



# The Roadmap to Success:

Preparing Early for Your Best College Experience



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Who is joining us today?

# **COLLEGEWISE MISSION**



Our mission to families and educators

Is to be the **most trusted source** of expert advice to help students access the transformative power of higher education.

# WHO ARE WE?

Since 1999, Collegewise has mastered simplifying the college application process for families.



Personalized Approach



Seasoned **Experts** 



Referral Based



Local Knowledge



Global Expertise



**Collective Wisdom** 













The Washington Post

# YOUR PRESENTERS





# **Anjali Bhatia**Chief Executive Officer at Collegewise

- Robertson Scholarship recipient at Duke University
- MBA from The Wharton School of Business, UPenn (Joseph Wharton Fellow)
- Over 19 years of experience in the education space

# YOUR PRESENTERS





# Joel Ontiveros

#### **Collegewise College Counselor**

- B.A. in Communication Studies & Dance, UCLA
- M.Ed. Higher Education, University of Vermont
- Nine years of higher education experience; five years working at University of California campuses in undergraduate admissions
- Joel's students have been admitted to college at the University of Chicago, Stanford, Northeastern, Washington University in St. Louis, and more

# YOUR PRESENTERS





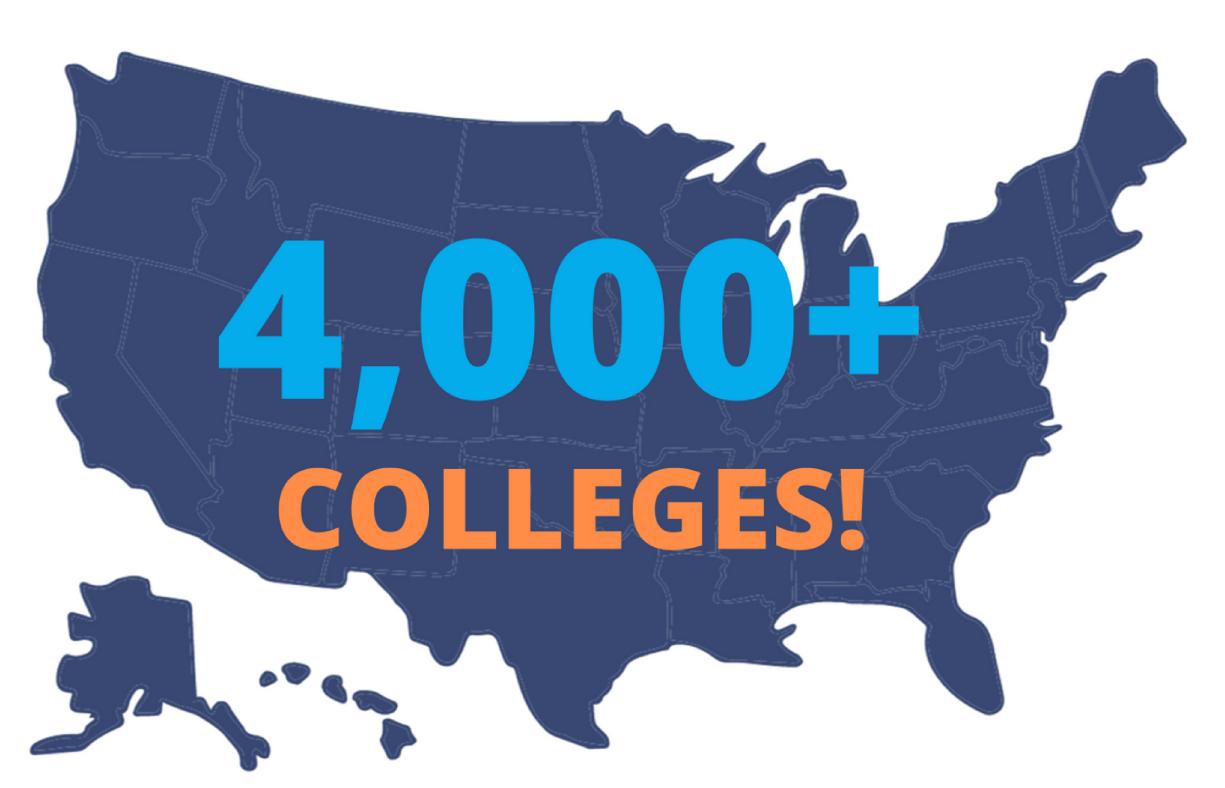
### Sam Joustra

#### **Collegewise College Counselor**

- B.A. in English and French from Goucher College
- M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from Vanderbilt University
- Over 10 years of experience within higher education including at Vanderbilt University and the University of Michigan
- Sam's students have been admitted to college at Columbia, Vanderbilt, Georgetown, UCLA, Williams, and more

# COLLEGE LANDSCAPE





### COLLEGE CONSIDERATIONS



- SIZE AND LOCATION
- **ADMISSIONS PROBABILITY**
- ACADEMIC OPTIONS
- EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- AFFORDABILITY
- **FUTURE CAREER PATHWAYS**

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#### PRO TIP:

Beyond these core six, make a list of nonnegotiable considerations, big and small. These may include, food options, nightlife, safety, diversity, political climate, etc.

# COLLEGE LIST CHECKLIST



CREATE A BALANCED LIST OF SCHOOLS

START BROAD AND
NARROW IT DOWN

AIM FOR BETWEEN 8-12 COLLEGES

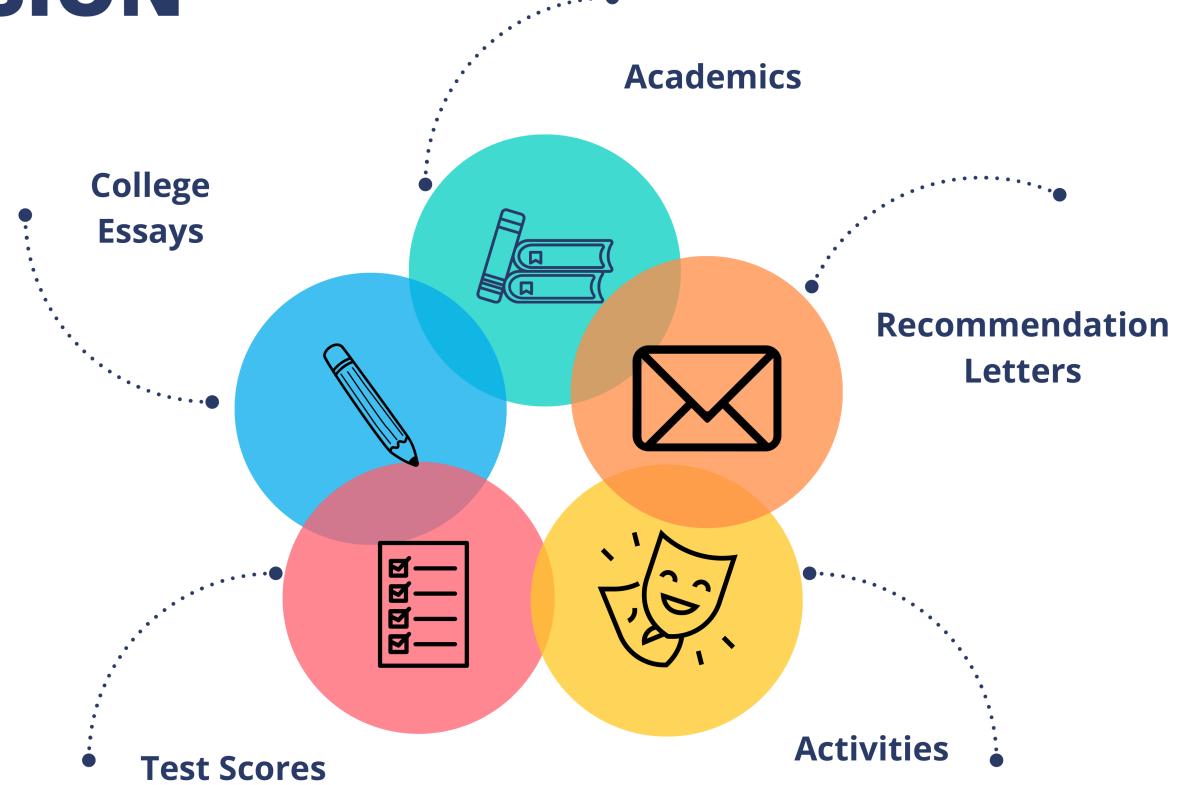
GOOD OPTIONS VS. ONE "DREAM SCHOOL"

MAKE A NOTE OF YOUR
"WHY" FOR EACH COLLEGE

6 CONSIDER AFFORDABILITY

FACTORS IN HOLISTIC ADMISSION





# ACADEMIC TRANSITION & SUCCESSFUL STUDY SKILLS



Setting Goals & Deadlines



Project Management



**Learning Style** 





# DEVELOPING SKILLS FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE



CURIOSITY

**EXPLORATION OF INTERESTS** 

TIME-MANAGEMENT



**OWNING YOUR SCHEDULE** 

TAKING INITIATIVE



**SELF ADVOCATING** 

4

**STRESS MANAGEMENT** 



FINDING BALANCE

5

COMMUNICATION



**ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADULTHOOD** 

# THE COLLEGE TRANSITION



FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM & SCHEDULE



**MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS** 

2

MORE INDEPENDENCE & ACADEMIC INITIATIVE



TAKING OWNERSHIP & BECOMING AN ADULT

3

**OFFICE HOURS & NETWORKING** 

# **BUILDING COMMUNITY:** HOW TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING





**CONNECTING WITH ROOMMATES** 



# MAKING A STRONG FIRST IMPRESSION









# **COMBATTING HOMESICKNESS**



Talk to your friends and family from home regularly

Bring reminders of home to decorate your dorm room

Visit the counseling center if you're struggling

Join student clubs, organizations, and social outings

#### **REMEMBER:**

Living away from home is a new experience, and it's normal to feel homesick - nearly everyone does at some point!

# NAVIGATING CAMPUS RESOURCES ACT OURSE









# Kickstart a less stressful, more successful process

### WHY COLLEGEWISE?



#### Collegewise is your one-stop shop for trusted information.

At Collegewise, we believe there is a great school out there for every student and we're thrilled to help you find the next step on this journey.







Expert Help for Middle through High School



Complimentary
Webinars & School
Resources



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How can Collegewise best help you?





# to get started!

Excellent



# Question & Answer Time







