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# Navigating the Admission Process

College&CareerPathways2024

# Presenter

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# Let's start off-Who's here today?



# Navigating the admissions process

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## Overview

- Build your team
- Understanding your application process
- Boost your application
- The Different times of deadlines
- The Five C's



# Build your team

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You're not alone-build your team

School counselors

Family & friends

Your admissions counselor- Find on the college's website

- Your location
- Program of study
- Special populations (transfer, international)

# The Steps: Application Process

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Common App, or school-specific application

Application fee or fee waiver

Official transcripts

Test scores

Recommendations

Personal essay & potentially supplements

Résumé, extracurricular activities

# What do colleges look at the most?

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- Academics (Class Selection, Grades)
- Extracurricular Activities (Clubs, Sports)
- Essays and Writing Samples ( Have someone review your essay)
- Letters of Recommendation (Pick someone who knows you well)
- Volunteer (If you are actively involved in your community, you are likely going to be involved with the student body, as well)
- Manage Your Social Media Presence (Clean up any excessive offensiveness, personal drama, and potentially offensive posts.)



# Deadlines

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## College application deadlines

	Application deadline	Admission decision
Early decision	Early to mid-November	Mid-December
Early action	Early to mid-November	Mid-December
Regular decision	Early January to mid-February	Mid-March to early April
Rolling admission	Varies	4-6 weeks after submission

# The 5 C's of picking a college

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- Curriculum
- Campus
- Community
- Career
- Cost

# The 5C's of College Choice

A framework for understanding the decision triggers

## TRIGGERS



**Curriculum**

GOALS



**Campus**

EXPERIENCE



**Community**

RELATIONSHIPS



**Career**

OUTCOMES



**Cost**

VALUE

MORE STUDENT-FOCUSED

MORE FAMILY-FOCUSED

*Can I see myself succeeding here?*

*What will I major in?*

*What will I learn?*

*Do I like the facilities?*

*Does it have the right amenities?*

*Is the location convenient?*

*Will I make friends?*

*Will I fit in?*

*Will I get to know my professors?*

*Will I get real-world experience?*

*Will I get an internship?*

*Will I be employable?*

*Can I afford it?*

*What's the return on my investment?*

*Will I get financial aid?*



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# Thank you

- Any questions?

