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Present

College Admissions 101: A Webinar Series

All events are FREE, but spots are limited – so register now: <https://calendly.com/gecpplanowest>

Wednesday, September 27
6:30-8:00pm CT

A Senior's Roadmap to the College Process and Personal Statement

Overwhelmed by the seemingly countless essays and applications? Unclear on the timelines for financial aid, scholarships, and interviews? Ensure that you are on track for one of the most important years of your life. You will also learn to tackle the personal statement in this session: how to brainstorm effectively, pick the ideal prompt, minimize essay overlap, and make the mundane more insightful.

**Note: Seniors who attend this live session will be eligible for [The Great Expectations National Distinguished Writer Award](#).*

Wednesday, October 4
6:30-8:00pm CT

Building a Balanced College List

People often use words like “safeties,” “likelies,” “targets,” and “reaches” when discussing colleges, but what do they really mean, and how do you ensure you have enough of each on your list? Learn what factors to consider when researching colleges, how to gauge the likelihood of acceptance at various colleges, and how to be both optimistic and realistic while building your college list. You will also learn about a number of “hidden gem” colleges off the beaten path.

Thursday, October 5
6:30pm - 7:30pm CT

Parents: How to Help Your Child Through The College Application Process

The stress of applying to college can take a toll on everyone in the family. Gain tips on how to be supportive, ensure your child's productivity, and maintain a happy household!

Thursday, October 19
6:30pm - 8:00pm CT

A Junior's Roadmap to the Year Ahead

Unsure how to spend your free time to get the most “bang for your buck” on college applications and still enjoy your high school experience? Confused by the standardized testing landscape and which test to take – or whether to test at all? Learn what colleges value in an applicant and what you can do now to become the best possible candidate by next fall.

Wednesday, October 25
6:30-8:00pm CT

Applying to Talent-Based Programs: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, or Music

Wondering what makes a competitive application for visual or performing artists? Understand the process of applying to colleges, universities, and conservatory programs, as well as how to prepare for auditions and portfolios. Experts in performing arts, music, and visual arts admission will present on the path for each specific discipline.

November 2023
Exact date and time TBD

Navigating Financial Aid

Applying for financial aid isn't rocket science, but it does require a clear understanding of how to prepare in advance, what documentation is required, and what colleges consider when determining your financial aid package. Learn the difference between the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the CSS Profile, and what the new terminology, such as Student Aid Index, really means.