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20. What kind of evaluation should be done on the student's Special Talent?

-- It is always best to find someone who does evaluations at the college level since that is the audience you are trying to interest and their process and what they are looking for may be different than someone trying to do something professionally. That means hiring a Dance Instructor at a college that is involved in the audition process, that means hiring a collegiate coach who is responsible for recruiting athletes in that sport because he or she knows what coaches are looking for.

21. How do I enhance my opportunities with my Special Talent?

-- First and foremost the student and family need to be humble enough to understand that the student may be exceptional in their particular area and with their special talent but the student will be judged against the rest of the country.

-- Consequently, it is imperative that the student participate on the highest level teams, work with the best instructors etc.. and travel to competitions that will validate how good or not good someone is compared to the competition. Remember whenever the student competes it is not about being as good as someone else but Dominating the competition is most valuable.

22. How do I create my Personal Brand?

-- To create your Personal Brand for admission into college you should take an inventory of yourself to figure out what You are most passionate about? What activity do you love to do more than others. That activity does not need to be what you are Best at but what you would do with your free time or what makes you happiest from your soul outward. remember your passion is what You love to do not what your Parents want you to do.

-- Once you figure out what that one or two things are that make you most happy then either join an organization or start your own to begin spending your time doing such a thing. What you should consider is how can I create a leadership role in what you love to do and how can you and the organization impact others and grow it from there.

-- Example would be my love for serving other people. What kind of service makes me feel best? I like to see smiles on others faces so I started collecting clothes in my neighborhood within a 6 block radius. I made flyers and handed them out to the residents in my community. On the flyer, I stated that I am collecting old clothes to clean up and reuse for youth in under resourced neighborhoods. The age of these kids/adults was up to 21 so i can take small kids through adult clothes. I will come by your home on XX date to drop off a large green hefty bag and leave it with you for a week and collect one week later. Any donation would be appreciated.

Knowing that every home in my neighborhood had residents with extra clothes that no one is wearing it was easy to get people to donate. Every week for 6 weeks I picked up clothes and put the donations in my garage. I took all the donations out- separated them and then decided what was useable and not. Then I washed those that would be donated by size. Once I completed the washing, folding and organizing. I contacted several Group Homes, Churches, Salvation Army residence centers and created a day that I could have my own Flee market in two different areas of Chicago that were under resourced.

-- The churches and local newspapers put out my Free take away service. After 6 weeks of successfully collecting clothes, washing and then giving away, I had an incredible soulful feeling like I made a difference in others lives. To continue my passion 10 weeks later I created another campaign to do the same in another 6

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block segment of Chicago and on and on.

-- First, the work I did was not work but a labor of love. Second, when I applied to college, my story rung out to the admissions folks like no other. My Personal Brand was created and known by many many others even before Social Media. Just think what my efforts would have done on social media these days?

23. How do I find the right community service to be involved in?

-- The Right community service is the one that you can be passionate about. The one that you are willing to do real work and continue for a long time because you Love the work you are accomplishing. The type of service does not matter but the Impact you make is the most important factor.

24. When do I start researching colleges and university's?

-- In my opinion it is important to start as early as possible. For example if you are 10 years old and you and your family are going to your grandmothers home in another city or state for Spring Break or Thanksgiving stop by a university on the way or in the town of your destination and drive around the campus, get out and walk the campus and talk to people who attend. Ask those you meet where they are from? Why did they decide to attend? What is So great about their school. Every time you go somewhere you visit a school so you have a reference point what the size of a school is, the beauty of the school, what they offer etc...

-- Next is to start looking up campuses in geographic areas you are interested and look at their websites, go to You Tube and watch videos on those schools if available. At least you start to become informed. Start as early as possible.

25. How do I decide what colleges to research?

-- If you work with US then we will provide you a comprehensive inventory of what you like and do not like, that includes what gpa or test scores do you need to get in, size of schools, geographic location, social atmosphere of a school, dorm life, food offered, athletic/fitness facilities on campus, majors offered, academic reputation, class size, professor availability, internships offered, intramural activities, town or city located and what is fun to do in the area etc... Asking your self these questions will help you begin your research.

-- Once you have completed some research begin the process of setting up a couple local visits- day trips. When you do those trips set up a campus visit and information session with the admissions office on campus. This will provide you a much better visit because you will learn what is most important to the school. Then walk the campus yourself, have lunch on campus to see what the food is like, drive around the outside campus in a 1-2 mile radius to see what restaurants, grocery stores are available since you will venture off campus from day one.

26. How do I decide to attend a Traditional College or University or a Vocational School?

-- To decide if the student should go down one path or another it is important that he or she understands where their strengths lie and if the student does or does not like school especially taking traditional courses like English, History, Science, Math etc..?

-- If a student does not like school and is very good with his or her hands or mechanical or good at doing projects or single tasks at a time then Vocational School may be the best place to put one's energy. Frankly, Vocational School can be the best decision for many. If you are a go getter and like to be active and practical with the upside financially being what You can make of it over time then this path may be best?

-- The advantages of a Traditional degree is the student's ability to network with a more sophisticated peer, have more of a well rounded, social career and it can help build a foundation for higher level professional careers and jobs. There is no one answer for everyone.

27. What does the map look like if I major in one of these - Communications, Business, Accounting, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, English, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Nursing etc..?

-- PLEASE REMIND ME I HAVE A LIBRARY FULL OF THE ANSWERS UNDER EACH MAJOR THE TYPE OF JOBS, PAY, QUALIFICATIONS FOR TOSE JOBS AND COMPANY'S TO POTENTIALLY WORK FOR.

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28. What are the 5 majors that I can be guaranteed to get a job with an undergraduate degree?

-- The answer is - Nursing, Engineering, Accounting, Computer Science and Social Media/Communications. The reason is simple if you receive a degree in one of the 5 that means you have SKILLS, Tangible Skills. All other majors you have a depth and breadth of knowledge but no skills. If you have one of the 5 you learned the Skills and do not need to be taught the basics. All others you need to learn the basics.

29. What are the Best colleges under 5,000 students for XXXXXX major or any other social, academic, cultural factors?

-- Please use our AASC (ASK Matching system for your answer)

30. What are the Best colleges with 5,000 -20,000 students for XXXXXX major or any other social, academic, cultural factors?

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31. What are the best colleges with 20,000+ students for XXXXXX major or any other social, academic, cultural factors?

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32. What is the difference between College Prep and Honors, AP and IB courses?

-- College Prep courses are your traditional basic courses like Freshman English, Regular Geometry, Chemistry etc.. and are used by colleges as the lowest level of accepted courses for admission into competitive colleges other than CLEP courses where you take an exam to show proficiency rather than taking the course itself.

-- Honors courses are usually offered in the Freshman (9th) and Sophomore (10th) years in school. These courses depending on the high school are offered as an enrichment to the College Prep courses. These courses should be taught faster, with more depth and breadth than a College Prep course. Because the student is in an Honors course the school normally assigns a weight to the class like a bump of one point. Example if the student took Honors English 10 the student if he or she achieved an A would normally receive 4 points for an A if this case would get 5 points one full number up for taking the more rigorous course.

-- Most colleges recognize the Rigor of the Honors course in 9th and 10th grade and affirm it is more impactful than a College Prep course but most competitive colleges recalculate a students GPA and do not give the extra Bump of 1 point for the Honors class unless it is an upper level 11th or 12th grade course normally. The student still gets recognized for the rigor but no extra points. Yes if you are capable of taking the Honors course and achieving a good grade then take it over a College Prep course.

-- An AP course is normally taken in 10th, 11th and 12th grade. If a student take an AP course then the student will receive a 1 point bump each semester for the course i.e. AP Psychology - the student achieves a B+ then instead of getting 3 points for the B the student receives 4 points and the class is equivalent to achieving an A. If the student takes AP Chemistry and achieves an A then the student would get 4 points for the A and 1 extra point for the weight of the AP course and receive 5 points total.

-- The key to the AP course is that there is a National Exam in May of the year taking the test that shows the colleges if you mastered the class. On that day, which you have prepared for the test the whole year a grade of 1-5 can be attained with 5 being the highest. Additionally colleges that see a test score of 3, 4, or 5 will give college credit for achieving that score in the class at the high school. That can be profitable if you crush the class and take the exam where the student receives a high score. In many colleges for example a 3 in an AP Science or Math course will not provide college credit unless a 4 or 5 is achieved. The higher the AP score the more credit the student may be granted by the college he or she attends.

-- An IB class and score is a lot like the AP class and score. Both provide a bump for the grade of 1 point and both have the potential of providing college credit. For the IB class and curriculum the test is out of 7 not 5. The IB programs are normally seen as having more depth and breadth than an AP program. Some schools have both IB and AP but not too many. The IB program offers courses that are titled much differently than the traditional courses. Some of theirs are IB Anthropology, IB History of Americas, IB Math Level 2 and many more.

33. Is there an advantage of going to an IB program over an AP/Honors curriculum school?

-- There is no significant advantage going to an IB high school or an AP/Honors program school. The advantage comes for an IB high school selection is if the student attends an IB Middle School and has taken much higher level courses in 6th, 7th, and 8th because of the intensity of the IB Middle School. If that is the case then the IB high school program may be more beneficial from a learning and most likely from a test taking perspective because the level of the students the student is competing with is much stronger.