

Find Your Fit

Navigate the Athletic Recruiting and College Search Process to Schools and Programs Where You Can Thrive

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ASSESSMENT

- Guided self-assessment of educational, co-curricular, career, financial, and other priorities that will allow you to identifying schools where you will thrive!
- Collaborative research to identify aspirational schools, and the development of a list appropriate to your college search and timeline.
- Meaningful discussion and in-depth examination of schools and individual academic and co-curricular programs to find your potential best “fit” institutions.

ALIGNMENT

- Developing and refining your current academic and co-curricular performance and future plans with the requirements of your best fit aspirational colleges. Making a four-year academic course plan that matches up with your life goals.
- Building your 360° resume including service, athletics, and other interests that show you as a well-rounded contributor in your local communities.
- Leveraging your community involvement and positive influence on your world in ways that show progressive leadership growth in serving others and being a positive part of your community.

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ADJUSTMENT

- Assessing your current academic performance, identifying any “gaps” where performance may limit your preferred options going forward and working to eliminate them.
- Developing your athletic/co-curricular success through enhanced individual training, targeted communication with coaches, meaningful opportunities for outside competition that enhance your recruiting visibility and other steps to align your performance with your aspirational goals.
- Planning college visits to assess and refine your college choices, refine academic and co-curricular plans considering this new information. Continuing adjustment of your college list based on your ongoing academic and athletic success.



APPLICATION

- Preparing application materials for schools and financial aid resources, FAFSA/common app/etc. including identifying your advocates who can serve as references and providing them with updated resumes that highlight your achievements, making sure you clearly communicate why you are a great fit to your target colleges.
- Filling out common app, completing supplemental essays, turning in all relevant materials and completing FAFSA/CSS Profile/State specific (i.e. Washboard, HESAA, etc.) applications as appropriate.
- Preparing for getting the most out of admissions/alumni interviews. Tracking applications to make sure each is completed and gets the best possible consideration for both admission and financial aid. Strategizing Early Decision/Early Action as opposed to regular decision applications and prioritizing schools.





ATTENDANCE

- Facilitating final decision making
 - choosing a school once accepted
 - making post-acceptance visits
 - competing in accepted student scholarship programs
 - finalizing costs, awards, and payment plans with the college's financial aid office.
- Paying deposits, arranging housing and planning for attendance.
- Remembering that all of this opens the door, it is not an end in and of itself and dedicating yourself to thriving academically, emotionally, and socially at your chosen college!

THANK YOU!



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