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ACADEMY

**WEEK 6**

**COLLEGE**

**ADMISSIONS PANEL**



# WELCOME TO WEEK 6:

## College Admissions Panel Discussion



- ✓ Engage with experienced admissions officers or college counselors for valuable insights and personalized advice.
- ✓ Participate in an interactive Q&A session – a chance for parents to clarify doubts and concerns directly with the experts.
- ✓ Gain perspectives on what colleges are looking for in applicants and how to enhance your student's application.



# QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL DISCUSSION

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What are colleges really looking for in an applicant?

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Can you explain how the different components of an application are weighted?

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How important are extracurricular activities, and what advice would you give to students about balancing them with academics?

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Could you share how much impact personal essays have on the evaluation process and what makes an essay stand out?

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What was the most memorable essay you've read?

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What insights are you hoping to gain from recommendation letters, and how can students make sure they get effective ones?

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Can you advise on whether a student should still take standardized tests like the SAT or ACT? How should a student decide whether to submit their scores as part of their application?

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Can you provide tips on navigating the financial aid process and looking for scholarships?

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When should students consider applying early action or early decision?

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When do you recommend that students really start the process of college admissions?

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What can students do during the summer(s) to prepare for the college admissions process?

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Given the recent change regarding affirmative action in college admissions, how does this impact the admissions process and what should students be aware of when applying to colleges in this new context?

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Are there any important trends in college admissions that students and parents should be aware of?

# PRE-SESSION QUESTIONS

## Grouped by Scenarios

### A. Scenario: Student Interested in Highly Competitive Programs like STEM

- 1 What specific academic and extracurricular preparation do you recommend for students interested in pursuing competitive STEM programs?
- 2 How important are research experiences or science competitions for students applying to STEM programs?
- 3 What should students look for in choosing recommenders for STEM programs?

### B. Scenario: Student Facing Unique Challenges

- 1 My child has [specific challenge, e.g., a learning disability]. What types of support services are available for students with [specific challenge, e.g., a learning disability]?
- 2 How can we identify colleges that offer strong support programs for students with [specific challenge, e.g., a learning disability]?



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### C. Scenario: Career-Focused Student

- 1 My child is interested in [specific career or major]. What should we know about the relevant programs at colleges?
- 2 Are there specific colleges known for excellence in [student's area of interest]?

### D. Scenario: Student Athletes

- 1 What advice would you give to student athletes in choosing a college that supports both their academic goals and athletic pursuits?
- 2 How do NCAA regulations affect the admissions process for student athletes?
- 3 Can you explain the differences between Division I, II, and III schools in terms of athletic opportunities and how they might influence the college experience?
- 4 What kind of academic support systems are typically available for student athletes in college?





# THANK YOU

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