



# SECRETS OF COLLEGE ADMISSION

**Congratulations!** You're ahead of the game in the college search.

We know the process can be stressful, so we've got some tips from our admission counselors to set you up for success!

**And remember, we're here any time to answer questions.**

## 1 Be Yourself

You don't need to excel at everything to get admitted to college. In fact, admission counselors can tell pretty quickly if you're saying what you think they want to hear on an application. It's better to let your personality and interests shine through.

## 4 Summer's Your Time

You can take a well-deserved break and still make the most of your summer. There are plenty of engaging camps and volunteer opportunities in your community that would look great on your application, while helping you develop your major and career interests.

## 2 Get Plugged In

It's important to connect with your counselors and teachers early on. Doing so will lead to strong relationships and mentorships, creating a strong network for you to lean on for advice. People in your network will also be more likely to write letters of recommendation for your college applications.

## 5 Do the Work

Research your top colleges now. Identify which ones offer the majors, organizations and campus community that fit your interests. Plan to visit your top campuses before applications open, so you can focus on applying to the right colleges for you.

## 3 Challenge Accepted

Admission counselors pay attention to how you've challenged yourself with your coursework. Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, Honors and International Baccalaureate courses offered at your school give you an opportunity to show what you can do in subjects that relate to your desired area of study.



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