**COLLEGE 102 GETTING INTO COLLEGE**

**Topic 4**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN**

The Disconnect Between Parents & Students Desires

Finding the Right Fit college or university is not easy. Too often there are many voices and suggestions as to which college would be the best fit.

Over the years, I have found that there is a significant disconnect between what parents and their children think is most important when selecting a college. Other than price and geography the responses below come from a consensus of what our parents and their kids, the students, think is most important.

Parents answers

1. Class size
2. Reputation
3. Student/Faculty ratio

Student's answers

1. The social environment
2. Fitness facilities
3. Quality of Dorms and Food

As you can see there is a huge difference in the expectations of both parents and students in the selection of a college.

You are going to be researching a bunch of colleges that you select are interesting to you. The next couple Topics will be a thorough search of different size schools, geographic locations, social and cultural engagement and schools with different majors that help connect job readiness.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* What I have found after helping students get accepted to colleges and universities worldwide is that the **Social & Cultural Fit** is the Most important success element made by each student and his or her family.\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 1**

Select one of these five schools to research in order to start to get an idea of the differences of schools nationwide. The goal is to start to educate you on schools you may have never thought of before.

Pacific University - Oregon or Mary Hardin Baylor - Texas or Loras College - Iowa or Anderson College - South Carolina or West Chester University - Pennsylvania

Please select one school and respond with the following information:

Enrollment population

Breakdown of male/female

Breakdown ethnic makeup

Breakdown top 5 majors

Costs in state and out of state

Athletic Level - Division 1, 2, 3 or NAIA

Most famous graduate

Setting - urban, residential, college town or rural

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 2**

Select one of these five schools to research in order to start to get an idea of the differences of schools nationwide. The goal is to start to educate you on schools you may have never thought of before.

Pacific Lutheran - Washington or College of Santa Fe - New Mexico - Hope College - Michigan or Eckerd College - Florida or Adelphi University - New York

Please select one school and respond with the following information:

Enrollment population

Breakdown of male/female

Breakdown ethnic makeup

Breakdown top 5 majors

Costs in state and out of state

Athletic Level - Division 1, 2, 3 or NAIA

Most famous graduate

Setting - urban, residential, college town or rural

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 3**

Select one of these five schools to research in order to start to get an idea of the differences of schools nationwide. The goal is to start to educate you on schools you may have never thought of before.

Occidental College - California or Trinity University - Texas or Kalamazoo College - Michigan or Elon University - North Carolina or Bentley University - Massachusetts

Please select one school and respond with the following information:

Enrollment population

Breakdown of male/female

Breakdown ethnic makeup

Breakdown top 5 majors

Costs in state and out of state

Athletic Level - Division 1, 2, 3 or NAIA

Most famous graduate

Setting - urban, residential, college town or rural

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

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