The Roadmap to Success:
Preparing Early for Your Best College Experience
Poll time!

Who is joining us today?
Our mission to families and educators

Is to be the most trusted source of expert advice to help students access the transformative power of higher education.
WHO ARE WE?

Since 1999, Collegewise has mastered simplifying the college application process for families.

- Personalized Approach
- Seasoned Experts
- Referral Based
- Local Knowledge
- Global Expertise
- Collective Wisdom
Your Presenters

Anjali Bhatia
Chief Executive Officer at Collegewise

- Robertson Scholarship recipient at Duke University
- MBA from The Wharton School of Business, UPenn (Joseph Wharton Fellow)
- Over 19 years of experience in the education space
YOUR PRESENTERS

Joel Ontiveros
Collegewise College Counselor

- B.A. in Communication Studies & Dance, UCLA
- M.Ed. Higher Education, University of Vermont
- Nine years of higher education experience; five years working at University of California campuses in undergraduate admissions
- Joel’s students have been admitted to college at the University of Chicago, Stanford, Northeastern, Washington University in St. Louis, and more
YOUR PRESENTERS

Sam Joustra
Collegewise College Counselor

- B.A. in English and French from Goucher College
- M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from Vanderbilt University
- Over 10 years of experience within higher education including at Vanderbilt University and the University of Michigan
- Sam’s students have been admitted to college at Columbia, Vanderbilt, Georgetown, UCLA, Williams, and more
COLLEGE LANDSCAPE

4,000+ COLLEGES!
COLLEGE CONSIDERATIONS

- Size and Location
- Admissions Probability
- Academic Options
- Extracurricular Activities
- Affordability
- Future Career Pathways

**CollegeWise Pro Tip:**
Beyond these core six, make a list of non-negotiable considerations, big and small. These may include, food options, nightlife, safety, diversity, political climate, etc.
COLLEGE LIST CHECKLIST

1. CREATE A BALANCED LIST OF SCHOOLS
2. AIM FOR BETWEEN 8-12 COLLEGES
3. MAKE A NOTE OF YOUR “WHY” FOR EACH COLLEGE
4. START BROAD AND NARROW IT DOWN
5. GOOD OPTIONS VS. ONE “DREAM SCHOOL”
6. CONSIDER AFFORDABILITY
FACTORS IN HOLISTIC ADMISSION

- Academics
- College Essays
- Recommendation Letters
- Test Scores
- Activities
ACADEMIC TRANSITION & SUCCESSFUL STUDY SKILLS

- Setting Goals & Deadlines
- Project Management
- Learning Style
DEVELOPING SKILLS FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

1. Curiosity → Exploration of Interests
2. Time-Management → Owning Your Schedule
3. Taking Initiative → Self Advocating
4. Stress Management → Finding Balance
5. Communication → Accountability and Adulthood
THE COLLEGE TRANSITION

1. Flexible Curriculum & Schedule
2. More Independence & Academic Initiative
3. Office Hours & Networking
4. Mental Health & Wellness
5. Taking Ownership & Becoming an Adult
BUILDING COMMUNITY: HOW TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

SUMMER ORIENTATION

CONNECTING WITH ROOMMATES

WELCOME WEEK & CLUB FAIR
MAKING A STRONG FIRST IMPRESSION
COMBATTING HOMESICKNESS

- Talk to your friends and family from home regularly
- Bring reminders of home to decorate your dorm room
- Visit the counseling center if you're struggling
- Join student clubs, organizations, and social outings

REMEMBER:
Living away from home is a new experience, and it's normal to feel homesick - nearly everyone does at some point!
Kickstart a less stressful, more successful process
WHY COLLEGEWISE?

Collegewise is your one-stop shop for trusted information. At Collegewise, we believe there is a great school out there for every student and we’re thrilled to help you find the next step on this journey.

Dedicated Counseling Programs
Expert Help for Middle through High School
Complimentary Webinars & School Resources

30,000+ students admitted. 92% student acceptance rate to their top 3 choices. 500+ years of admissions experience. 9/10 referred by families.
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How can Collegewise best help you?