**COLLEGE 105 TIME TO PREPARE & CREATE A STRATEGY FOR APPLYING**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN**

**TOPIC 1**

**TIME TO APPLY**

There is No universal application deadline for all schools. Once you have an inkling of where you might apply, please go on that school's site or the Common Application site to check what types of admissions each offers so you can work backwards in terms of getting your applications completed.

Application Deadlines Types are as follows: Early Action, Early decision, Early Decision 2, Priority Admission, Regular Admission and Rolling Admission. Having a clear understanding of what each means and then cross checking with the schools you are applying to will help you prepare for your essays and other work that needs to be accomplished on time. The basic information that is put into every application is easy but knowing all that is asked can be a challenge so please look over and then have the answers on hand when you start filling out your applications. Since all applications are available online, I suggest in summer before your 12th grade year, you begin to create a Username and Password for the portals of each school you are interested in.

A couple quick hints - once you create your logins to the application portals, I suggest you use Google Docs and your Notes section on your phone to save your usernames and passwords so they are always available.

The DEADLINE is a critical word to pay attention to. If you miss your application submission deadline then there is no second chance.

Because you are submitting online please pay attention to be ready to submit at least 7 days prior to the deadline. For example - the University of California's application is due on 11/30 by 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time. However, if you live in a time zone east of PST you should observe the 11:50pm deadline in your time zone to insure your application will not be late. Also, when you wait till the last minute to submit there is a chance that the system cannot take the traffic and crashes. DO NOT MAKE THIS MISTAKE!

Remember PREPARATION LEADS TO OPPORTUNITY - get organized and create your game plan for applying.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 1**

Explain what Early Action and Early Decision are in the admission process? Please provide 2 example schools offering each too.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 2**

Explain what Priority Admission and Early Decision 2 mean in the admissions process? Please provide 2 example schools offering each too.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 3**

Explain what Regular Admission and Rolling Admission mean in the admissions process? Please provide 2 example schools offering each too.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 3 – SET UP CALL WITH THE DEAN**

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