**COLLEGE 101 LAYING THE GROUNDWORK**

**Topic 4**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN**

When selecting classes it is very important to understand your strengths and weaknesses.

The basic required curriculum/classes to graduate from high school is NOT enough to be admitted to a relatively competitive college or university.

Your goal as a student should be to challenge yourself by enrolling in more competitive classes than the basics to graduate.

The most worthy curriculum/classes for a student that wants to attend a relatively competitive school --4 Years of English, 4 years of math, 3-4 years of History, 3-4 years of Foreign Language, 4 years of lab Science and additional college prep electives like Art, Drama, Psychology, Sociology, Computer Science Programming etc...

\*\*\*\* Taking the Most Rigorous classes (AP, Honors and or IB) is the standard when applying to the Most Competitive Colleges and Majors that are considered more difficult for admission - the Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or math or Engineering, or Business (Accounting, Finance) or Computer Science or Architecture.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 1**

Provide your 9th - 12th grade course curriculum by utilizing your school's online curriculum guide. Please try to fill in the courses missing in the years you have not graduated too I.e if a sophomore please look forward to junior and senior year and place courses in the matrix.

We work together and refine the list after you input your courses in the matrix below.

**9th grade**

English

History

Math

Science

Foreign Language

Electives

**10th grade**

English

History

Math

Science

Foreign Language

Electives

**11th grade**

English

History

Math

Science

Foreign Language

Electives

**12th grade**

English

History

Math

Science

Foreign Language

Electives

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 2**

Why did you select the classes you provided - are they required or you are passionate about or both?

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 3**

Are you taking less than 4 years in any of your 5 core academic areas? If yes, explain why for each curriculum area under 4 years.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 4 – SET UP CALL WITH THE DEAN**

**Please have your questions and assignments available to discuss in a 15-30 minute block.**