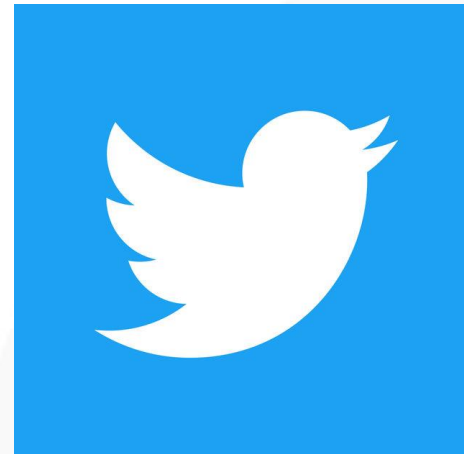


Welcome to Virtual College Week

The Secret to College Admissions
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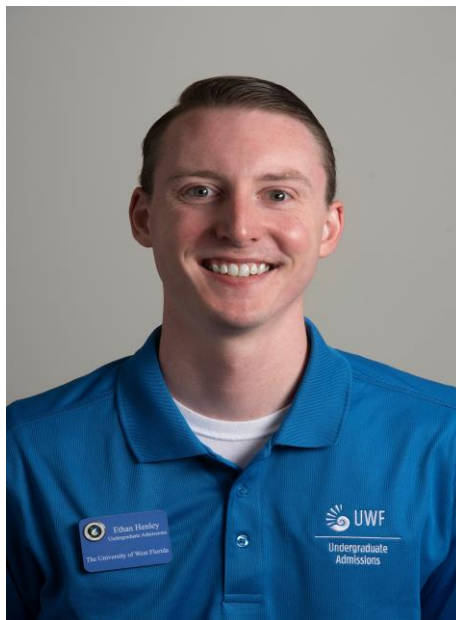
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The Secret to College Admissions

1. Preparations Before You Apply
2. College Application Process

Preparations Before You Apply

What are your steps before submitting your application?

1. Prepare Academically

- Keep a strong GPA
- Take the ACT and/or SAT early and more than once

2. Create a college email account – and check it, read emails!

- Use email for college purposes only
- Refrain from using email names like...sexykitten18 or partytime24
- Don't use parent email. Most schools use your email for matching test scores and inquiry records in their systems

3. Research Schools

- Websites
- Virtual Tours
- Factors to consider:
 - Academic Programs, Size, Average Freshman Class size, Type, **Cost**, Distance from home, academic profile of incoming freshman class

4. Join social media, text messaging and institutional apps

- Many schools have a social media presence, text messaging, and institutional apps for prospective students
- These apps are a great way to see what life is like on campus

5. Think before you post on social media

- Many schools are starting to look at prospective students social media presence
- There have been several recent cases where a student was admitted to a university and after seeing negative images/messages on the students social media account, the student's admission offer was rescinded

College Application Process

Tips for helping you navigate the college application process.

“Secret” #1:

APPLY EARLY

Most schools open their application in July or August of the summer before the students senior year!

“Secret” #2:

**Find out what is required for each
institution’s application.**

Every school is different.

“Secret” #3:

**Find out what criteria each
institution uses to make their
admissions decision.**

More tips for helping you navigate the college application process...

1. Make connections with your Admissions Counselor at each institution

- Get a better understanding of requirements and admissions criteria
- Learn what are they looking for in an applicant
- Clarify important dates and deadlines

2. Submit the FAFSA

- Determines your eligibility on various forms of financial aid.
- Always a FREE application at fafsa.gov.

3. Seek out advice from high school teachers/guidance counselors

4. Keep your parents/family in the loop

- Discuss what you are looking for in a school and research them together
- Determine which are the best fit, especially financially

5. Create “Next Steps” list for the school you select

- Register for Orientation
- Submit your final documents
 - High school transcripts
 - College transcripts
 - Immunization paperwork
 - Submit housing contract

Even More Helpful Tips!

- Remember this is your journey and you are in the drivers seat – but don't be afraid to seek guidance
- Keep your options open and explore several schools
- Don't let the process overwhelm you – start early and do your homework (e.g., dates/deadlines, requirements, criteria, etc.)
- Keep your parents/family in the conversation
- Enjoy your remaining time in high school
- Celebrate your achievements

Questions.....

Thank you for attending Virtual
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information or questions please visit
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