**COLLEGE 102 GETTING INTO COLLEGE**

**Topic 1**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN**

Curriculum Expectations

Getting into the college of your choice is much more than a Science but it can be best described as an Art. The criteria for admission varies from college to college; however, if you use the bullet points, I present below you cannot go wrong with your understanding the game you are getting ready to play.

Below in order of importance are the criteria for admission to the colleges of your choice:

1. Rigor of your Curriculum -- years of study in each academic core subject matter i.e. 4 years of English, Math, Science, History, Foreign Language and Electives with enrollment in both Honors, AP or IB classes in at least the last two years of high school depending on the rigor of the college you want to attend.
2. Your Personal Brand - what activity or activities represent who you are as a person, student and community member. Personal Brand is the freeway to understanding the person you are today.
3. Class Rank - schools will look at both your unweighted and weighted class rank depending on the competitiveness of the college or university. It is important to compare you versus other applicants from your high school or college.
4. Grade Point Average - once again schools want to see both the unweighted and weighted while utilizing Number 1 rigor to understand how competitive you are versus your classmates.
5. Standardized Test Scores (ACT, SAT, Subject Tests and AP's) Some schools are not requiring a standardized test score ACT or SAT. I suggest you take one or both and then decide if you want to report your scores. Colleges and Universities want high scores so their overall competitive ranking goes up.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 1**

Explain why rigorous curriculum is most important to the admissions process?

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 2**

Explain why class rank is so important?

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 3**

Explain why grades and test scores are 4th and 5th most important and not 1st or 2nd?

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

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