



**Welcome!**

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# Agenda

- 0 Post-secondary options
- 0 Finding the right fit for your student
- 0 Career planning
- 0 Resources



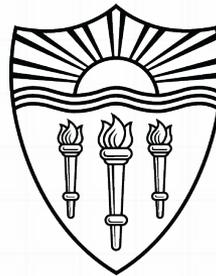
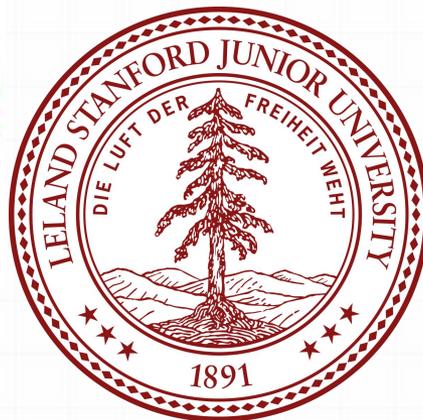
# Post High School Options

- 0 Four-Year University
- 0 Community College
- 0 Trade School
- 0 Work
- 0 Military



# *“Everybody needs to go to a good college”*

- 0 Culture on campus that students need to go to a “good school”
- 0 Preconception of what a “good college” is
- 0 Automatically think of colleges such as:



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# Understand Your Student...

- 0 Up until now, your student's education choices have been more or less made for them
- 0 Now, what they choose to do after high school and what college they want to attend may differ completely than their peers.
  - 0 This can be an extremely uncomfortable experience for your student and increase feelings of stress or anxiety
  - 0 They may also base their decisions for college off what their peers are doing or what others are telling them is "good"
- 0 Encourage your child to pick a major/college that is in the best interest for them and their future.

# What is a “good” college?

- 0 Unique to each student
- 0 Provides students the necessary education & employment opportunities upon completion of program in their field of major/interest
- 0 Provides students the college experience they are looking for
  - 0 Location
  - 0 School size/demographics
  - 0 Professors
  - 0 Courses/Programs
  - 0 Internship opportunities
  - 0 Networking opportunities
  - 0 Employment opportunities
  - 0 Clubs
  - 0 Athletics
  - 0 Organizations
  - 0 & much more!

# Video



<https://kevinjflaming.com/videos%2C-books%2C-etc>

# Public vs. Private

- 0 Unlike public universities, private universities do not receive state funding and therefore their tuitions are substantially higher.
- 0 Because of their smaller overall size, private universities can offer students smaller class sizes and more individualized attention from professors
- 0 Some of the most prestigious universities in the US are private (i.e. Harvard and Yale), but private universities are not necessarily better than public universities

# UC vs CSU

## UC

## CSU

Prepare students to advance to graduate and professional educational programs	Prepare the majority of students to enter job market after completion of Bachelor's degree (practical based; theory and research also included)
Heavy emphasis on developing research skills	More undergraduate majors with professional training
Course content mostly theoretical & analytical	Prepares about 60 percent of the teachers in the state
Minimal professional training majors (Computer Science, Engineering, & Nursing, etc.)	Produces 40 percent of the engineering graduates, and more graduates in business, agriculture, communications, health, education and public administration than all other California universities and colleges combined.
Internships and work abroad programs provide students with practical job training to enhance their academic learning.	

# College Admissions - Selectivity

- 0 Increased number of applicants
  - 0 Competitive applicant pool
  - 0 Limited spots
  - 0 Diverse range of students needed. Faculty driven
- 0 Personal Statements
- 0 Follow all directions and deadlines!

# UC Personal Insight Questions

- 0 Depth, Clarity, and Context
- 0 Address new information
- 0 Provide detailed examples
- 0 Show who you are!
- 0 UC says to treat PIQs like an interview
  - 0 How would you respond in person?

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/writing-tips/index.html>

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/files/uc-personal-questions-guide-freshman.pdf>

# College Admission Tests

- 0 Can test through Dec 2019 for UC/CSU during senior year
- 0 Check with private schools for final dates
- 0 SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- 0 ACT scores: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)



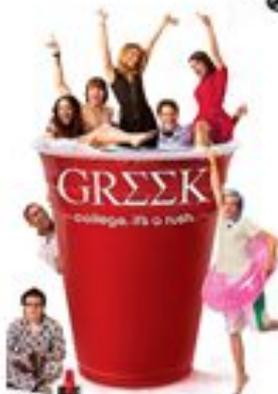
# Community College

- 0 Many people attend two-year community colleges to fulfill their general education requirements and earn an Associate's degree
  - 0 These general credits can then be transferred to a four-year college to earn a Bachelor's degree
  - 0 Students choose this option if they didn't get into their "dream" school out of high school. "TAG"
  - 0 College admissions prioritize transfer students over freshmen applicants
- 0 The most obvious reason that students attend community college is for the financial advantage.
  - 0 Attending community college gives students the chance to prepare for the financial demands of a four-year university if they plan on transferring
  - 0 Consider if going on to graduate school

# Why Community College?

- 0 Finances
- 0 Provides time to decide on major
- 0 Lacking high school preparation
- 0 More likely to be accepted to college of choice
  - 0 Honor's Program
  - 0 Special programs
- 0 Not ready for four year yet
- 0 Specialty programs - Industry Certifications that can directly lead to employment or serve as a supplement to a Bachelor's degree and give students an advantage when applying to jobs

# Finding the Right Fit



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- 0 Naviance - College SuperMatch
- 0 College Board - Big Future
  - 0 <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
- 0 Talk to teachers/mentors
- 0 Look at current job openings and see what the education & work qualifications are
- 0 Visit the campus and ask questions!!!
  - 0 “Is this college a good fit for me?”
- 0 “College isn’t a trophy; it’s a match.”

# Career Planning

- 0 Career should drive school/major choice
- 0 Hands-on experience in high school to solidify goals
  - 0 Many students change majors or even schools delaying degrees and increasing costs/debt
  - 0 Others realize after being employed that they do not enjoy the work
- 0 “Return on Investment”
  - 0 How is this school/program going to help me achieve my goals? Personal, professional, financial, etc?
- 0 In addition to educational background, employers will be evaluating social skills, communication skills, soft skills, etc.

# Thoughts

- 0 College acceptance is not a reflection of how good a student is
- 0 Numerous factors contribute to college admission
- 0 Senior year is an emotional time for students
  - 0 Support them and help them navigate through disappointment
- 0 Reach, Target, Safety

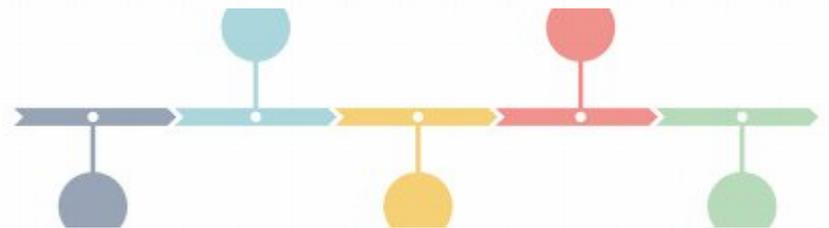
# What to Expect Senior Year

## Fall

- 0 Senior Class Visits & Parent Night
  - 0 Senior year timeline and the college application process
- 0 Financial Aid Information Night
- 0 Application Workshops
- 0 College Rep Visits

## Spring

- 0 Community College field trips
- 0 Community College applications
- 0 Graduation Status Letters
- 0 Graduation!!!



# Summer Tips

- 0 Remediate classes if needed
- 0 Consider taking a college class
- 0 Study for admissions test
- 0 Decide where to apply. Visit campuses
  - 0 Make a calendar of all deadlines to stay on track
- 0 Begin personal statements
- 0 Work/volunteer/internship
- 0 Rest :)

# Questions?



