

Building your College List - Where to begin?

Why do you want to go to college?

- Identify your WHY
 - Do you have any idea what you want to do with your life?
- Are you Ready to go to college?
 - Can you read up to 200 pages of academic text in a week?
 - Do you have an effective time management practice?
 - Do you ask for help when you need it?
- Who are you?
 - What do you value?
 - What are you interested in that makes *you* interesting?
 - What matters to you?

Then, You can figure out What you *want* vs What you *need* in a college?

Location - there are over 3500 institutions of higher learning in this country alone, there is one for you.

Size - how do you do your best learning?

Majors/Programs - flexibility, senior capstone, first year requirements?

People - who do you want to be surrounded by for the next four years? People who are like you? Or different from you?

Outside the classroom -What do you want your college experience to look like in the times between classes?

Cost - Use the Net Price Calculator to determine if a college is in your family's financial ballpark.

Is this a school where you will receive need based or merit aid?

Selectivity - Where do you fall in relation to current and admitted students?

Activities - What are you engaged in? What are you interested in? Where are you making an impact?

Where are you taking initiative?

Research

The truth about College Admission, Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark

College Match, A Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for you, Steven R. Antonoff, Pd.D.

Schoolbuff.com [Worksheets – Dr. Steven R. Antonoff : Educational Consultant](#)

[Fiske Guide to Colleges](#)

Colleges Worth Your Money, Belasco, Bergman, & Trivette and they have a website [College Transitions](#)

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