



Goal is Graduation

Guiding your admission to and graduation from college

Comprehensive Plan

<p>My Choices</p>	<p>You have 4,500+ schools to choose from - one size does not fit all. How do I choose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Know thyself. Student and parent evaluation, assessment and surveys. ✓ Understanding the Importance of Fit - socially, academically, and financially. ✓ Understanding myths & realities - How colleges make decisions. ✓ College research tools and training tutorials. Intro to CollegePlannerPro. Ongoing research guidance. ✓ Building and following a college prep curriculum. ✓ Developing "MY" preliminary customized list of good match colleges. ✓ Pre-junior year curriculum assessment and advisement. ✓ Exploring admission trends and impacts on admission probability. ✓ Tests – PLAN, PSAT, ACT, SAT – which and when to take. How to prepare. Test optional schools. ✓ Special talent considerations – artistic, athletic, musical, theatrical, etc. – impact on choice of school (if applicable).
<p>My Financial Strategy</p>	<p>An investment in college planning will save you time and \$\$\$. How do I reduce my costs. How will I pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Understanding College Costs - myths and realities. ✓ Understanding Financial Aid, Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and Net Price Calculators (NPC). ✓ Analyzing Retention and Graduation Rates - Correlation to Overall Education Costs. ✓ Identifying hidden education costs for each college on your application list. ✓ Identifying non-traditional cost savings strategies. ✓ Identifying financial safety schools. College affordability review. ✓ Strategic use of dual credit programs (AP, IB, PSEO, CIS) to reduce time to college graduation. Customized Degree Audits ✓ Strategic Scholarship strategy w/essay brainstorming, development, & ongoing editing support. ✓ Career research – exploring the link between earning potential and debt management. ✓ Customized Education budget - 4 Year Financial Model - Forecasting My Net Out of Pocket Expenses. ✓ Analyzing and Comparing Financial Aid Awards. Financial Aid appeal strategy (if appropriate). ✓ Special talent considerations – artistic, athletic, musical, theatrical, etc. – impact on funding (if applicable).
<p>My Strategic Application Strategy</p>	<p>Your final application list should include a healthy mix of safety, financial safety, target, and reach schools. Creating this list and applying well is a strategic process encompassing many (if not all) of the topics below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ My Demonstrated Interest Strategy. ✓ College fairs, campus visits and tours, information sessions – how to prepare and what you should learn. ✓ Campus and alumni Interviews – how to prepare and what you should learn. ✓ College Matchmaking - My Final Customized College List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finalizing your priorities & aligning them to good match colleges. ✓ Finalizing your college application list to Safety, Financial Safety, Target and Reach schools. ✓ Assessment of admission probability. ✓ Pro and cons of applying – early decision, early action, restricted early action, etc. (financial impacts). ✓ FAFSA, CSS profile, and other financial aid application preparation and assistance. ✓ Constructing and strengthening and extracurricular activities resume. What colleges look for. Quality vs. quantity. ✓ Junior and Senior year curriculum assessment and advisement - aligned to good match schools and admission criteria. ✓ Time management – meeting admission, financial aid and scholarship deadlines. ✓ Applying well – application(s), writing good essays, letters of recommendation, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Essay brainstorming, development, ongoing editing support during application process with a personalized timeline, advice on recommendations and resume development. ✓ Special talent considerations – artistic, athletic, musical, theatrical, etc. – impact on applications (if applicable). ✓ I've been admitted – How do I choose. Making a decision by May 1. ✓ My Campus Involvement Strategy ✓ Gap year recommendations and assistance (if applicable).
<p>My College Graduation</p>	<p>I've been admitted. I am enrolled. This is only half the battle. Guidance through graduation from college – with a focus on creating your customized plan to graduate in four years or less:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Strategies for smooth first year transition. ✓ Academic advising for course selection, majors & minors, internships, research opportunities, etc. ✓ Course scheduling & sequencing and degree audit advising – your ultimate graduation guide. ✓ Strategic use of Rule 120/126 tuition banding cost reduction strategies. ✓ Navigating academic processes - academic calendars, drop/add and withdrawal, changing majors, etc. ✓ Financial management - financial aid, budgeting, debt management, scholarships, hidden cost savings, etc. ✓ Time management strategies. ✓ Graduate or professional school research, matching, & admissions advisement.