The Benefits of Out-of-State

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Who we know / What we want
Exercise: School #1

- This state flagship campus averages 310 sunny days per year.
- This school was ranked 8th by USA Today as one of the best arenas to watch college basketball.
- This school offers an automatic $15,000 per year scholarship for admitted high school seniors who have a 23 ACT (1130 SAT) and a 3.5 GPA, or a 26 ACT (1240 SAT) and 3.0 GPA.
Exercise: School #2

- With 26,000 students, this university is one of America’s 15th largest private universities.
- This institution is recognized nationally for its experiential learning Co-op programs.
- This university’s lively urban campus is located in one of America’s iconic cities.
Exercise: School #3

- This large public research institution is located in the foothills of one of America’s most popular national parks.
- According to USA Today, this spirited Division I athletic powerhouse has the #1 fight song in college football.
- This institution’s forensic anthropology center has been training members of the FBI for the last 19 years.
Guess the schools!!!

• School #1: University of New Mexico
• School #2: Drexel University
• School #3: University of Tennessee
California Options Higher Education

Community College

4 Year Universities / Colleges

Community Colleges

CSU's

UC's

Independent Private Colleges
California Community Colleges

• 112 campuses
• Are open to any students pursuing higher education
• Provide Transfer Options for students seeking a B.A. / B.S.
• Offer Vocational Training
• Early Admissions Process starts November – May. Plan to participate in an application workshop, English and Math assessment test, and the college’s New Student Orientation.

www.cccapply.org
California State University

• 23 Campuses
• Eligibility Requirements:
  – A-G Courses
  – 2.0 GPA Minimum
  – SAT Reasoning Exam Score or ACT Exam Score
• Applications accepted from October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>
• Impacted Campuses will have stricter requirements

www.csumentor.edu
University of California

• 10 campuses –
  (only 9 open for undergraduates)

• Minimum eligible GPA is 3.0

• Application is based upon:
  – A-G Courses and GPA
  – SAT Reasoning or ACT with Writing
  – Extracurricular Activities and Involvement
  – Personal Statement

• Applications accepted from
  November 1st to November 30th

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Independent Colleges and Universities

- 75 Campuses throughout California
- May provide large scholarship/financial aid packages
- Smaller class size
- Faster graduation rates
- Target students that are of good academic standing and in line with the school mission
- Each school's requirements and deadlines will VARY – check online www.aiccu.org
Nearly 1 million students graduating from CA high schools and Community Colleges...

...With 107 Four Year Colleges/Universities to consider in their home state

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Providing out-of-state options for students of California
Out of State – 3400+ Choices!

• Out of State – 49 states & International Options
• Universities & Colleges from coast to coast (and beyond) are seeking students from California
• Private Schools do NOT charge OOS Tuition!!
• Some will freeze tuition for four years
• WUE – Western Undergraduate Exchange
• Average UC Cost = $31,700
Tuition, Fees, R&B, Personal, books, transportation – 2012-13
(UC Web Site www.universityofcalifornia.edu)

• Average CSU Cost = $23,811
Fees, R&B, Personal, books, transportation – 2012-13
(CSU Web Site www.calstate.edu/sas/costofattendance)

• Average State School/Out-of-State = $29,682
Fees, R&B, Personal, books, transportation – 2012-13

• Average Private School Costs = $43,289
Tuition, Fees, R&B, Personal, books, transportation – 2012-13
(college board – 80% receive scholarship and grant, net costs /$27,600)

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• Family and Student Contribution
• Federal Assistance (FAFSA) – calculator
• Loan Programs (Parent and Student)
• College Aid
  • Grants – Gift money
  • Scholarships-merits based
    *Class shaping, diversity, enrich campuses*
• Private Sources of Aid
• Graduation rate
• Cost of a college to you – Known in March

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Risk and Reward

• Transition To College
• The First Year
• Jumping In – New Adventure
• Get involved – Key To Success (NSSE)
  • Connect with College
  • Time management
  • Mentorship
  • Friendship

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Get To Know The College
• The academic Profile
• Class size
• Student to teacher ratio
• School population
• Majors
• Extra curricula activities
• Campus & surroundings
• Diversity
• Location
• Weather

Know You
• GPA/Test Scores
• Independent worker, collaborative worker
• Campus Size
• Majors
• Resume
• Your Inspiration
• Interests, hobbies

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Utilizing Admission Counselors

- Visit RACC website at www.regionaladmissions.com
Utilizing Admission Counselors

• Visit undergraduate admission websites to discover your counselor.
WHY, WHO, & WHERE...

Why?
• Different perspective. You can only get so much from a website & brochure
• New life experience
• Show your interest
• To “see” yourself there

Who?
• Students, parents, and siblings

Where?
• Know yourself
• A variety of school types…large/small, public/private, single gender/co-ed, specialty (religious, military, art)
• Different locations… urban/rural, in state, out of state, transportation, weather, etc…
When Do You Visit A College?

- It’s NEVER too early to visit!
- Prior to submitting your application
- After submitting your application
- After you have been admitted
Best Time To Visit A College Campus

• Monday – Thursday

• Conference days, grading days, & MLK day

• During the academic school year

• Avoid finals, summer, week of Thanksgiving, winter break, & spring break if at all possible

• Anytime students are on campus!
Different Types Of Visits

**Admissions Representatives are great resources. Don't rule out a school just because you may not be able to visit.**

**Campus Visit**
- Information session
- Program day
- Open House/Preview
- Self-guided visit
- Admissions interview

**Off Campus**
- At your high school
- Receptions
- Admissions meeting
Preparing For Your College Visit

• Plan Ahead! Give the college as much notice as possible
• Dress appropriately
• Print off a map of campus
• Find out where to park
• Ask for a hotel recommendation
• Establish a list of questions you would like answered
• Confirm your visit
• Check out the website & do some research
Do Your Research

Know basic facts about the school including…

• Location
• Size of the student body
• Type of school (private, public, liberal arts, research, etc.)
• Whether it has programs to support any special interest or needs
• Whether it offers your major
• Basic admissions information
During Your Visit

**To Do**

- Arrive early
- Ask lots of questions that show you are informed
- Be courteous and respectful
- Take notes/journal
- Pick up business cards and literature on special programs

**Avoid**

- Wearing another college’s shirt or sweatshirt
- Asking questions not relevant to larger group
- Let your parents ask the questions for you
- Buy expensive apparel from each college you visit
Making The Most Of Your Visit

- Spend the entire day on campus
- Go on a tour of campus
- Check out a residence hall & dining hall
- Meet with a faculty member from your intended major
- Talk with current students
- Eat a meal on campus
- Attend a class
- Interview or meeting with an admissions officer
- Utilize student transportation
- Talk to local community about school
After Your Visit

- Complete evaluations
- Send a thank you note
- Review your notes/journal
- Keep in touch with your admissions counselor
Words Of Wisdom

• Have fun!
• Look for upcoming campus events
• Take pictures of campus
• Wear comfy shoes
• Pick up the school newspaper
• Always put your best foot forward
• Trust your gut instinct
• Bring your personality to your application
The three tiered list

**Reach**
- 1-3 applications
- Your academics are below profile, other attributes are compelling

**Target**
- 2-3 applications
- Your academics are at or above profile, you are a strong fit

**Likely**
- 1-3 applications
- Your academic record is well above last year’s admission profile

And you love them all!

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Top Reasons Students Chose Their College

5) Location, Location, Location
4) Size of the student body
3) Cost
2) I got accepted
1) It just felt right

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