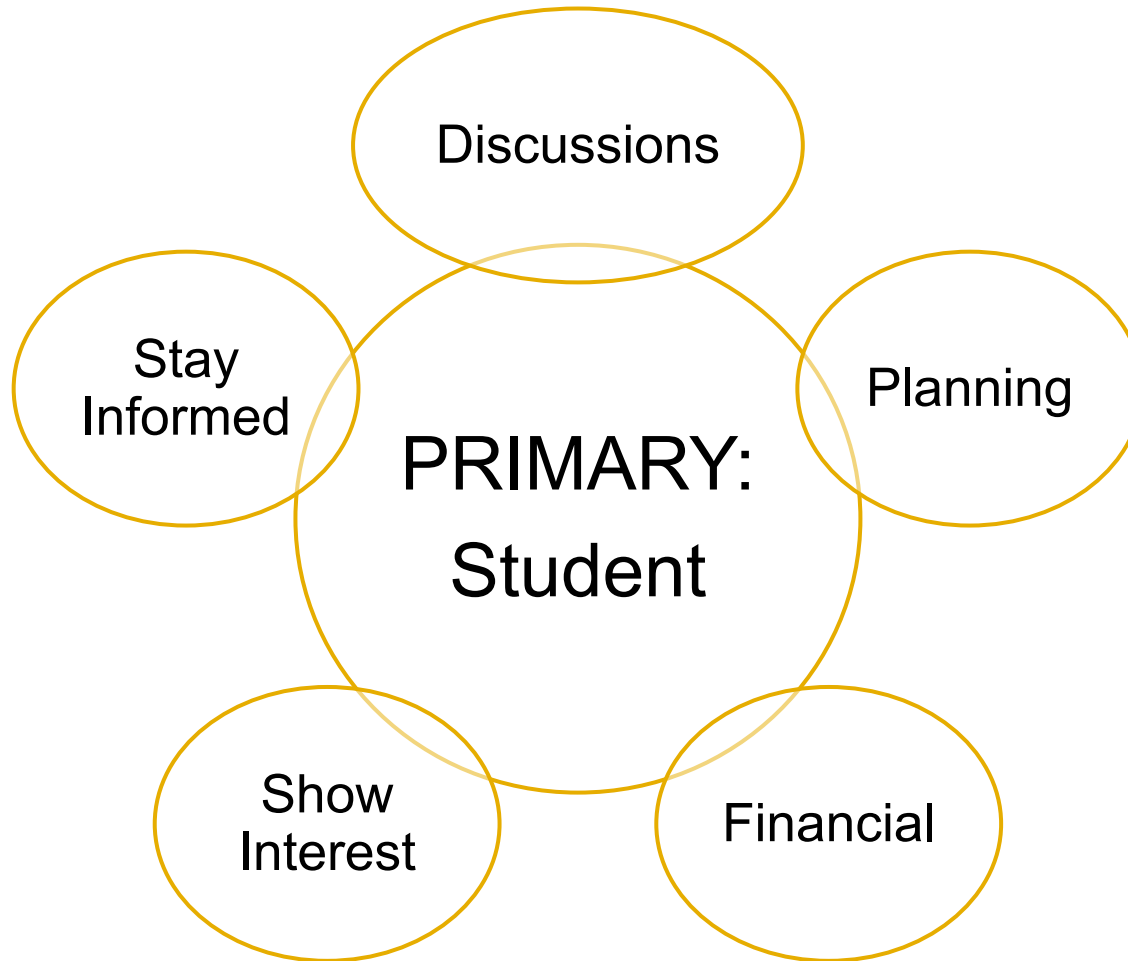
Search, Apply, Decide

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**College  
Search**  
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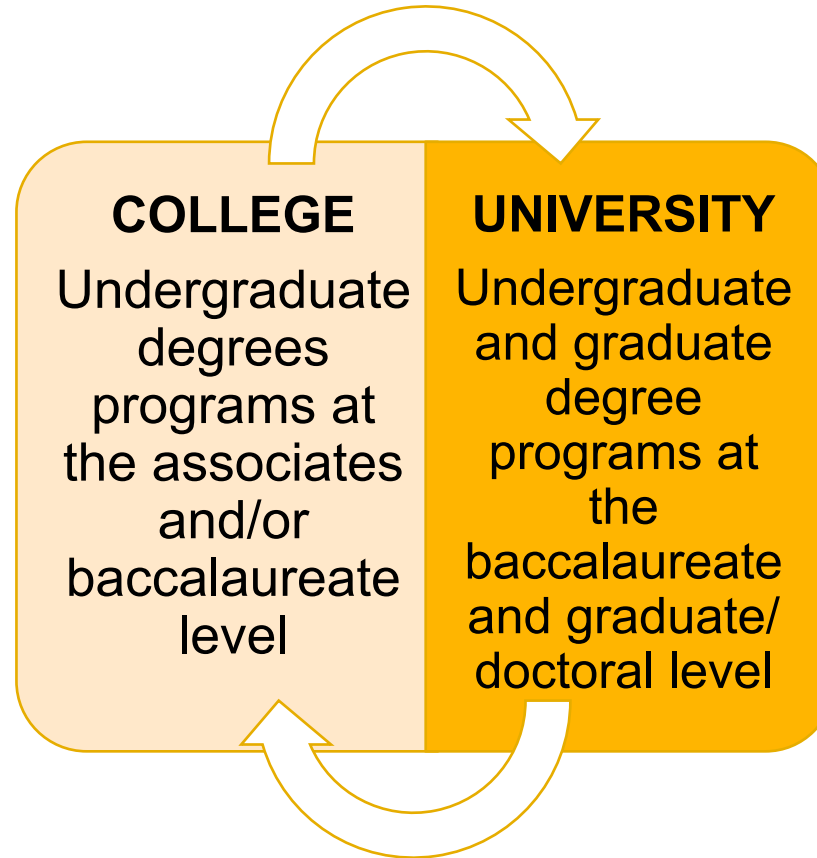


# Parent & Student Roles



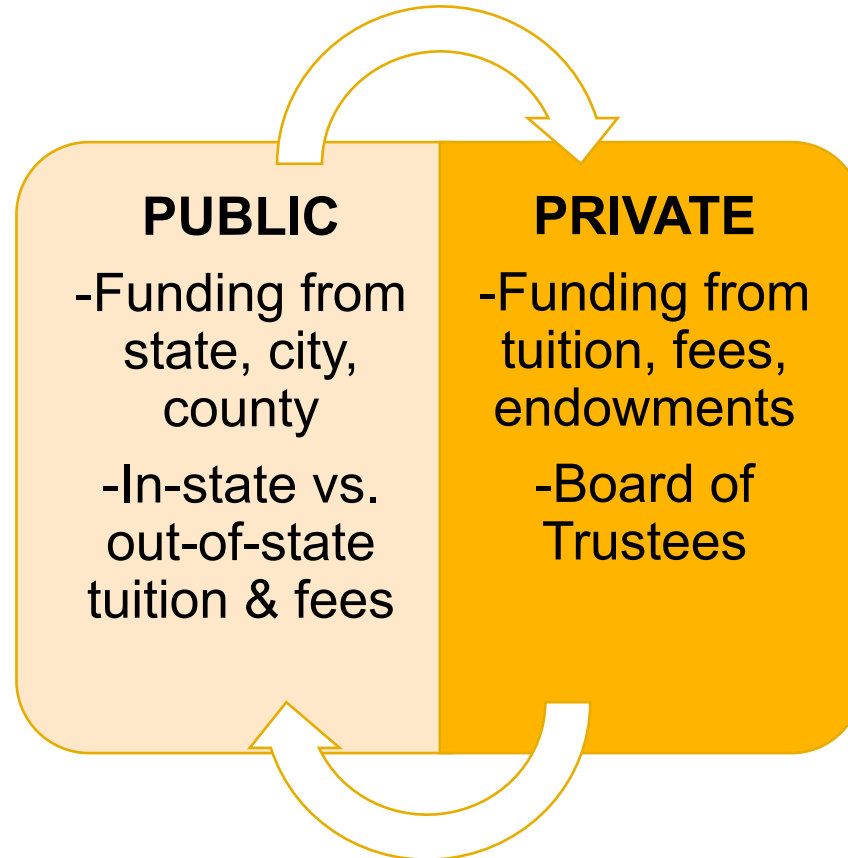
# College Search

## College vs. University



# College Search

## Public vs. Private



# College Search

## Create a List

- Location, size, & safety
- Majors offered
- Difficulty of admission
- Housing options
- School culture
- Student body
- Abroad opportunities
- Extracurricular opportunities
- Student outcomes and value
- Virtual services & remote learning support



# Application Process

Tips and tricks.



# Application Timelines



**Early  
Decision  
(binding)**

**Early Action  
(non-binding)**

**Single-Choice  
Early Action  
(non-binding)**

**Regular  
Admission**

**Rolling  
Admission**



# Types of Applications

Common  
Application

Institutional  
Application

Coalition  
Application



# Pieces of the Application



- Application
- College Essay
  - Supplemental Essays\*
- Official HS Transcript
- Official SAT/ACT Scores
- Recommendation Letters
- Resume/Activities List
- Special Requirements\*

# How Applications are Evaluated

- Holistic review process
- Hard Factors
  - GPA/Grades
  - Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
- Soft Factors
  - Essays
  - Resume/Activities List
  - Recommendation Letters
  - Demonstrated Interest



# Throughout High School



- Take college-prep courses
  - Develop core subjects
- Focus on grades
- Participate in clubs and/or sports
  - Consider leadership positions
- Find volunteer or job opportunities
- Start saving for college
  - Apply for outside scholarships

# Junior & Senior Year Timelines

A to-do list.



# Junior Year

Now - September

- ✓ Visit colleges & universities – in-person or virtually!
- ✓ Request information and do research
- ✓ Track important dates
- ✓ Determine academic spectrum
- ✓ Request letter(s) of recommendation
- ✓ Consider school testing requirements or test-optional admissions
- ✓ Prepare for the SATs and/or ACTs
- ✓ Prepare college essay
- ✓ Update resume
- ✓ Schedule interviews (if desired)

# Senior Year

September - December

- ✓ Take ACT and/or SAT exams
- ✓ Proofread and finalize college essay
- ✓ Track important dates and deadlines
- ✓ Engage in opportunities to demonstrate interest
- ✓ Prepare applications and supplemental forms
- ✓ Research scholarship opportunities
- ✓ Maintain strong grades
- ✓ File the FAFSA using prior-prior year data (October 1<sup>st</sup>)

# Senior Year

January - March

- ✓ Request and/or send midyear reports
- ✓ Maintain grades
- ✓ Research scholarship opportunities
- ✓ Follow up with each school's admissions office
- ✓ Follow up with each school's financial aid office
- ✓ Plan for spring events



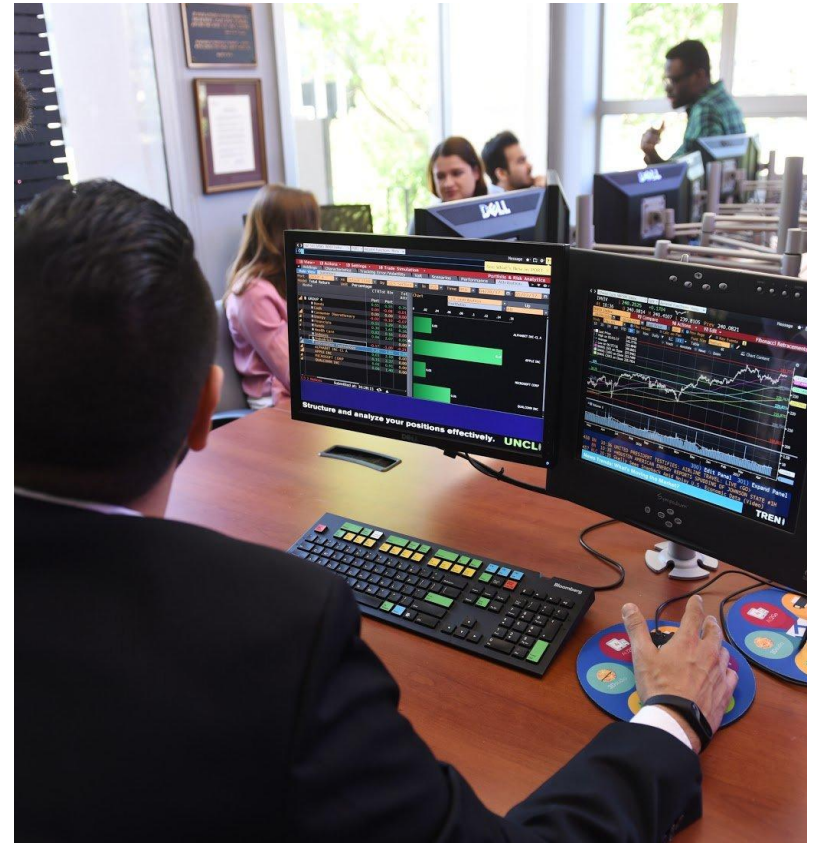
# Decisions, Decisions

Choosing a school.



# Choosing a School

- Out-of-pocket cost vs. sticker price
- Distance
- Regional and topic-specific receptions with parents & alumni
- Visit schools AGAIN
  - In-person and virtual opportunities
  - Sit in on classes
  - Campus and virtual tours
  - Accepted Student Days
  - Outcomes & statistics



# Investigate Further...



- Wander around campus
- Browse in the college bookstore
- Walk/drive around the community
- Listen to the college's radio station/podcast(s)
- Eat in the cafeteria
- Read the student newspaper
- Follow social media accounts
- Talk to current students

# Senior Year

April - June

- ✓ Re-read all documents
- ✓ Attend final events
- ✓ Make final decision
  - ✓ (Deadline: May 1)
- ✓ Notify all schools
- ✓ Waitlisted? Respond accordingly.
- ✓ Final transcript mailed to school
- ✓ Summer planning
- ✓ Orientation
- ✓ Registration for classes
- ✓ Finalize financial aid

# Top Tips About College Admissions

- Start early
- Do your research
- College “fit” goes both ways
- Be aware of the deadlines
- Students should be the ones who apply
- We’re interested in who students really are
- Choose wisely
- Keep in touch!



# Questions?



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