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Showing Colleges the Whole Picture

A VIEW FROM BEHIND THE DESK

WHAT DO COLLEGES CONSIDER?

- Academic performance
- Standardized tests
- Activities and involvement
- Letters of recommendations
- College essay/personal statement
- Personal interview
- Demonstrated Interest

ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

- Quality, not quantity, of involvement
- Leadership positions and continuing commitments
- Employment in place of activities
- Service/Volunteerism
- Activities resume enhances application
- Involvement leads to opportunity

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Submit 1 – 3 letters, even if not required
- Value of selection
- Offers different perspective on a student
- Give time and instructions and format of required letter
- Provide an activities resume and transcript
- Write a thank you note

COLLEGE ESSAY/PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Your voice in the application process
- Opportunity to share personal values and story
- Choose your topic carefully
- Essays should be unique, but not weird
- Follow the directions
- Proofread, edit, rewrite
- Don't save it for last!

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

- Important, even if not required
- Opportunity for colleges to get to know you beyond your transcript and test scores
- Way for you to learn more about the college
- Parent vs. student roles
- Practice interviewing – it's a skill

DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

- Distinguish yourself – in a good way
- Visit the campus/interview/express interest
- Be proactive in contacting your admissions representative.
- Provide additional information as appropriate.

Questions?